

ARGUS

Newsletter for Auchterhouse

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Present: Grant Anderson; Gavin Christie; John Forster; Clive Sayers; Helen Smith and Garry Stewart.

In Attendance: 8 members of the public.

Chair: Garry Stewart

The meeting was held in the Village Hall, at 7.30 on Tuesday 21 JUNE 2011

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TRAFFIC MATTERS

The school council has been asked for its opinion on the construction of steps up the embankment from the core path (leading from the road-end to the old railway line) to the road at the railway bridge, as a benefit to children walking to and from the road-end. Initial comments from parents are favourable.

Angus Council's Senior Education Manager has replied to our submission of various alternatives for school parking, and confirmed that our views will be taken into account when reviewing all the options for drop off/pick up arrangements.

The poor state of the footpath, from the Avenue to the road-end, was raised. There is a need to increase its width by clearing vegetation and banking now encroaching on to it and to improve the surface. The Roads Dept will be asked to attend to this.

It was agreed that we should continue to put pressure on the council to impose speed restrictions on our roads and enforce the 30 mph limit where it applies. The excessive speed of vehicles on the Dronley road going through Eastfield (raised earlier this year with Cllr Whyte) would be followed up.

TAYplan

Review of all documents from TAYplan would be delegated to a working party. It was hoped that John Forster and Garry Stewart would be joined by Shiona Baird and Linda Cockram in order to carry this out in order to submit comment to all members in July and reply to TAYplan by 1 Aug. Linda advised that the agents for the prospective developer of South Auchray will try to get the site into the TAYplan Strategic Development Plan. (at present it is not, and was not raised during last year's consultation)

HILL WATER

SEPA's hydrologist for the area has walked the length of the burn and has made comments/given advice on the remedial action to take. Contractors to carry out work on the areas of the Funnyneuk track affected have been contacted and their quotations are awaited. A bid for funding will be made to Angus Environmental Trust.

PLANNING

Linda has submitted our objection to a new house in the garden of Arkalg, N. Dronley on the grounds of insufficient plot size, and the plot is not a gap site.

Silverknowes - a re-application for Dormer windows. There was no objection.

Bonnyton Farm - application for a new house. A detached house would be sited in the backyard between the existing farmhouse and the outbuildings. It would be built on the line of the Right of Way (from Bonnyton to the road at Sunnyblink) and only about 7 metres from the farmhouse. It was agreed that the Right of Way must be protected and any new house should be separated from the farmhouse and more in keeping with the other 4 houses built at the farm in recent years. An objection would be lodged with Angus Council

West Mains Farm - a Pre-Application letter has been received for a proposed single Wind Turbine. The 67 metre (max height) unit would be applied for after the data from an anemometer (applied for in May) is available - probably next year. It was felt that there should be some benefit to the community from these units, and a request for a firm commitment from the developer to provide benefit (financial or otherwise) should be made.

South Auchray - Pre-Application consultation for a housing development of 275 units is underway. A public presentation took place in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill on 15 June. Concern was expressed over the use of this site which is adjacent to Templeton Wood and the Clatto Reservoir, which are both wildlife centres.

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Most of the development would be in an area which is within the Dundee boundary but a small part (up to 30 houses) would be in Angus (Strathmartine) and access would be from Templeton road. The views of the Community Councils of Strathmartine and Muirhead, Birkhill and Liff would be obtained. However, concern was felt that this was a rural development (not connected to Downfield, Dundee) and would have a major impact on services e.g. Roads and schools, as well as adverse visual impact and should be objected to by our council.

AUCHTERHOUSE SPORTS DAY

**Saturday
27 August 2011**

Races start at 2 o'clock

Hill Race about 3.15

**Eassie and Nevay Hall,
Balkeerie, DD8 1SQ
Glamis – Newtyle Road**

Gardeners Question Time

Wednesday 24th August 2011

7pm for 7:30 pm

The Panel:

- **Pippa Clegg**
Kilry Garden Club interest in Herbaceous.
- **Sheena and Hamish Lamond**
Prize Winning Perthshire Gardeners Pot plants, Cut flowers, Vegetables and hopefully competition growing tips
- **Ally Bruce**
Horticultural Lecturer Dundee College and formerly of Pathhead Nursery
- **Rex Brennan**
Soft Fruit Specialist James Hutton Institute (SCRI)

**Admission £3 inc Tea and Biscuits
SWAP a Plant Stall**

The Evening is in Aid of Hall Funds

MAPS

Core paths details can be downloaded at
Map 15 on
www.angus.gov.uk/corepathsplan

CONTACT

For comments, correspondence and any other communications in connection to the ARGUS: email argus@inshriach.co.uk or phone 320377 (Bob Bruce)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

AT 7.30 pm

In

THE VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME