

ARGUS

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present- Shiona Baird; Linda Cockram; Clive Sayers; Garry Stewart and Adam Watts

Apologies – Gavin Christie; Joanne Elwin; Keith Faulder; Kim Miller; Bob Ness; Cllr John Whyte.

In Attendance – one member of the Public.

In the Chair: Shiona Baird

CAR PARK

The lane running from near the wooden bus shelter towards the old railway line is private property on which parking is forbidden – road signs to that effect have been erected.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Head of Roads has written to give the results of the revised speed survey on the B954 at Burnhead. Over a 7 day period in February the survey showed that average speed was 37.4mph; 85% of traffic travelled at less than 45.7mph (and 95% at less than 49.4mph). Speeds were slightly less between 8am and 9am. He concludes that a speed restriction to 40mph is not justified.

He has considered the re-siting of the bus stop, which is used by 19 secondary pupils travelling to Monifieth H.S.,
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Websters H.S., Dundee H.S., and other Dundee schools but considers the benefits do not justify the projected cost of (around) £32,000

It was agreed that we should invite the Head of Roads to our June Meeting. For this it is important that there will be a very good turnout of the Public especially from the Burnhead area.

It was also noted that the Government has announced measures to allow Councils to introduce speed limits in rural areas more easily, including a possible 50mph on all rural B and C roads

STPR (Strategic Transport Project Review)

Angus Councillors were unanimous in supporting Cllr John Whyte's motion to demand the removal of the bypass project from the STPR list of projects forthwith, and to support the project of upgrading the roundabouts and associated junctions on the A90 Kingsway as the preferred and viable project.

Linda has received letters in reply to her emails, to all the MSPs and MP for this area, from MSPs Welsh, McInnes and Glen. They have noted our concerns and have given assurances that our comments will be considered by Transport Scotland and that we will have further opportunity to comment if the project survives to a full public consultation.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration of the appeal against refusal to give consent to a new house at Old Balkello was held at the site on 21 April. No representative of our Council was allowed to attend the visit.

Applications for air source heat pumps at 5 and 7 Braeside have been submitted. There were no objections.

The owner of Lintrathen cottage explained his attempts to get permission to replace the existing building with a new one. The house may only be a 1½ storey building and must fit with neighbouring properties. Angus planners have asked him to consider an innovative design which he believes would not be in keeping with adjacent houses. He wishes to build one in a traditional style. Linda agreed to contact the planner to clarify the matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

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ACTIVE

The construction of a tennis court on the playing field is due to start in the first week in May.

PATHS

Improvement of the track "Funnynyuek" by filling in deep rutting and making a gate more friendly will be taken up with the landowner.

Dronley Wood Spring Squirrel Survey

Once again the group of local volunteers has completed the spring squirrel survey in Dronley Wood. Unfortunately the last two weeks in March were rather windy which may be why there were only 4 sightings across the 4 transects (compared with 18 this time last year) This is certainly our lowest figure.

The good news is that all the sightings were of red squirrels (no greys). We have been surveying twice a year in Dronley for 5 years now and there have been no grey sightings reported. Interesting when there are grey squirrels all round the wood - but not in it. Dronley Wood itself still seems to be a haven for the Scottish red squirrels.

If you would like more information, or would like to do some squirrel surveying with us, get in touch.
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SPORTS DAY

The Auchterhouse Sports Day and Evening Ceilidh in the Marquee is to be held this year on June 20th 2009 starting at 1 pm in the village park, with the ceilidh commencing at 7.30p.m. This is a community event to which everyone is invited and is not only for families with children.

A sports committee meets every year to arrange this event, which involves a lot of organising and financial outlay. The aim of the day is to provide a social event for the village, with a chance to meet old friends and make new acquaintances. The committee do not set out to make a profit, but luckily until two years ago, we had a surplus in the

accounts. Because of lack of support (mainly at the ceilidh) over the last two years, our surplus funds have been used up subsidising the cost of the whole day. This is the last year we can finance such a sum, which runs to hundreds of pounds. Unless the sports day and ceilidh are self financing this year, the committee have unfortunately had to take the decision that in future years, the marquee cannot be funded and therefore this will be the last year of the ceilidh.

This will obviously affect the daytime events as there will be no cover for the teas etc. This is one of the main events of Auchterhouse village to which all friends and Families are welcome. As the saying goes "use it or lose it."

It is now up to the community of Auchterhouse to support this fun event. We all actively chose to move to a small community so please support village activities.

For any information please phone 320312, 320479 or 320400 Any help welcome.

Auchterhouse Sports Committee.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2009

7.30 PM

ALL WELCOME

CHURCH CLEANER

Working one hour per week required for Auchterhouse Church.

Apply to G Stewart

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