

# ARGUS

*Newsletter for Auchterhouse*

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*The meeting was held in the Village Hall, at 7.30 on Tuesday 18 OCTOBER 2011*

**Present:** Shiona Baird; Helen Smith; John Forster and Garry Stewart.  
**In Attendance:** 1 member of the public and PC Sheena Melvin  
**Chair:** Shiona Baird

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## POLICE MATTERS

The increasing hours of darkness provides opportunities for a potential thief. Members of the public are reminded to endeavour to make properties safe by taking simple security measures, such as setting timers on internal lights and radios gives the impression that the house is occupied.

Waste items dumped in communal areas provide a tempting opportunity for a fire-setter. By removing such items, the risk of fire is greatly reduced. Angus Council, Waste Management can arrange uplift of such items for a small fee. Tayside Police, along with Tayside Fire & Rescue and Angus Council, will be working to tackle the misuse of fireworks as November 5<sup>th</sup> approaches. Everybody needs to be aware of the legislation regarding the sale of fireworks, and we would encourage members of the public to report anyone who they believe to be using fireworks illegally or anyone who may be selling fireworks to persons under 18 to either Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Make sure your car is fit for winter: - tyres and brakes good, all lights clean and working, battery full and screenwash topped up.

## TRAFFIC MATTERS

Councillor Whyte has advised that Douglas Hill, of the Roads department has arranged permanent patching work on Bonnyton Road. Dates for this will be notified. Work to remedy the persistent flooding on Dronley Road (near North Dronley) has been carried out, so has work to stop the issue of water onto the Leoch road between Kirkton Bank and Kirkton House.

## HILL WATER

Although the flow of water from the hill has appeared to be under control, i.e. getting through to the tanks at Old Whisky Road without causing flooding, tampering with the overflows has been reported causing too little water to flow on through Braeside. Everyone is asked not to alter these overflows for whatever reason. Please contact Garry Stewart (320339), if you think the flow is too great or insufficient.

No work on improving the flow through Braeside has been carried out yet.

## PLANNING

Balkello Woodland House - application to convert a log cabin to self catering accommodation. No objection.

Woodside Cottage - caravan. The enforcement notice for its removal is held in abeyance while an appeal to the Court of Session is heard. If successful, the appeal to the Scottish Government will be held again.

## TAYplan

A schedule of all responses to the Main Issues, Action Plan and Human Rights docs is available on line, see: <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/TAYplan%20-%20Schedule%20of%20Responses%20Received%20to%20MIR.pdf>. TAYplan ctte meet on 25 Oct to consider this and any changes required to the above docs. If there are no modifications the plan could go to the Scottish ministers as early as Jan 2012, but if there are changes recommended the whole consultation process would have to be repeated.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and Minutes go to [www.auchterhouse.com](http://www.auchterhouse.com)

## BRIEFS

### NEW UK PARLIAMENT constituencies

Proposals for these are available on website [www.bcomm-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.bcomm-scotland.gov.uk) Comments may be made online.

Success for Sidlaw event was held in Birkhill Millennium Hall on 11 October. Shiona Baird was our representative at this along with around 30 others. It was encouraging with considerable effort going into actions to raise community spirit and involvement.

### SEPA

Is working with Crimestoppers to target illegal waste businesses and prevent damage to the environment, and harm to human health. Report any waste tipping to Crimestoppers 0800 555111. A poster about this is on the village noticeboard (at the end of School Lane)

### TIDY VILLAGE

**The Community Council is very concerned that there are several houses displaying unsightly rubbish and unkempt gardens, and ask that the residents tidy up and avoid giving the village a "look of neglect"**

### AGM - Chairwoman's Report

October 2010, though with a slightly reduced Council of 7 members. We have an allocation of 9 Councillors. It was particularly gratifying to welcome 2 new members to the Council. During the year another new member was co-opted. With these welcome new Councillors, I feel we have a better opportunity to represent the views of the wider community. I hope that through this next year our Once again Auchterhouse Community Council has continued to flourish following the elections in work and the actions we take, will inspire others in the community to participate in what is an important part of local participation.

### CONTACT

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

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the departing members of the Community Council who stood down at the election. Their support ensured the Community Council continued in good heart, for others to take forward.

Through the year a number of meetings have been organised by the Angus Community Planning Team for the Chairs of Sidlaw Community Council areas to exchange views and ideas on how to make the Community Councils more relevant to the wider public. It was pleasing that we already have a good network of communication in place in our regular Argus newsletter and our website. Many thanks to Bob Bruce for all his hard work in maintaining the Argus publication and keeping the website updated.

The recent Sidlaw for Success evening is another interesting venture by the Community Planning Team. Its aim was to gauge the views of the residents of the Sidlaw area, how we feel about our local area and in the process identify particular needs. A report on the views of those present will be published in due course.

Submitting comments for the Angus Local Plan and Tayplan ensured that Auchterhouse made its voice heard, a vital role of the Community Council. I would like to thank Garry, Linda and John for all their hard work in completing this important but at times quite arduous work.

My thanks go also to all the members of the Community Council for all their support throughout the year. Thanks also to our Local Councillors, Community Police Officer and the members of the public who attend our meetings. Their support and comments are always very welcome and serve to remind us that we are here to represent our community.

Shiona Baird  
Chairwoman

### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Further information on the AGM with Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are available online at [www.auchterhouse.com](http://www.auchterhouse.com)

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2011

AT 7.30 pm

In

THE VILLAGE HALL

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