

**Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy Community Council Meeting of Monday 9th January
2006 Commenced 7.30pm**

Present : Chairman C Itani, R Leslie, M Gallagher, Caroline Young B Buist , R Itani

In Attendance : One member of the public.

Police - PC Roddy Wood

Cllr Grant (from 8.30pm)

Minutes taken by R Itani.

December minutes deemed accurate , proposed by M Gallagher, seconded by B Buist.

Matters arising : P2 – activity for youth.

M G spoke to Shona & Gail at YWCA , who feel that the main problem is a small group of 14 – 19 year olds, for whom a youth club had no appeal. Outreach work a more viable option.

CC to write to Rory Maidens of the Community Learning Dept, requesting that he carry out outreach work with local youth.

Eco Town – reply from P & K. Once we have more detailed plans / ideas available write to Ken McDonald at Economic Development.

Police Report

21 Crimes recorded

1 apprehension for drugs – heroin

4 acts of vandalism - 1 detected, 3 under investigation

1 cheque fraud - detected

2 drive offs at Lamb & Gardner (filling up petrol & driving off without paying !)

1 take and drive away - detected

Tools from boot stolen – still outstanding

999 Malicious calls detected

8 malicious/abusive texts 8 detected

2 domestics

21 “ youths causing annoyance” calls

Mini Motor bikes reported for noise and disturbance

Youths loitering and causing nuisance reported

Youths generating concerns climbing on rooftop of Clarks Workshop

Noisy Neighbour complaint under investigation

R L reported apparently abandoned vehicle in Grampian Country Foods car park.

Police seek public support reporting any unusual behaviour that could be linked to drug use, buying or selling. Heroin has been detected in Coupar Angus. The police encourage the public to report any sightings of unusual cars/ individuals that may be linked to drug dealing or supplying in the town.

All calls will be treated as confidential.

Right of Way: There have been problems for a long time with the pathway between High St and the Royal Hotel car park. Antisocial behaviour, noise, vandalism, using area as a toilet, “litter” of various types. Residents of that area are to be asked their views on the possibility of closing off through access.

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Planning/Trees/Pathway

Alteration and change of use from shop to Ground floor flat - 11 George St
Installation of a 50 metre tall wind monitoring mast for 24months – P Grewar Farm, Ardler.

Skatepark:

Ongoing Development nearing completion.

CART

Monthly meeting – Key Agenda point - Finalise stage 2 bid to Heritage lottery fund
Regular meetings - steady progress reported.

Treasurers Report

Treasurers Account £1230.82 Interest 91p (£150 deposited – Can adverts)
Paid out to Ardler Xmas Lights £75.00 Culross CAN £450.0

Councillors Report

- Former CO-OP building is on the market – the asking price is considerably less than any sum previously paid. (advertised on Nexthome.co.uk)
- Ardler Playpark – seat issue has been resolved. Alternative swings requested. Due to priority and strategy of Playpark equipment provision, it is not likely at this time that additional equipment could be provided, however Cllr Grant proposed that swapping the big swing chairs for baby swing chairs may be an option to look into.
- Faulty Tap in Larghan Park appears to be in working order
- Citizens Advice Bureau now available in Blairgowrie.
- War Memorial – Cllr Grant researching into funding for its maintenance.

Community Focus

**M G raised his suggestion to encourage individuals to attend CC meetings and speak on matters relevant to Community Council area without notice. At present this can be done by writing to secretary at least 7 days prior to meeting. .

If you have something to raise, come along , put your name and topic on the sederunt and you will be invited to address the meeting.

MG . Support sought again for small/portable plastic bottle recycling facilities to be distributed throughout the town . MG feels that more people would recycle if they did not have to TAKE stuff to Candlehouse Lane or Blairgowrie amenity skips. However drawbacks are that these can be a target for vandalism, also finding suitable sites pose problems. Cllr Grant stressed that recycling is expensive from a maintenance point of view, and can be an eye sore however if MG has supporters there is nothing stopping them independently undertaking the project. Letter of support for plastic recycling to be prepared.

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Correspondence

Invitation to Garden Party on 5th July 2006 – nomination to be returned by 8th February
Tayside Fire Brigade Questionnaire
Review of Community Councils Meeting Sat 21st Jan 10am – CI to attend
Countryside Trust Annual Report
Servite News
NHS Spectra
Invoice from Culross Printers
Ardler Anniversary Committee Xmas Donation Request
CART draft questionnaire
Scottish Water Info
SMP Playground Equipment
P&K Housing in Countryside Policy
P & K Reply to Housing enquiry
Business Perthshire magazine
Coupar Angus Table Lamp

AOCB

CAN well received through the whole community
Citizen of the Year Award Presentation- Tuesday February 7th 2006 – Coupar Angus Town Hall.
St Andrews Flags were not raised due to absent flag pole
Absent Xmas trees on Townhall raised – this to be addressed for next year.

**Next Meeting February 13th 2006 at 7.30pm.
Coupar Angus Town Hall.**

All Welcome !

**Do you have a Community Issue you would like to raise?
Please come along!**