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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

In Attendance – 2 members of the Public; Councillor Rob Murray.

In the Chair: Shiona Baird

POLICE MATTERS

In the absence of PC Gwen Louden, Shiona Baird gave the report.

Beware of a company operating as SAS Security. They use hard sell tactics to get their sales, starting with calls to undertake a "Crime Prevention Survey". The system and installation is free, but the maintenance charges are very expensive and yearly maintenance charges and cancellation rights are not mentioned to the consumer. They claim to be accredited by Police and have been known to quote crime statistics which are grossly inflated in an attempt to alarm householders. Scambusters have taken out a case against them. All complaints received against them should be passed on to Peter Lennon at Trading Standards lennonp@angus.qsx.gov.uk so they can inform Scambusters accordingly.

Housebreaking and theft of farm machinery are on the increase. Security of all buildings and vehicles is vital.

POLICE MATTERS (contd)

For Crime Prevention advice please contact Gwen Louden PC 9245 at Muirhead Police station on 0300 111 222. Recommendations will be made to improve the safety and security of your home. Any items recommended such as door locks, door viewers, door chains and smoke detectors will be delivered and fitted free of charge by Angus Care and Repair Scheme to people who live in Angus, and are either 'Over 60 years of age'; 'Disabled'; 'Victims of Crime' or 'On a Low Income'.

This is the time to ensure your vehicle is prepared for adverse weather conditions. Get help to check your car if necessary.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Jeff Green, Head of Roads in an update of B954 junction progress states that he has arranged clearing of the vegetation on the approach to the junction. He will also, with our agreement, clear redundant metal poles and signs, including the warning sign for 'horses'.

He is in consultation with Transport Scotland on proposals for "PUDO" (pick up and drop off) points, which he will advise us on when a decision is made. Hopefully warning signs for 'children crossing' may come from this.

Car parking on the road in the village at the beginning and end of the school day is still unresolved. Tayside Police will again be asked to study the problem.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Approval has been given for the opening of Scotston/Henderston quarry. A traffic management plan will be set up which will, *inter alia*, state requirements for the junction of Couston with B954.
- b) There were applications to extend the following houses: 8 Braeside; Parkside Cottage; and Old Mansion House.
- c) An Application for the demolition of Lintrathen Cottage and the erection of a new dwelling house and garage has been lodged.
- d) Mrs Caroline Millar presented her plans for 2 Hideaway one-bedroom houses in Balkello and updated us on the application for a wind turbine.

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TAYplan

A new Strategic Development Plan Authority (SDPA) for Angus, Perth & Kinross, Dundee and NE Fife has been set up to create a Strategic Development Plan for the Area. This SDP will eventually replace the Structure Plan that exists for the area.

By Logging on to their website, www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk individuals and organisations can register and have their suggestions and comments recorded on key strategic cross-boundary planning issues. TAYplan will report in November to SDPA Joint Committee giving an overview of all comments. It was agreed that we would register and take part in the initial consultation. Garry will register comments.

INVOLVING COMMUNITIES

The Community Council had a stall in the marquee on Sports Day. Rachel Green from Angus Council prepared a suitable display and attended throughout the day. Pam Christie provided copies of her THINK! Speed campaign leaflet. The names of 3 residents who would like to join the Community Council were noted.

RECYCLING CENTRE

It was agreed that a request would be made to Angus Council for the facility to collect cardboard, and for the resurfacing of the car park (as promised) at the sports field.

JOHN BRUSH (SIDLAW WEATHER)

John has applied for financial support from the Community Council towards updating his weather site (<http://sidlawweather.co.uk/>). This was granted. The Community Council in return is seeking acknowledgement of the support in his website, and quarterly reports to be published in the Argus.

Auchterhouse Sports Day

I would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support both during the day and at the Ceilidh in the evening. I hope everyone enjoyed the event as much as I did. This year we received a grant from Angus Council to cover the cost of the marquee which was around £950. Financially we finished the year £950 better off than we started. This allows us to start next year on a good footing financially thanks to the grant from Angus Council.

We have set the date for next year's event, Saturday 19th June and we have booked "Galik Bred" again to play at the Ceilidh.

If anyone has any suggestions for next year's event or would like to become involved in the organising please let me know Tel:320400).

Lastly I would like to thank everyone that helped organise the event, helped on the day or indeed donated items for the event.

Thanks and see you all next year, Craig Fraser

All communications about this issue or any other can be made by contacting rbruce@insbriach.co.uk or tel: 01382 320377

W.R.I.

Rachel House Soup Lunch

In the Village Hall
On Saturday 21 November 2009

12 noon to 2pm

Usual Stalls

Tickets £4 (Primary school age £2)

Do All Dogs Go To Heaven?

Whatever the answer may be, some dogs are not helping their case in Auchterhouse! Some thoughtless owners have been allowing their dogs to foul in the school grounds. We have already had a number of children who have been covered in the unpleasant waste. It has now become a daily chore to search for and remove dog mess from the grounds before the children are safe to play. I am sure that I do not need to remind anyone of the moral as well as the legal requirements to ensure that public areas are free from dogs dirt. I do not want at this stage to involve the Dog Wardens so can I please make a request that dog owners take a responsible attitude to exercising their dogs, and should a dog stray into any public area, that the owners do the right thing and clean up on behalf of their pet.

Sincerely,
Peter D. Ferguson
Head Teacher

NEXT MEETING

AGM and meeting
TUESDAY
20 OCTOBER 2009
At 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

W.R.I.

Next meeting

Monday 19 October

Guide Dogs for the Blind (Sales Table)

Competitions:

2 Rock Buns

Hand knitted Gents pull-on Hat (*to be donated to the Seafarers Mission*)

Flower of the Month

**FULL SYLLABUS AVAILABLE
ON WWW.AUCHTERHOUSE.COM**

