

ARGUS

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The AGM and regular meeting were held in the Hall on Tuesday 19 October

Present: Shiona Baird; Gavin Christie; Linda Cockram; John Forster; Clive Sayers; Helen Smith and Garry Stewart.

In Attendance: Councillor John Whyte; Siobhan Fagan (Community Planning) for the AGM.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Shiona Baird welcomed all those present and handed over the Chair to Siobhan for the election of the office bearers -

Chair - Shiona Baird, nominated by Linda and seconded by Garry.

Secretary - Garry Stewart, nominated by Shiona and seconded by Helen.

Treasurer - John Forster, nominated by Clive and seconded by Gavin.

Planning Contact - Linda Cockram, nominated by John and seconded by Clive.

Chairpersons Report

Shiona thanked all office bearers for carrying out their duties diligently and all members for their support throughout the year. Thanks, also, were extended to John Whyte for his conscientious work on our behalf, to Bob Bruce for producing the ARGUS each month and to those who distribute the ARGUS for all their efforts.

Our council is recognised in Angus as a well run organisation working in the best interest of the community. This shows us in good light. Our objectives for the next term should be to engage more with the community and encourage residents (especially the young) to come forward and join us, and give us their suggestions on how we can do more in the community to enhance the area and be seen to be more active outside our monthly meetings

Treasurers Report

- Garry reported that we closed the year with a balance of £1,246.28 after a surplus of £268.36. The grant of £1,000 for a laptop and accessories was spent up to £935. It was important for members to claim for expenses they incur on council's behalf. Pam Christie was thanked for examining last year's accounts and agreeing to do the same this year.

Secretary's Report

There were 9 meetings during the year - none in December and July and August.

Attendance was - Shiona 7 ; Gavin 2; Pam 6; Linda 7; Joanne 1; Clive 5; Garry 9; and Bob Williamson 2.

Subjects for discussion were -

Scheme for Community Councils.

The new draft scheme comes into effect this month after a further review earlier in the year. The area of our council has been increased to include Thriepley and the farms of The Neuk, the Keiths, Clushmills.

Police Reports

Traffic Matters

Congestion through the Kirkton has been discussed a lot but remains a problem at the start and end of the school day with cars parking on the road at the front of the school. This situation has been reviewed by the Council/Police Traffic Committee. Warning signs are to be erected at the junction of the B954 and the Avenue to be lit at critical times in the morning and afternoon when children are using the bus stop or crossing the B954.

Secretary's Report (Continued)**Core Paths**

Sidlaw Path Network are progressing the improvement of the old railway line from North Dronley to Auchterhouse road-end, possibly with a flight of steps up to the road as it crosses the (old railway) bridge.

TACTRAN/STPR**TAYplan**

During the year, we took part in the Awareness Raising exercise and the Main Issues Report consultation for this new strategic plan for Angus, Dundee, NE Fife and Perth & Kinross areas.

Angus Local Development Plan.**Recycling**

Angus Council have indicated that kerbside recycling box collection will go ahead in some parts of our area in early 2011.

From normal meeting**Braeside Enforcement**

As there has been no information from the enforcement officer, John Whyte has agreed to contact Robert Parry to get a report of progress on this matter.

Hill Water Supply

The Special meeting still has to be arranged to discuss the matter. Efforts are being made to get help from the appropriate department of Angus Council.

Planning Applications

An Application for an attic conversion with dormer windows at Silverknowes, Kirktonbank, for which there were no objections

Grit Bins

Councillor John Whyte has agreed to follow up the need for new ones on The Brae.

IDEAS FOR PROGRESS

We are looking for suggestions from Community Council members and any member of the Community on how we can do more in the community to enhance the area, and be seen to be more active outside our monthly meetings. **Let's have your ideas.**

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This seems to be an excellent suggestion, but it will need support from us all. We know that there is a need for community spirit, but that is all very well with all the demands on everyone's time especially those who have young family. Too often it has been said that only the older people have time, and so they are the ones who are left to do things. Younger people can think that their views are not being considered but unless they become involved and voice their views how else can they be considered.

Every time that there is Beechgrove Garden on TV with Community Garden projects I think wouldn't it be great if we could do something like that. There is also the need for the footpath up The Avenue to be widened so that more than one person can use it - all that is needed is community action with help from one of our friendly farmers with a tractor.

However, looking back on recent community activities what possibility is there of any success. The Wally's Wynd now has become overgrown, and what happened to the summer flower hanging baskets? Leadership from the Community Council is all very good but it must be backed by the COMMUNITY and that is exemplified by the success of the Sports Day.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2010

AT 7.30 PM

IN

VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME