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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present- Shiona Baird; Gavin Christie; Linda Cockram; Joanne Elwin; Clive Sayers; Garry Stewart and Adam Watts

In Attendance – 12 members of the Public; Councillor John Whyte and PC Ian Thow.

In the Chair: Shiona Baird

HEAD OF ROADS, Angus Council TALK

Jeff Green gave an illustrated presentation on the Council structure and the role of the Roads department within Infrastructure services. He also explained why the Council could not support any request for speed control on the B954 through Burnhead and at the junction with the foot of The Avenue. A lengthy discussion ensued during which several of those attending the meeting voiced their concern over the safety of children (and adults) crossing the road to proceed up the Avenue, or get to the bus stop there. Mr Green is of the opinion that a speed restriction of 40 mph would have little or no effect on the current average speeds, but he would have another look at other possible measures. The main purpose of the approach by local residents to get speed control at the junction is to avoid any injuries or deaths from vehicles, not just to record average speeds or wait until accidents justify remedial action.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A) The appeal on the refusal of planning consent for a house at Pinetrees, Old Balkello was turned down.
- B) Erection of a potato store at East Mains. No objection.

POLICE MATTERS

Police have not apprehended or obtained any further information on the deer poaching at Dronley Wood and Backmuir Wood.

TENNIS COURT

ACTIVE reports that the final stage of the project is almost completed. The finish coat and line markings will have been applied and be ready for use (after an official opening?)

SIDLAW PATH NETWORK

After the concern shown over the inconsiderate use of the pathway by equestrians causing damage to the surface from galloping, the latest problem is fouling by the horses on the old railway line between North Dronley and Rose Mill. It is understood that arrangements have been made to clear up the dung although responsibility for this has not been identified.

The matter has been referred to the next meeting of the Sidlaw Path Network.

SUMMER BREAK

In common with our elected bodies the Community Council recesses from now until September. You are reminded that the next meeting is not until **15**

SEPTEMBER.

Anyone who has an important notice which they want publicised can still send me details and we will use the Argus email list and the Auchterhouse website (www.auchterhouse.com) to pass it on. More Email addresses can be added to our list for anyone who would like to be included.

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MADNESS

I have become a grumpy old woman in my old age; as such I feel I must again put pen to paper in the hope, by doing so I might instil some sense into the stupid people, who without any thought for their fellow road users abandon their vehicles willy-nilly throughout the village. I would remind you that parking on corners especially on narrow sections of the road forces other cars, lorries and buses to pass on the wrong side. One elderly lady had to wait 20mins behind a lorry that could not pass as a large people carrier had been left while the owner collected her child from school. The local bus was prevented from turning into the main street when several vehicles were parked close to the junction at Leoch Road. Unless the law has changed it is illegal to park within 15ft of a junction. As there are several young children in the village I find it alarming that young mothers have to walk on the road with prams as the pavements are being used as parking spaces for houses with more than one car. We are fortunate to have a car park in the village and I can see no reason why parents collecting their children could not use it. **Please use it before there is a serious accident.** There is one car remains parked all day after the child has gone to school while the owner goes to work outwith the village. Please remove it - the road is narrow enough. **Put it in the car park.** We have a lovely rural village let's not spoil it.

Lorna Bateman

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Funding boost for young shooters



Outside—Damon Neish and Fraser Kirk from Fat Sam's Beside car Drew Christie, Sian Bruce

TWO SHARPSHOOTERS are on target for top international honours after they were given a cash boost by Dundee nightclub, Fat Sam's.

Shooters Drew Christie and Sian Bruce yesterday received a combined total of £6000 to help them compete against other marksmen and women from across the globe.

Sian (15) will compete at the International Junior Competition in Suhl, Germany, on April 29 as part of the GB Junior team.

Her coach, Drew (28), is also bound for competition in the Olympic skeet discipline, when he represents Team GB at the World Cup in Munich the following month.

The money was raised at a sportsman's dinner organised and supported by Fat Sam's.

It will be used to finance both trips.

Both shooters train at Auchterhouse Country Sports, where Drew also works.

With thanks to Dundee Courier.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2009

**AT 7.30PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ALL WELCOME**