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Present: Gavin Christie; Helen Smith; John Forster and Garry Stewart

Attendance: PC Greg Burns and 1 member of the Public.

Chair: Garry Stewart

POLICE MATTERS

Members of the public are reminded to make their properties safe by taking simple security measures, such as setting timers on internal lights and radios, giving the impression that the house is occupied. Be a good neighbor and look out for anything suspicious. Call 999 if you see a crime happening. Beware of bogus callers. Do not give out personal information over the phone, eg bank account details. Ask to see the ID card of any visitors to the door. If in doubt call the company concerned, obtaining the telephone number from the directory (not the ID card).

Driving while under the influence of drink or drugs is a significant issue in Angus. Tayside Police will take robust action against offenders. Anyone with information in relation to drink/drug drivers is encouraged to report this 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.

ROADS

Patching on the bad areas on Bonnyton Road, and part of Dronley road. Repair of signs – 30's at entrance to Kirkton, village name on Tealing road and The Brae name sign

PARENT PARKING (SCHOOL)

The Senior Education Manager has written on the subject of "School – Parent Parking". He does not propose any change to parking on the main road (in front of the school) but recommends removal of the "prop" shed. He has received a lot of correspondence on the condition of the shed and sees the benefit in creating a footpath in its place. This (Garry understood from his staff) would be separated from the lane by the remnants of the shed outer wall, but much reduced in height, and would be accessed through a new opening in the wall – roughly where the notice board is currently fixed. All equipment in the shed (including hall chairs and tables) would be rehoused in a new shed built away from the hall, possibly at the Playing Field. As this seems unworkable from hall users point of view, undesirable from residents around the playing field view and without evidence to show a benefit to school children (from Community Council opinion) members unanimously rejected the idea. A letter of objection would be sent to Angus Council.

HILL WATER

In several places the burn through Braeside needs cleaning out and the bank built up in order to maintain flow through to Old Whisky Road.

To progress this it is hoped that a work party could be recruited and that it would meet before the end of the year. Volunteers are sought and should contact Garry Stewart on 320339, with a view to arranging a suitable date.

PLANNING

5 Braeside – an application to install new metal gates.
There were no objections.

TAYplan

A schedule of all responses to the Main Issues, Action Plan and Human Rights docs is available online, see – <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/TSYplan%20-%20Schedule%20of%20Responses%Received%20to%20%20MIR.pdf>.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Angus Council's Lieutenancy officer has asked for details of local organisations who may be interested in taking part in the May 2012 Glamis Gathering.

CORRESPONDENCE

While printing any of the letters included in this publication is at the desire to be impartial, the editor and any others responsible do not necessarily subscribe to any or all of the views expressed.

Sir,
AUCHTERHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL – PARENT PARKING

As you are aware I have been representing the views of the residents who reside in the area close to the school who are seriously concerned with the safety of those using the school.

The consensus of opinion of those in the locale "was something had to be done to resolve this issue before a serious accident happened" and a petition was sent to Angus Council requesting the removal of the "prop" shed which was considered a feature contributing to the problem. On 20 Oct 2011 I received a letter from Angus Council, "*After further consideration it was the unanimous view of the officers present that the most appropriate option would be to remove the 'prop' shed and replace it with a smaller shed, preferably re-sited away from the school*".

The residents in the area are relieved that Angus Council have finally recognised their concerns and I would ask that the Community Council fully support this decision by Angus Council to demolish the "prop shed"

From previous Community Council meetings your committee has advised me that the use of the "prop" shed is not a Community Council issue but a matter wholly for the Hall Committee. Despite being a Hall Committee issue I would ask that the Community Council work with the Hall Committee in agreeing suitable storage alternatives as suggested by Angus Council.

Brian Wylie
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