

ARGUS

Newsletter for Auchterhouse Community

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Meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 20 September 2012

Present: Grant Anderson; Shiona Baird; Gavin Christie; Linda Cockram; Helen Smith and Garry Stewart.

In Attendance: Councillor Sheila Hands and 4 members of the Public.

Chair: Shiona Baird

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POLICE MATTERS

Steve sent the report by email:

Hare coursing was completely banned in 2002; however incidents of this nature continue to occur throughout Angus.

Anyone who has any information about people who are involved in, or who they suspect to be involved in, hare coursing or poaching, can call Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222 or provide details anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Tayside Police is once again warning residents to be on their guard against people phoning them to tell them that they are entitled to money. Some of the tactics used involve telling the person they have won money on an international lottery scheme; that they are entitled to a substantial sum as a result of an overpayment of PPI insurance, and the traditional time share scam. Angus residents have recently fallen foul of these scams, some suffering significant losses. Please remember, do not give personal or bank details to callers, and if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is! Suspicious incidents can be reported to Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222

Be a good neighbour, particularly if you have older or vulnerable neighbours. Anyone aware of suspicious activity should contact Tayside Police on 0300 111 2222. Or if you see a crime in progress call 999.

ROAD/TRAFFIC MATTERS

A site visit was held by Angus Roads/Tayside Police to review the new bus services 138 & 139. The service will continue to be closely monitored with drivers told to drive cautiously, at no more than 20 mph, on the Brae and Brae-side.

Bonnyton road, at the junction in the village and at various points along its length (including where the water main crossed the road), has the surface breaking up. The Roads department will be asked to carry out remedial action

Lights in the village and at the road end are either not working or need reprogramming. Sheila agreed to contact the appropriate dept to get all of them working again.

ANGUS LOCAL PLAN

The draft Local Plan has been prepared and will go to Council in October. We would hope to have it for the next meeting.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

A written agreement has been drawn up with Windberry Energy for the arrangements for payment of Community Benefit for the planned West Mains wind turbine. This has been circulated and agreed.

PLANNING

- a) An application has been lodged for an extension to the kennels area at Juniper Kennels to form a timber clad reception area.
- b) A retrospective application for the change of use, to garden ground, of the plot of land to the north of West and Mid Whitehillfaulds has been made. There was no objection to this but there was concern about the legality of any structures on this land and especially close to the boundary with Mid Whitehillfaulds. Linda would consult with the planning officer on this.
- c) The caravan at Woodside Cottage has been removed from the site, but subsequently returned to roughly the same location. Angus Council considers this to be compliance with the DPEA decision on the appeal against enforcement for its removal. It was decided to take the matter up with our MSP (Graeme Dey) as the token repositioning appears to make a mockery of Planning Regs.

ROADS

A letter has been received from Angus Council about parking in front of driveways.

The police should be informed with details (including photographs) of cars parked on the public road in such a way as to block driveways. The council will not paint "No Parking" signs or lines on the road or footpath.

Heather Turnbull

Angus Independent Advocacy Service has offered to attend one of our meetings to talk about the services she provides. Shiona is to invite her to the October meeting.

HALL 200 CLUB

Anyone who wants to become a member should contact John or Mary Skea on 320257 or at jam@skea.co.uk. Donations to the Club can be treated as Gift Aid and get split 50/50 into prizes and funds for the hall.

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The recent Hall Committee meeting was well attended by the representatives of

most of the organisations using the Hall.

It was noted with pleasure, the completion of the patio area and the lighting beside the steps. All that remains is the painting of the seats and some planting in the corner nearest the road.

The prop shed is in need of a paint to preserve the woodwork. The outside light on the North East corner of the Hall is still not working due to a wiring fault which is proving difficult to trace. Another attempt will be made to try to get it resolved.

Improving the heating of the hall is also proving difficult. Better insulation is the first task with further investigation into the possibility of insulating under the floor.

The quest for an effective audio system is continuing. The 200 Club continues to provide a good income stream for the Hall as well as rewarding members who hold numbers.

New or good second-hand chairs are to be purchased to replace the damaged ones.

Concern was expressed at inconsiderate drivers who park across driveways when attending Hall and village activities. A notice is to be displayed indicating that number plate details will be passed to the police if this continues to occur.

Thanks to all who work to maintain this vital village asset.

Shiona Baird (Chair)

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

18 OCTOBER 2012

7.00 PM

ALL WELCOME