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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

*Present - Shiona Baird; Pam Christie; Linda Cockram; Garry Stewart.
Apologies - Gavin Christie; Joanne Elwin; Bob Morrison; Cllr Rob Murray; and Cllr John Whyte.
Attending - PC Gwen Louden; David Adams and 1 member of the Public.*

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POLICE MATTERS

Gwen Louden reported on current Police matters:

The attention of the public is drawn to a pilot project "Keeping Children safe - Sex Offenders Disclosure Pilot" being run by Tayside Police. In this project any member of the public, who has concerns about a person with access to a child, can ask the police for disclosure of their recent convictions. Disclosure of information will only be made when a person is a Registered Sex Offender with convictions relating to children and there is risk. There have been 25 enquiries to date and the pilot will run until 31 May, before evaluation and a decision on its future. Leaflets on the project are available from Police and Social Work offices. Further advice can be obtained by contacting the Police on 0300 111 222.

Other issues getting prominence include alcohol abuse by youths, reckless conduct after taking "bubbles" (similar to MDMA); card skimming at ATM machines; poisoning of protected birds (white eagles)

RENEWABLE ENERGY (for the Hall)

David Adams reported on the work he had been carrying out in Angus for village halls. He also covered the studies he has been making for our own hall, looking at the various options for providing heating for the hall by renewable energy. He expects to have all the necessary information available to him soon, so that he can make recommendations. Biomass boilers (or stoves) seem to be the best option. He hopes to report to the Hall AGM on 29th April.

TAYplan

TAYPlan is the new Strategic Development Planning Authority for Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and N E Fife. Its role is to produce and maintain a Strategic Development Plan, which will include a new land use spatial strategy setting out a proposal for the development of the area over the next 20 years.

There will be a Main Issues Report consultation in May/June this year

BURGLARY AT SUNNYBLINK

Constable Louden would be more than happy to provide Crime Prevention advice and to carry out a crime prevention survey utilising the Angus Safe as Houses scheme which can offer, fit and supply security items such as door chains, door locks, door viewers free of charge..

Please Contact PC Gwen Louden on 0300 111 222 or Angus Care and Repair on 01307 463232 for further details





PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a). Although the Braeside Development would appear to have ended there are still some outstanding issues, e.g. some residents have concerns over the landscaping of the amenity areas. These will be investigated further and, if necessary, pursued with Angus Council

b) A retrospective planning application for the change of use of the disused quarry on Bonnyton road (near Westwood) from quarry to timber/agricultural use has been made. There was no objection.

c) Hall Extension - An application for an extension to the front of our hall to form a 14.5 sq m storeroom has been made. This would allow hall furniture to be cleared from the hall after use to give an open floor area. There was no objection.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY 16 March 2010 at
7.30pm**

**In the Village Hall
All Welcome**

EDITORIAL

It is interesting to note that although we have a COMMUNITY Council very few of us manage to attend the monthly meetings. Perhaps this is an indication of the involvement that most of us have in the COMMUNITY or in anything to do with our community.

How many of us pay any attention to the sound of a burglar alarm or car alarm - the usual reaction tends to be "there's that alarm again, can't they make sure it doesn't go off?"

This leads on to the recent burglary at Sunnyblink. Did any of us notice anything out of the ordinary that day? If so what did we do about it? After all, the position of the house is not hidden from the road.

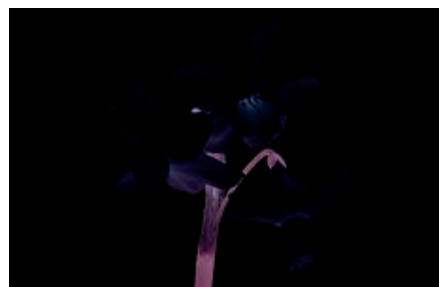
Neighbourhood Watch has been considered several years ago and there was no support for it at that time, is it worth considering again now that we no longer think that because we are not in the town we are safe from burglary? On the other hand it is worth mentioning that the email group for our community is being used for passing on information of a variety of sorts. Unfortunately there are a number of computer users in the area who get the information only when it is in the printed form of the Argus, that is their decision.

Editorial (contd)

Attention is drawn to the notice elsewhere in this issue, offering advice and help on security in your home. Don't miss it.

LOCAL RECYCLING

A decision on further development of the recycling centre and improvement of the car park is awaited from Morag Grant.



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