

# ARGUS

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*Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 17 May 2012*

**Present:** Grant Anderson; Shiona Baird; Linda Cockram; John Forster; Clive Sayers and Garry Stewart.

**In Attendance:** PC Steve Wilson.

**Chair:** Shiona Baird

## • **SPORTS DAY**

The Sports Committee has decided to hold Sports Day on **Saturday 25 August** this year to avoid clashes with other events in June. The normal selection of events including the Hill Race is planned with a BBQ for all in attendance.

An evening ceilidh will not be held.

## **THE COURIER**

The News Editor has invited our Community Council to submit articles on any issues of interest in our area to a new regular section to be included in the Courier and sourced from C.C.'s. As most residents (who get the Courier) get the Dundee edition this would be the edition we would submit to. We agreed to be involved in this and will be replying accordingly.

## **THE HALL**

In order to keep the community informed about developments more use needs to be made of both the ARGUS and the web site.

Grant Anderson has agreed to be the CC's representative on the Hall committee and Shiona is to place an article in this publication.

The editor and Duncan Kennedy are updating the content and design of the web site.

## **POLICE MATTERS**

The mobile library, which comes to Auchterhouse every Thursday in the morning or afternoon alternately, is available for consultation with Council officers and Tayside police. Steve will join the van from time to time at the Auchterhouse stop.

The theft of heating oil is still happening. Keep tanks locked.

This is the peak season for theft of garden equipment. A lawn mower has been stolen from a property in our area. Leave garden equipment out of sight preferably in a locked shed.

Road policing issues include: danger of motor cycling accidents as there are more on the roads in the summer; offences of speeding; drink driving; using phones while driving; being uninsured and not wearing seat belts.

## **PLANNING**

**Applications** - the application for the demolition of a cottage at Parkhead, Old Whisky Road and the erection of a new house and separate garage has been approved subject to revised plans being lodged showing a garage with the height reduced by about 0.4 metres.

**Wind Turbine** at West Mains planned has been approved

**Stoney Dyke, The Brae** - application to extend has been lodged. No objection

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**WEST MAINS TURBINE**

Savills have notified that this has been approved, and they are asking for details of our procedures for receiving financial benefit for the community. Around £300 has been offered.

Other C.Cs are being consulted to determine what is the best procedure to adopt.

**BMX Facility**

The process of finding a suitable site for setting up a facility for bike jumps and humps circuit was discussed.

It might be on the Playing Field as opposed to ground north of the school (where some of this goes on now) Funding may be available but this pursuit needs further investigation especially on safety and liability issues. Clive offered to speak to those who might be interested and find out what they are looking for.

**LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING**

Success for Sidlaw Transport Group will meet on Tuesday 19 June at 6.30pm in Strathmartine School.

**• VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

For those of you who may not know, the Hall Committee (the management committee for the Hall), is constituted to include a representative from every organisation who uses the Hall plus a few members of the public with an interest in managing the Hall. The Committee has a tenancy agreement for the Hall and the ground around it from the owners, Angus Council. We work closely with them over any proposed improvements. The school has full access to the building and car park,

for their own use, during school hours.

The Hall is owned by Angus Council primarily for use by the school but we work closely with them over any proposed improvements.

The Committee meets three times a year. We review the rents, bookings, discuss improvements and generally ensure the Hall is run smoothly for the benefit of the whole community.

The individual representatives report back the outcomes of the meetings to their own groups.

For those who do not belong to any group but who are interested in the Hall, it was decided to place a regular article in the Argus to ensure the whole community is kept informed. This is particularly relevant when so much work has been carried out recently on the exterior and surroundings of the Hall, visible to all. The patio area has been re-laid and the seats will be replaced once they have been painted. Lighting at the steps was put in to ensure the safety of those using that entrance. A very small tree has been planted to replace the ancient but dying hawthorn. This new tree – a Korean Pine – was recommended as a sturdy, hardy tree suited to our windy environment. It will have blue cones as it matures and in time it is hoped it will be used to carry Christmas lights. It is already putting on new growth. The Hall Committee also runs a very successful 200 Club to raise vital funds. Half of the total income from numbered donors in the community

is returned to prize winners once a year. If you want to become a donor (£5 a number annually) please contact John Skea on 320257.

The Hall is also available for private functions. Please contact Helen Smith on 320312. Any other issues please contact me, Shiona Baird (Chair) on 320435 or email [shiona.baird@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shiona.baird@hotmail.co.uk)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY 21 JUNE**

**AT**

**7 PM**

**ALL WELCOME**