

ARGUS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Garry welcomed all those present –Shiona Baird; Linda Cockram; Clive Sayers, and Adam Watts (elected members) Plus Councillor John Whyte and 2 members of the public.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

The review of speed limits on B and C class roads by Angus Council was still awaited. In the meantime there is still strong demand for speed restriction from the village down The Avenue to the B954, and between Hosie Park and the Countryside Sports entrance. The Community Council agreed to continue to push for that.

CORE PATHS

No new developments
The Sidlaw Path Network hopes to get a grant for major improvements to the old railway line (Rosemill to North Dronley). It was agreed to ask the Network to extend their network through Auchterhouse to link up with Newtyle. John Brush (Chairman of the Network) agreed to follow up this request.

TOILET BLOCK

Funding from the Communities Priorities Fund has been pursued to help modernise the building and make it usable throughout the year – not be shut over the winter months as at present. A response is expected by the end of January (2008?)

PLANNING

Planning Applications –

Applications for an extension to Oakwood Cottage, Balbeuchley and for alterations to one of the planned houses at Braeside have been received. There were no objections.

ANGUS COUNCIL

Angus Council agreed to send out all information on the working party for Establishing Community Councils by email so that each member of the Community Council could receive a copy.

TENNIS COURT

The application to Angus Council to install a tennis court on the Playing Fields by ACTIVE is still awaiting a decision. If the Council agrees the proposal ACTIVE will hold a public meeting to explain the details.

JOHN BRUSH WEATHER SITE

John explained his need to invest in more equipment for his weather station and the need for some financial support to meet this and other costs. He also announced that the website would no longer have [www.](http://www.sidlawweather.co.uk/) before its title . <http://sidlawweather.co.uk/> Sources of possible funding are being investigated.

ROADS GRITTING

Treatment of Dronley Road and Bonnyton Road was about 3 days late at the time of the first snowfall. Councillor Whyte undertook to follow up this matter with the relevant department.

SCOTTISH WATER

Several manholes on the sewer running through Greenford Farm are in need of repair. Scottish Water is being advised.

AUCHTERHOUSE WEBSITE

The URL or website address is:

www.auchterhouse.com.

Users of email are reminded that not only are The Argus and Community Council Minutes available at the above but also a lot of other information. Try it!

Letters and comments to Bob Bruce
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BURNS SUPPER

The Editor has learnt with regret that a number of people had not noticed the announcements in this publication (and on the website) of the strict limit of numbers of tickets available this year, and missed getting tickets.

Once again, apologies if you were one of those and remember that this is the main source of local information.

Auchterhouse annual weather report for the year 2007

Sunshine for the year 2007 was just a little above average at 1464 hours. However the months where maximum sunshine occurred were perhaps slightly unexpected – for example April had by far the largest number of sunshine hours at 209 hours. June was characterised by its lack of sunshine at 87 hours. This is by far the lowest sunshine hours total for that month in 27 years of recordings, during which the previous lowest was June 1966 at 101.5 hours.

Rainfall readings were a little lower than average at 777mms for the year. April was the driest month with 17mms and July was the wettest with 111mms. Some changes were made to the method of rainfall measurement in June/July – this has resulted in slightly higher readings and this may become apparent in the

longer term although the effect cannot be easily detected during the second half of the year.

Mean temperature was above average in all months except May, July, August, September, and December. It is unusual for the lowest mean temperatures to occur during the time of year when the highest temperatures are normally attained, as has occurred here. The differences from norm certainly seem to support the fact that global warming is happening, even though the summer was not particularly warm.

Finally, the higher temperatures during the winter period seems to have had the effect of almost completely preventing snow fall. I will be surprised if this effect continues into the new year, in as positive a way as it did last year.

John Brush (<http://sidlawweather.co.uk>)

If anyone would like a copy of all the annual readings, this can be supplied, on a monthly basis preferably by requesting in an email to: johnbrush@onetel.com

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY
19 FEBRUARY 2008**

**7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

ALL WELCOME