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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present - Shiona Baird; Pam Christie; Linda Cockram; Bob Morrison; Clive Sayers; Garry Stewart.

Apologies - Gavin Christie; Pam Christie; Joanne Elwin; .

Attending - Cllr John Whyte; Graham Harris and 6 members of the public

INVITED SPEAKER

Shiona welcomed Graham Harris, Angus Council Roads Department officer. Graham reported that the Scottish government has agreed that the bus stop at the B954 road junction (road-end) could be treated as a PUDO (Pick up and Drop off) point. In October warning signs will be erected to warn traffic on the B954 approaching from both directions that children may be crossing the road. The signs will show an adult and child, and will be lit up with flashing amber at programmed times each school day. These times have to be confirmed but will probably be 8.00 am to 9.00 am and 3.40pm to 4.30pm, which would cover the times when the various buses are picking up and dropping off children or when children may be crossing the road.

It was agreed that the 'Horse' warning signs on the B954 are now redundant and can be removed to be replaced with 'Cross Roads' signs.

It was most important that children, of all ages, are warned of the dangers of crossing a road- especially after alighting from buses

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Traffic congestion through the village continues to be a problem at the start and end of the school day.

It was reported by members of the public present that most school children are now using the gates at the front of the school, rather than the lane from the Hall thus easing the congestion at the Hall. They also felt that those who walk or cycle would benefit from a continuous pathway to the road-end, and any path leading up The Brae.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application for Old Balkello 10/00619/Full and can be seen at http://planning.angus.gov.uk/PublicAccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_searchresults.aspx

Conversion of outbuildings at Old Balkello to a house was explained by the applicant(s). There was no objection

HOME ENERGY

HomeSun is a new energy company with a novel idea: Install solar photovoltaic (PV) cells, to the tune of £1 billion, on suitable homes free of charge, hence, enabling eligible candidates to reduce their energy bills and *more importantly* their carbon footprint. Sounds like there should be something in it for the energy company, well you're right, there is, but the partnership can be mutually beneficial. As of April 1st this year, the previous government introduced a financial incentive to producing your own renewable energy in the form of [Feed-in Tariffs](#) .

[HomeSun](#)'s entitlement to the income generated from the Feed-in Tariff (subsidised by energy companies) is how they will recoup their costs. To be one of the 10% UK homes estimated to be eligible for full funding; your home will need to be due south facing, with the further south and west being optimum and with at least 30m² of clear, unshaded roof. This scheme will attract people that want to do their bit for the environment and in addition to reducing their expenditure on energy but who don't quite have the financial resources to implement a project of this scale

Perhaps, in the long term, it may be more lucrative for the dedicated homeowner to purchase the equipment themselves benefiting both from the free energy and the FiT's. The [average household can expect to earn/save £1,000 per year from FiT's](#) and the initial cost of purchase and instillation is around £11,000 so over a period of 25 years and considering maintenance costs, a tidy profit could be expected.

The government is looking to reward early investors in the technology by reducing the generation prices by around about 3p/kWhr per year. The starting price you receive when you register will remain constant for the 25 years, barring any fluctuations due to RPI. These annual reductions for new installations, however, will come into effect two years from the policies implementation (31/3/12). A table of the generation tariffs up to 2020 can be viewed. The energy companies cover the cost of the FiT's which is then passed on to their customers and as more people uptake on the scheme there will be a larger cost to the energy companies and hence a larger cost to the consumer. So if you are tempted, it may serve you best to get in quick!

DUNDEE LIBRARY

I thought it might be worth while letting people know that they are now eligible to join Dundee City Libraries, whereas previously only Angus residents who worked in the city were able to do so.

Linda Caston

CORRESPONDENCE

BUS SHELTER

The flowers in the planters on the bus shelter at the road end have been stolen again. It makes me wonder if it is worthwhile trying to make the area look nice. I had 2 nasturtiums 2 geraniums and 2 trailing fuchsias in each and they have been carefully lifted out of the planters. I do not have any plants left to replace them and don't know if it is worth buying any. It really is so disheartening.

Yours Norma McLeod

SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Sports Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the 2010 Village Sports Day in June in any way. The afternoon events were enjoyed by all and a special thanks must go to those who donated cakes and sandwiches for the teas. The tickets for the evening ceilidh were almost sold out and once again everyone had a great evening to the music of Galik Bred. We have again booked Galik Bred for next year so put next year's date in your diaries now for Saturday June 18th 2011. Anyone interested in helping organise next year's sports day please contact Craig Fraser, Helen Smith, Eileen Baird, Jenny Baird or Dawn Hughes anytime.

Helen Smith

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The time to consider becoming a member of Auchterhouse Community Council is fast approaching. The publication of Notice of Election is Monday 6th September. The final date for the submission of nominations and submission of personal statements is Monday 27th September (4pm)

If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of places (9 for Auchterhouse) there will not be a formal election. If it does the election will take place during the week beginning Monday October 25th.

Please consider putting your name forward (and remember a Proposer and seconder is needed). The Community Council plays an important role in our community and could do much more. New ideas and projects are generated from the enthusiasm of those who take an active part in the life of the village and its surrounding area.

Shiona Baird (Chair-person Auchterhouse Community Council)

EDITORIAL

The above reminder from Shiona Baird is something that everyone in our COMMUNITY should take notice of.

There are a number of areas in Dundee which don't have Community Councils (or the equivalent) and the residents don't have a voice, as a result. Do we want to be a SILENT minority?

Elected representatives are needed - the C.C. is important to us all.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

At 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

ALL WELCOME