

ARGUS

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Present –Gavin Christie; Linda Cockram; Keith Faulder; Clive Sayers, and Adam Watts (elected members) Plus Bob Ness (Angus Council), Police Constable Gwen Loudon and 1 member of the public.

Garry Stewart was in the Chair (on behalf of Joanne Elwin) and welcomed everyone

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Angus Council's review of speed limits on B and C class roads is still expected. Parking and congestion outside the school (on the village road) continues to be a matter of concern. As there does not appear to be any obvious way of improving this, local drivers are being asked to be courteous and patient. With the continued amount of heavy commercial vehicles to and from the new development up The Brae additional care is necessary in view of the speeds of these vehicles at these critical points.

CORE PATHS

Although there are no new developments John Brush (as Chairman of the Sidlaw Path Network) has advised Garry that the group has failed to get any response to the invitation for a representative of the Community Council to attend their next meeting, and to pursue the matter. Garry has therefore agreed to attend.

TOILET BLOCK

The application for a grant was successful, and a plan for the improvement work will be drawn up with the Head of Community Services.

PLANNING

An application for an extension to Balbeuchley cottage has been submitted. There was no objection.

Further to the application for a house at Newlandhead, Bob Black explained the background to this (for a member of his family). The current extension to his house was originally a separate dwelling and his plan would be to restore and improve on it substantially. This would need a new application to the Development Office, with full background information.

ANGUS COUNCIL

Angus Council Scheme for Establishing Community Councils minutes of the last meeting of the joint working is available at www.angus.gov.uk/commcouncil/Review2008/jointwrkgrp.cfm#Minutes and information on the national review is at www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CommunityCouncils/ComCounWrkGrp

POLICE MATTERS.

ROUGH RIDERS

The practice of youngsters using local fields to ride their motor cycles/quad bikes was a concern to the Police especially if they do not have owners' consent. Liability, in the event of an accident, may lie with the owner. Also, these young riders will be breaking the law by taking their bikes on a public road (even pushing the bike). If caught they risk having their vehicle seized. There are supervised circuits in the area, which can be used for this pastime without running unnecessary risks and annoying neighbours. Garry and Gwen will look into erecting warning signs.

PHONES

A single non Emergency Number to call for Police attendance from anywhere in Tayside will be introduced this month. This will free 999 calls for use in situations involving risk to life or a crime in progress

YOUTH ANNOYANCE

Complaints of Youths Causing Annoyance (YCA's) are on the increase. People are requested to think carefully when reporting incidents – are the youths doing anything other than playing? If they are acting in an anti-social manner they should be reported on 01307 302200

VANDALISM

Acts of vandalism tend to increase at this time of year. Be vigilant and protect property Report any acts to the Police on 01307 302200

VEHICLE LICENCE AND INSURANCE

Police have powers to seize vehicles driven by a person who does not hold a licence or valid insurance. The public are encouraged to report such drivers on

CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555111

BUS SHELTER

The old Bus Shelter at the bottom of The Avenue needs repair but is no longer the responsibility of Angus Council. If it is to remain as a shelter, the community must ensure its upkeep. It was agreed to meet the cost of necessary repair. Mrs McLeod of Burnhead Cottage, is willing to continue to keep it clean and tidy (and supply flowers and foliage around it) for which she is thanked sincerely.

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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EDITORIAL

Since there is still some space on the page, I want to remind residents of the problem of overhanging vegetation/ trees and shrubs on the footpaths.

At this time of the year when growth is starting it is a good time to have a look at possible problems. Do pedestrians/walkers have to step off the path onto the road? If so could you cut back some of the growth? As far as I know there is no legal obligation to cut back, but if you can I am sure everyone would appreciate it. Thank you

HALL COMMITTEE 10TH BIRTHDAY OPEN NIGHT

For 200 Club
In The Village Hall
On Thursday 12 June 2008

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY
15 APRIL 2008

7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ALL WELCOME