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NEXT MEETING

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

*Present - Shiona Baird; Linda Cockram; Clive Sayers; Garry Stewart.
Apologies - Gavin Christie; Pam Christie; Joanne Elwin; Bob Morrison; Cllr John Whyte.
Attending - 1 member of the public*

POLICE MATTERS

Gwen sent a report on current Police matters.

Topics covered included: the dangers of tombstoning and dune jumping, (*only nearer the coast not in Auchterhouse area*); control of dogs in the countryside; garden equipment thefts; cold (bogus) callers and break-ins to sheds and garages. Security marking of outdoor equipment and locking sheds/garages/outbuildings is encouraged.

A .22 air rifle was stolen on 14/15 May from a property in the area - anyone with information on this should call the police on 0300 111 222

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Angus Council have turned down the application for a house (new/conversion of barn) on the land west of the Balkello water reservoir.

b) The application for a storeroom extension to the hall has been re-submitted. The proposal is to extend the existing small store (at emergency exit) out some 5m to bring it in line with south wall of the kitchen hall. The store would be large enough to accommodate all furniture and equipment currently housed in the hall, corridors and toilet areas. The area of grass between prop shed and footpath would be resurfaced in hardcore to allow for parking and access to front of hall. The existing front door would remain. The external wall finish would be wet rendered, although alternative cladding in local stone is under consideration and will depend on availability and funding.

c) A house for a key worker at Scotston Farm has been submitted. This would be on land to the north of the farm and would be accessed using the planned new road to a wind turbine on Scotston Hill.

d) The Council Enforcement Officer has taken up the deficiencies at the Braeside site (tree planting, footpaths and bridges, ground levels) with the developer, West Residential. He has agreed to update us with progress on this.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Some development on pick-up and drop-off points (PUDOS) is expected from the Head of Roads -

TAYplan

Although Public Information events were held in Blairgowrie on 3 June and in Dundee on 8 June, the council members should have attended one of these and would discuss comments at the June meeting for advising the Planning Authority before the end of the consultation period on 2 July.

ANGUS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Angus Council is planning a programme to raise awareness along with initial consultation for this year, together with a formal Main Issues Report and consultation in 2011.

RECYCLING

Morag Grant advised that a Best Value Report indicates that a kerbside recycling box collection will go ahead, probably in early 2011. She is awaiting a decision on improvements to the car park.

LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM, MONIFIETH.

Shiona reported on the recent meeting she attended. The need to remind the public of community council elections in the autumn and encourage interest in council business was stressed.

Councils need to know what people want for their areas in order to make their work more effective.

EDITORIAL

The short item above on the meeting which Shiona Baird attended is a very important one in that it serves to draw to our attention the astonishingly low attendance at recent meetings. Only elected Office Bearers are those who made up the number, in fact it is a wonder that the quorum was achieved. In addition it is asking too much that our Secretary has to shoulder the responsibility of Treasurer as well, again due to a lack of support for the Community Council.

Is there an apathy in the community or is it just disinterest? Perhaps there is a lack of matters that affect us all. Perhaps also it might be that any subjects on which the community seeks support from Angus Council have met with a singular lack of immediate response. For example it was as long ago as in October that the Recycling Officer reported that she was awaiting the Best Value Report and 8 months later she now has it!

SPORTS DAY 19 JUNE 2010

The Auchterhouse Sports Day and Evening Ceilidh is to be held on 19th June this year, starting at 1pm in the village park, with the ceilidh beginning at 7.30 to midnight. The band is again Galik Bred, back by popular demand. Ticket cost (includes dance and BBQ – bring your own booze) age 16 and over £8, 15 and under £2. BBQ closes at 9.30pm

Day tickets including tea, sandwiches and cakes £2, Primary school and under £1.

Tickets were available from 21 May from Helen Smith, Craig Fraser, Jenny Baird, and Dawn Hughes on a first come first served basis.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 15 JUNE 2010

At 7.30pm

In

Village Hall

All Welcome

JUNE MEETING SPEAKER

Angus Council Traffic manager will be attending the meeting with the purpose of talking about the development of pick-up and drop-off points. Everyone who is interested in this should try to attend the meeting.