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The regular meeting was held in the Hall on Tuesday 15 February 2011

Present: Shiona Baird; Clive Sayers; Helen Smith and Garry Stewart.
In Attendance: Councillor John Whyte; and 3 members of the public
Chair: Shiona Baird

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17/03/2011**

CO-OPTION OF MEMBER

It was agreed that one of the vacant positions on our council should be filled. Grant Anderson accepted nomination and was proposed by Shiona, seconded by Garry and elected unanimously

ANGUS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The LDP Main Issues report is expected in July with the draft Proposed Plan following in July 2012 each followed by periods of consultation. Final adoption of the Plan is foreseen to be summer 2014 and it would last for 10 years.

TACTRAN/STPR

Councillor Whyte reported that the next meeting of TACTRAN would be 29 March. Improvements in the rail service to and from Dundee is unlikely to happen for another 18 months. The Park and Ride, and a new station at Invergowrie are still listed to happen

BRAESIDE ENFORCEMENT CASE.

Angus Council Enforcement officer has replied to say that the Council is determining the preferred course of action to take in respect of the Braeside development and promises to advise of their decision.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Parents (and others) have all received a letter and email from the Head Teacher advising them of the dangers of reversing onto the main road (and into the school lane) when turning.

He has confirmed his approval of parking at the school during non-school hours. The 'PUDO' at the junction of The Avenue and the B954 is working well, giving good warning to approaching motorists that children may be crossing the road.

HILL WATER

a meeting of all interested parties to resolve the problems of disruption and flooding, associated with the burn from the hill to Old Whisky Road is proposed for 29 March at 7.30 pm in the Hall. The participation of representatives from Angus Council, Scottish Water and SEPA will be sought.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The retrospective application for a static caravan at Woodside Cottage, Kirkton of Auchterhouse has been considered by members. The unanimous decision taken was to object to this and a letter giving the reasons for the objection has now been lodged with the Council by Linda Cockram.

PEDESTRIAN/ROAD SAFETY

The dangers faced by pedestrians from the lack of a footpath (or verge) from the bottom of The Avenue to the old railway bridge were raised once more. Garry Stewart will provide Councillor John Whyte with more information on options to resolve this.

Motorists who have been parking on the driveway of The Gables have been warned to refrain from this.

Councillor John Whyte reported that residents at Eastfield have expressed concern about the speed of some cars passing through. Although the road is not subject to a speed limit (other than the regulation 60 mph) there is a road junction and 2 exits from the Steading area and one from Eastfield House. Drive with care and caution.

STANDARD FOR HEADSHIP AWARDS

Five Angus professionals are among a group of 155 graduates across Scotland due to receive the award from Education Secretary Michael Russell, who will tell the Edinburgh gathering that the attributes they have shown are crucial in achieving the best from both teachers and pupils.

Representing Angus among the recipients will be head teachers Evelyn Noble of Borrowfield, and Peter Ferguson of Auchterhouse.

Mr Russell said, "We need confident and inspirational leaders in our schools if we are to get the best from teachers and pupils and make the most of the improvements being made under Curriculum for Excellence.

Meeting the Standard for Headship is a huge achievement and will have taken a great deal of hard work and study."

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2011

AT 7.30 PM
IN
VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME

ARGUS DISTRIBUTION

Resulting from the report in last month's issue there has been a number of replies from people with their email addresses so that they can receive The ARGUS online.

To all of those concerned we must say a big THANK YOU, and ask for still more replies yet. Not only does it save paper copies but it also ensures prompt issue of the ARGUS, (not like the January issue paper copies which are still not out). Paper copies are printed, then bundled and distributed to the kind volunteers who then deliver by hand, however in common with all other distribution methods this involves costly fuel and any means such as two months together can save.

EDITORIAL

There are various points for consideration in today's matters - Road Safety, which never goes away.

The 'PUDO' warning signs - what a shame that they could not include the electronic speed warning too.

The request for consideration on the Eastfield road - this also applies to The Brae and through the Village. Too often cars coming down The Brae are exceeding the 30 mph and often cut the bends through the village.

The Avenue still is not restricted (no reported accidents?) but there is no footpath almost up to Sunnyblink and thereafter only single person wide, when it could and perhaps should be widened by the judicious use of a mechanical digger!

SCAMS - telephone and computer

There are still reports of people falling for the scam whereby a caller says that he/she is a representative of Microsoft and has detected a fault on your computer. You are advised to open your computer and then follow instructions to allow them to sort the faults. In many cases this allows them to take control of your computer and finally demand payment to remedy the faults. This is entirely false. DON'T FALL FOR THIS!!

Finally, no doubt there are some readers who have an interest in Genealogy and will be looking forward to being able to access the 1911 Census for Scotland which will be available on Tuesday 5 April this year. If they want to leave their new records for future researchers (in the family) why not make a copy of your completed forms of 2011 Census which would not be available to anyone until 100 years later.

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