

ARGUS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Garry welcomed all those present – Linda Cockram, Keith Faulder, Kim Miller and Adam Watts (elected members) plus Councillor John Whyte, and members of the Public. Joanne was not able to be present due to an impending addition to her family.

(Due to problems with his computer the Editor apologised for lack of any edition for September. The current edition covers both September and October meetings, the October one including AGM matters)

POLICE PRIORITIES

At the September meeting Inspector John Tasker of Tayside Police talked about police priorities in rural areas. They are:

Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Ensure communities are safe and feel safe.

Be responsive to change and maintain high standards of service.

Anyone who feels threatened or is suspicious of crime being committed should not hesitate to contact their communication centre on **01382 223200**

There was a general discussion on matters affecting the community, especially traffic speeds and the need for lower limits on certain roads. The Brae, the Avenue and B954 at Burnhead are those which cause most concern. With increased traffic due to building at Braeside speeds both up and down the Brae are a problem. Inspector Tasker said that he would look into this with a view to possible speed checks.

There was also concern about congestion outside the school before and after school. However the October meeting was pleased to hear that there was an improvement in parents' parking and avoidance of turning in the road.

CORE PATHS

The path from the old Railway line at North Dronley to the Dronley Wood car park has been completed, with signs and gates.

A new stile has been built over the dyke which lies between Auchterhouse hill and Scotston hill at the southern end of the forestry plantation. This will allow walkers access to the site of the future windmill, which currently has a mast on it to collect wind data.

PLANNING

Planning Applications – Over the summer break, there were applications for extensions to Shapinsay, North Dronley and Burnside Cottage, Burnhead also for 2 new houses at Old Balkello. It would appear that the latter may be in contravention of the Local Plan.

ANGUS COUNCIL

The Council has started a review of the scheme for Establishing Community Councils. This apparently is due to the realignment of constituencies leading to some of them having "split loyalties". A working party including 4 community councillors will consult Community Councils 3 times in the year prior to making a report by December 2008.

September/October 2007

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AUCHTERHOUSE WEBSITE

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www.auchterhouse.com.

Look out for special announcements on the website,

DRONLEY WOOD
SQUIRREL SURVEYS

We will be surveying the squirrel population in Dronley Wood again between October 13th and October 28th.

This is the time of year when you are most likely to see squirrels so it's fun and rewarding to do. Up until now we have only had reports of red squirrels in Dronley but apparently a grey squirrel was seen recently in the wood which is worrying.

The squirrel pox virus carried by greys and fatal to reds is now established in the borders and one grey just south of Edinburgh has been reported as a carrier so it is gradually coming north. We still don't know how it is transmitted from one squirrel to another!

A Tayside Red Squirrel Officer post has been established, initially for the next six months. Ken Neill is based at the Countryside Rangers Office in Camperdown Park, Tel. 01382 431848, and is the person to contact if you need an expert on squirrel matters. He is also looking for suggestions from local communities for how best to conserve local red squirrels.

Lastly, if you are interested in participating in the Dronley squirrel survey, please get in touch.

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PHONE KIOSK

The Village BT callbox can be used only with a card (charge/credit/prepaid) The Community Council is to contact BT to express concern that those without a card would be unable to make emergency calls. Anyone without a BT account would not be able to get a BT charge card, and there is no local shop selling prepaid cards.

W.R.I.
SOUP LUNCH

IN AID OF
RACHEL HOUSE

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER

12 NOON TO 2PM

BURNS SUPPER

TO BE HELD
ON
FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2008

TICKETS £7.00
AVAILABLE FROM END OCTOBER

NUMBERS WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY
20 NOVEMBER 2007

7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME