

ARGUS

Newsletter for Auchterhouse

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The meeting was held in the Village Hall, at 7.30 on Tuesday 20 SEPTEMBER, 2011

Present: Shiona Baird; Gavin Christie; Clive Sayers; Helen Smith and Garry Stewart.

In Attendance: 2 members of the public and PC Sheena Melvin

Chair: Shiona Baird

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POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public are reminded to endeavour to make properties safe by taking simple security measures. Setting timers on internal lights and radios gives the impression that the house is occupied. Fitting or checking external security lights are in working order, and locking all doors, windows and sheds will improve the safety of the property. Anyone aware of suspicious activity should call Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222.

Due to high prices, thefts of both metal, particularly lead and copper, and fuel, both vehicle and household, continue throughout Angus. Properties targeted are often rural premises. Be vigilant.

Tayside Police are urging all road users to prepare for reduced daylight hours and potentially poorer weather throughout the coming months. This is the time to ensure that motorists don't get caught out and that they, and their vehicles, are suitably prepared for poor weather conditions. Ensure that brakes, tyres, lights, windscreens, batteries and wiper blades are in good condition, engine coolant levels are topped up and radiators contain anti-freeze.

The Police events vehicle equipped with information (on display boards and videos) is available. Making use of it in conjunction with a local event, e.g. Sports Day, will be considered.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

SLOW warnings have been placed on the Dronley road going through Eastfield. Councillor Whyte has been in contact with Roads to get signs erected there and to get pot-holes on the Bonnyton road filled in.

It was agreed that we should demand action on remedying the state of the Dronley Road including the irregular surface at the crossroads (with the road coming into the village), before winter.

There was nothing to report on the school parking study being carried out.

HILL WATER

Work to contain the water from the hill and allow sufficient flow to Braeside (and beyond) has been carried out. Also, the return of overflow water from Braeside and across the Funnyneuk track has been improved by clearing out the ditch at the join with the Hodge burn.

It is important that outflow from the pond (filled by water from this burn) at Palm Springs, Parkside, is kept clear otherwise flooding can occur there.

PLANNING

Bonnyton Farm - application for a new house. This has been withdrawn.

Thalla, Old Whisky Road - application for alterations has been made. There was no objection.

Caravan at Woodside Cottage, Kirkton. The enforcement notice for its removal is now held in abeyance while an appeal to the Court of Session is heard on a point of law.

BUS SERVICE

There is to be a review of the 137, 138 and 139 services. The Community Council has conveyed to Angus Council the view of the importance to those without private transport (especially the elderly), along with a request to be informed of any proposed changes before a final decision is made.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

This is planned, involving children in the school, for the ground behind the Hall (up to the cemetery) Volunteers to help with this are to be encouraged to come forward and give their names to Shiona (tel 320435)

FOR MORE INFORMATION and Minutes go to www.auchterhouse.com

EMAIL LIST

Concern had been voiced at the inclusion/forwarding of information and views not exactly appertaining directly to either the Community Council or general local interest. The Community Council agreed that it should be left to Bob Bruce's good judgement to make use of it for all matters affecting residents or for the information of residents.

WINTER IN ANGUS brochure

Angus Council Economic Development Unit is planning to publish this. It will incorporate a "Shop Local" campaign and list events planned in the area. Community groups are to be encouraged to publicise activities

POLLING STATIONS

Angus Council Law & Administration department is seeking comments/ views on arrangements for polling i.e. A review of Polling Stations.

EDITORIAL

COMMUNITY GARDEN

What an excellent idea it is to create a Community Garden between the Hall and the Cemetery. When Beechgrove Garden and others show the work carried out by other communities it seemed the Auchterhouse was in danger of missing out.

Previous efforts to encourage or even create our missing "community spirit or action" have passed on. The Auchterhouse History exhibition produced interest but has been forgotten. The Wally's Wynd walk development still lives with its information board telling interested visitors about it. The Tennis Court is there for all our tennis players to enjoy when the weather permits. And the Hanging Baskets lasted several years but appear to have died a death of neglect and drought. The main survivor appears to be Sports Day - perhaps because it's only once a year and there is a clearly defined and enthusiastic committee driving it on.

Can the community really respond to Shiona and (I suspect) Headmaster Peter's initiative? Perhaps if help and advice from at least Angus Council's Leisure department can be sought failing that of Beechgrove Garden. The driving factor in most Community Gardens seems to be that they are central and can attract groups to use them for leisure and getting together in pleasant and sheltered surroundings.

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The fact that concern has been voiced over any items being outwith the original use intended has caused a little problem for the Editor in that in the

desire to communicate with neighbouring communities information may not be of general interest or information.

There appears to be a distinct lack of response or reaction amongst our readers apart from the occasional compliment (Thank you)

We do have space for a correspondence column but for some time now nobody has wanted to correspond!

Clubs and other organisations have not sent in any updates on their activities and the same goes for the Church - the intention for the newsletter has been to share information within the community and with neighbouring communities, but as there is nothing being received we can't share it.

Finally, we need to update email addresses and notify our helpful paper copy deliverers if anyone who is now receiving email copy of the Argus as well as a paper copy wants to stop paper delivery would they please let me or whoever delivers your paper copy know.

COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS
Please let me have your brief C.V. for inclusion in the Auchterhouse website information.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2011

AT 7.30 pm

In

THE VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME