

ARGUS

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present- Shiona Baird; Gavin Christie; Linda Cockram; Clive Sayers; Garry Stewart

In Attendance – PC Ian Thow.

In the Chair: Shiona Baird

CAR PARK

There was no progress to report. Hopes were raised that there would be comments and suggestions from the public.

POLICE MATTERS

Giving his report, PC Thow warned householders to be on their guard against bogus callers. All bona fide tradesmen should have their I.D. If suspicious of any caller, do not let them in and call Tayside Police on 0300 11 2222

Be cautious and think twice before accepting 'cold calls' for alarm systems – police only approve SSAIB and NSI accredited alarms. Advice is available from Trading Standards Service on 01241 435600.

Report any poaching (a deer has been shot in Dronley Wood, where guns are forbidden) and hare coursing, which is illegal.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

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Another speed survey has been carried out and similar speed patterns found to the previous one in 2005. It is unlikely that any speed restriction will be applied.

The result of the re-appraisal of possible improvements to the bus stop and account taken of the number of children catching buses and crossing the road (for the Primary school) is not yet known. A reply from the Head of Roads is awaited.

Our MP and MSPs have given their support.

STPR

Efforts to get the proposed Dundee Northern Relief Road removed from the STPR list of possible future projects continue. Councillor John Whyte has raised the topic at the Angus Council meeting on 26 March, with good coverage in issues of the Courier on both 26 and 28 March. This Community Council's response is mentioned in the report of 28 March.

The Angus Council members fully supported John's motion calling for an upgrade of the Kingsway, and agreement was given to the Chief Executive of the council writing to Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership to inform them of the views of the councillors.

Linda Cockram has emailed all the MSPs and MP for this area to seek support for the objection. Shiona Baird has also written to the Courier on the same subject.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There was one new application – to erect a 55m wind turbine on Scotston Hill, which would provide 850kw of power. There was no objection.

An appeal has been lodged against refusal to give consent to a new house at Old Balkello.

OTHER BUSINESS

Salt Bins – as these were reported as being empty Garry will request refilling.

Cockerel – the abandoned bird found at Rose Cottage has been rehoused at Abernyte

Old Railway Track. (*contd on Page 2*)

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Old railway track

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There is concern about control of horses on the Old Railway Track. Garry is to be raising this at the next Sidlaw Path Network meeting.

The weather of 2008

There was nothing particularly remarkable about the weather of 2008 in Auchterhouse. With 173mms of rain for January and 167mms for August, these months distinguished themselves by having considerably more than twice the normal rainfall. Sunshine was remarkably absent for the summer months. October at 126 hours had more sunshine than July, August or September which is quite a feat, as the length of day is so much shorter in that month. The period 24th to 28th December recorded no sun and almost no wind - there was an anticyclone in residence nearby, which continues as I write on 2nd January 2009.

Mean temperatures during the year were warmer than average during January, February, May and July. March, April, September, November and December were close to average with October below average. There were 9.5cms of snow during January, about 5cms during November and 11cms in the early part of December. Lowest temperature of the year was -8.2°C (17.2°F) on 3rd December and highest was 25.9°C (78.6°F) on 28th July.

There were at least 3 gales recorded during January with 64 mph on the 9th, 4 gales in February, 3 in March, 1 in October, 1 in November and 1 in December (21st).

My website (<http://sidlawweather.co.uk>) now has annual graphs showing details of the weather back to March 1996. If anyone wishes to comment on these or any other aspects of the weather they may contact me at johnbrush@onetel.com. I have removed the contact us address on the website because of excessive spam problems.

John Brush

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MEETING

TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2009

7.30 PM

ALL WELCOME

EDITORIAL

Recent reaction to the delivery of Argus highlights the fact that Auchterhouse and its inhabitants are a community, which although fragmented is still a community. The Community Council tries very hard to represent all those who are residents in the area, with a variety of projects small and larger. Meetings are held most months (on the 3rd Tuesday of the month) and they are open to all who care to attend.

The Argus is an attempt to present the main points of interest at each meeting in a readable fashion. It is one of the few newsletters for Communities in Angus and is both for and about the community.

Although there is an appeal every month for contributions by way of letters and other views the usual deafening response is forthcoming.

If there are those who don't feel part of the community they should air their views in this publication (*see below*)

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