

ARGUS

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present- Shiona Baird; Clive Sayers; Garry Stewart and Bob Ness

In Attendance – One member of the Public.

In the Chair: Shiona Baird

POLICE MATTERS

The main concerns in our area were poaching and metal theft.

Evidence of poaching deer, leaving injured animals or their remains, have been found in Dronley Wood, Backmuir wood and at North Balluderon hill. Anyone with information regarding those responsible should contact the Police on 0300 111 2222. Thieves are also targeting houses and outbuildings for scrap metal, so we are advised to keep them locked.

Additional staff to answer 999 calls has been put in place and Tayside's performance for answering these is well inside the national target.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Head of Roads has written to confirm that he will attend our June meeting. He will give a presentation to update us on road issues and then answer questions. **It is most important that we have a good attendance from members and the public.**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A) To open up Henderston quarry for the extraction of up to 15,000 tons of loose stone. This would be a summer operation (June to August) lasting 15 years with no more than 3 loads removed daily (Mon to Sat am). The Sat morning operation was considered unwise as there was a much higher likelihood of walkers then on the narrow track (a right of way and core path) leading from Couston to Henderston hill. Warnings of "Slow moving lorries joining B954" to drivers on the B954, as they approach the Couston road junction were considered necessary. With these provisions, the application was approved.
- B) Erection of conservatory at 22 Braeside. There was no objection.
- C) Extension of curtilage of West Mains House. No objection.

INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY

It is planned to raise the awareness of the Community Council by having a stall with a suitable display, on Sports Day. Angus Council has agreed to provide assistance.

SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Liaison with the Parent Council was considered very important and every effort will be made by the Community Council to keep in touch.

HISTORY OF AUCHTERHOUSE

This was originally presented by Linda Caston in 2000 and a move to resurrect it was approved. Work towards a new presentation in 2010 would be started.

SIDLAW PATH NETWORK

The team has taken action to make horse riders aware of their responsibilities when riding on the core paths, by giving way to walkers and to desist from galloping.

FUNNYNEUK

2 loads of stone have been delivered to Greenford farm to fill in the deep rutting there

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Nancy Has Retired

Nancy Low has retired from the Hall Committee. She has served on the committee for more than 40 years, including being secretary and booking officer for much of that period, devoting a great deal of her time to ensuring the smooth running of the Hall. The committee and all users of the Hall will miss her greatly but will wish her well and thank her for a sterling job well done.

Helen Smith has taken over responsibility for bookings and will work closely with Heather Heggie who has been secretary for the last 7 years.

Helen can be contacted on tel 320312

Come and Have Your Say

Jeff Green, Angus Head of Roads, will be attending the next Community Council Meeting on 16th June at 7.30 pm in the Hall. He will talk on local road issues, including speed limits and our B954 saga. There will be plenty of time for questions, so, take this opportunity and attend his presentation.

TENNIS COURT

After eight and half years of fund raising, the Auchterhouse Tennis court is now built, and is just awaiting to be painted and the lines marked. Apart from one very useful grant from Angus Council ALL the funds were raised from local people and business, and this marks a significant achievement of the community and the Community Council. We should all be grateful to everyone in the community, who have all contributed to this successful outcome. We hope that the court will be "officially opened" on the Auchterhouse Sports Day. In due course the Council will be reseeding the areas where the grass has been lost, and the football pitches will be remarked, slightly further up the park, as in the original plans.

Unfortunately some children have been seen playing football on, cycling on, and throwing stones at the new surface, as well as climbing on the netting surrounds. We would be most grateful if everyone could encourage people not to do these things as it will significantly shorten the life expectancy of the court, and will be a waste of the funds local people have worked so hard to raise.

This tennis court has been a huge community effort, of which we should all be proud. Please can the community make an effort to look after this after this new facility? We hope to see you on Sports Day!

Graham Leese (Chairman of ACTIVE)

Judy Goodfellow (Secretary)

Maggie McMahon (Treasurer)

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EDITORIAL

In an adjoining article an appeal is made for *respect* of the long awaited Tennis court, funded almost entirely by local donations.

For too long a growing lack of *respect* for anything or anyone has been noticeable. Not only locally, as in the apparent spoiling of the Tennis Court before it is even usable, but also of the 30mph speed limit on The Brae (*respect* of other road users).

Lack of *respect* of everything – teachers, police, firemen and their vehicles, and even buses is now becoming the ‘norm’. Should one mention lack of respect of MPs?!!

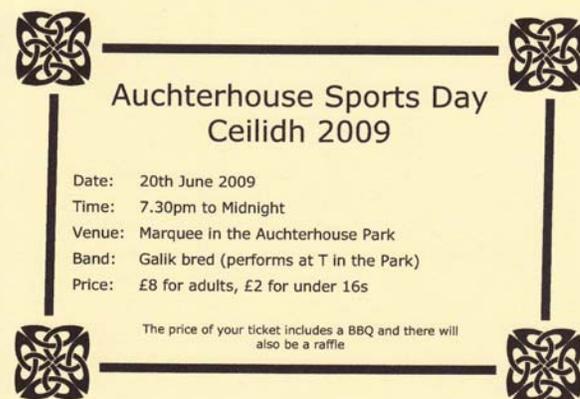
It is to be hoped that our community will respond to the earnest appeal to RESPECT the Tennis Court,



Auchterhouse Sports Day 2009

Date: Sat 20th June 2009
Time: 1pm
Venue: Auchterhouse Park
Price: £2 for adults, £1 for primary school kids

ADULT TICKET



**Auchterhouse Sports Day
Ceilidh 2009**

Date: 20th June 2009
Time: 7.30pm to Midnight
Venue: Marquee in the Auchterhouse Park
Band: Galik bred (performs at T in the Park)
Price: £8 for adults, £2 for under 16s

The price of your ticket includes a BBQ and there will also be a raffle

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2009

AT 7.30PM

ALL WELCOME