

ARGUS

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present –Shiona Baird; Linda Cockram; Keith Faulder; Kim Miller; Clive Sayers, and Adam Watts (elected members. Councillor John Whyte, PC Brian Prestwood and 1 member of the Public were in attendance

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

TRAFFIC MATTERS

A letter concerning the review of Speed Limits has been received from the Angus Council Traffic Manager. It said that implementation of a speed limit of 30mph or 40mph on the B954 around the junction with The Avenue was not considered to be justified.

The meeting decided to continue pressing for a restriction, since there are now at least 30 children living in the area who have to cross the road daily. Councillor John Whyte agreed to pursue this further.

CORE PATHS

Garry has attended the Local Access Forum where a brief review of the plan was given. Two categories have been left off it in the meantime, they are – paths still requiring further work to be suitable for public use; and those which are subject to objections. Some paths in this area fall into these groups.

TOILET BLOCK

Plumbing, joinery and electrical work have all been completed. Painting of the outside is still not done – and arrangements for winter cleaning have to be finalised.

BUS SERVICE 6 & 6A

Service 6 has been withdrawn. However Service 138 has been re-introduced to last year's timetable viz:

Arriving Kirkton 7.56; 8.52; 13.56; 16.46; and 17.46 daily Mon to Fri – 17.46 on Sat.

Service 6A stops at Bridgefoot.

There is no service to Tealing from Kirkton of Auchterhouse.

TACTRAN

Councillor Whyte advised the meeting the there would be a meeting of TACTRAN the week following , and that he would pass on any relevant information

PLANNING

Applications have been received:

- A house in the woodland to the north-west of the main, category B listed, building at Auchterhouse Park. A letter of objection has been circulated.
- A detached workshop at 3 East Mains Cottage. No objection.
- An amendment to 5 Braeside to include a swimming pool and gym, No objection
- An agricultural building at Leoch. No objection

POLICE MATTERS

Alcohol abuse is still being targeted, particularly at the young. You are asked to report anyone giving alcohol to youths (Police tel. 0800 600 5705, or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111)

A new text messaging service for those hard of hearing wishing to contact police has been introduced. It is necessary to register with the police first.

Planning Applications in Auchterhouse

The Community Council does not meet in July and August. However, we continue to monitor local planning applications and respond, when appropriate, on behalf of the community. Details of applications are available on Angus Council's website, in the planning section, under the community council drop down – click "Auchterhouse"

There are planning restrictions on building in the countryside, set out in the development plans (Angus Local Plan and the Dundee and Angus Structure Plan) for this area. There have been 9 applications to build individual houses in the area since the beginning of 2006. Two await decision and three have been passed (two for essential workers and one in a gap site at The Braes) The other four were either refused for not complying with the local development plans, or withdrawn.

There have also been applications for groups of new houses since the beginning of 2006. Application for six houses at Auchterhouse Park was refused and an application now for just one house is awaiting decision. Application for eighteen houses at Hosiepark and 4 houses on the Bonnyton Road have been withdrawn.

The Community Council raises objections to local planning applications if we consider they do not comply with local development plans or will create unacceptable development pressure on the village infrastructure (roads, school etc)

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The New Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Higgins, hopes to build further links between the community and the school and it's been suggested that help with the

garden will be a good way forward. The children are keen to grow vegetables and flowers, in addition to seeing how a garden 'works'. It is anticipated that this would be done during the school day, with occasional tasks being carried out out-with the school hours.

If anyone is interested in helping, they can contact the school direct on 320373

Any help would be gratefully received

ANGUS LEARNING FESTIVAL

Angus Education Department is very keen for parents and the community to be involved in the Angus Learning Festival which runs from 27th October to 7th November. All schools have been asked to host an event during this period and ours will be on **Thursday 30th October**.

The staff and children of Auchterhouse Primary would like to invite you to join us for Assembly in the hall at 2.40, followed by refreshments, provided by the Parents Council. From 3.30-5.00 you will be able to find out more about new initiatives in the school (including Paired Reading, Keys to Literacy and Co-operative Learning) and the work being done by Pupil and Eco Councils and the Junior Road Safety Officers.

Please *do* join us!

Lorna Higgins
Acting Head Teacher
Auchterhouse Primary School

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

21 OCTOBER 2008 7.30 PM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME