

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN FINAL CONSULTATION STAGE

The proposed Local Development Plan 2014-2034 has been approved by Stirling Council and was published on 15 October. There will be an 8 week period for comments.

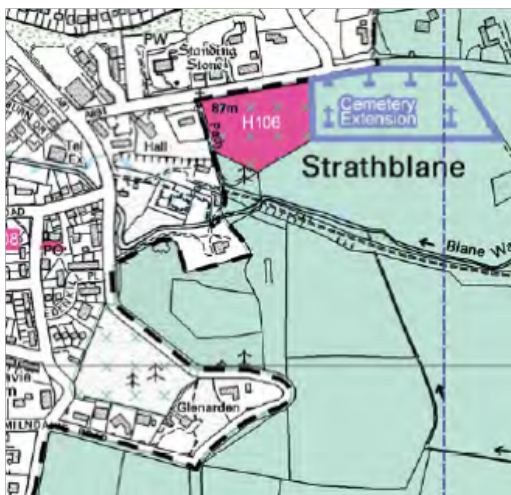
The Vision for the Stirling area in 2034; the detailed planning policies and land allocations; and the Overarching Policy & Sustainable Development Criteria that will apply to ALL developments are virtually unchanged from the draft plan which was consulted on locally in late 2011. Particular aspects affecting our community directly are:

- Green Belt strengthened in principle but redrawn in certain places.
- In "pressured" areas like ours, any development of 4 units or more should include 50% "affordable" housing.
- Land is to be allocated for 30 housing units on Campsie Rd site (H106 aka "Singh Field")
- Land is allocated for a Cemetery Extension beyond the Singh Field on Campsie Road
- The northern fringes of the Green Belt designation is deleted to the North side of B821 (Cuilt Road) & Auchineden areas.
- The field of trees below the Devil's Elbow is removed from the Green Belt, so that the south-eastern Green Belt boundary runs down the A81 into the village.

With regard to the site H106 Campsie Road ("Singh Field"), the plan recognises that this is a "Highly visible site requiring respect for sensitive settlement edge/ countryside setting." A robust Green Belt boundary must be established, partly by the cemetery extension (in the Green Belt) and by "additional tree planting to create a permanent new edge to the settlement". There is proposal for a new footway over frontage to

meet existing footway at Station Lofts and a new crossing facility to assist safe route to school. A T-junction would be made onto Campsie Road and the 30 mph limit would be extended beyond the new access point.

**HAVE YOUR SAY —
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INFORMATION SOURCES

Strathblanefield website -

www.strathblanefield.org.uk

Library; Noticeboards; Shops;;
Local weekly press; and the

Facebook Strathblanefield Group

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October Community Council

In this brief report we highlight major items dealt with at the October Community Council meeting. Some of these are followed up elsewhere in the Bulletin. Full minutes are available on the village website and noticeboards.

Planning correspondent John Gray reported the publication (on Oct. 15th) of the **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN** now approved by Stirling Council. The details of what will become an important issue in the community over the next few weeks are fully covered on pages 1 & 2 of this issue.

Progress on Stirling's **SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT** was reported. The SOA is the process by which community planning partners (LA; Health Board; Police; Fire; Regional Transport Board; Sustrans; and communities themselves) agree both priorities for spending and the outcomes (results) for communities. Margaret Vass and other SCC members have been active in the SW Stirling Community Forum's attempts to raise the profile of communities and the accountability of service providers in the next SOA. November

sees the next stage of the process. It can be followed at "Your Community Portal" on the SC website.

Willie Oswald reported continuing concerns about the footpaths going out of the village in either direction. They are dangerously impassable and using the bus at night proves risky as people have to walk, without adequate lighting, on the road. Information has been emailed to SC about this detailing the problems: on the A81 West to the care home and South to the Country House Hotel; and the A891 – no footpath to Dunglass View. A concerted **PAVEMENT CAMPAIGN** including a **PETITION**. (5 businesses, 25 residents or the CC itself can cause a petition to be heard by the petitions committee of Stirling Council) was proposed and the CC unanimously agreed a two-pronged attack – the Community Council submitting a petition and organise another for residents at large.

We had a further presentation from **SCOTTISH WATER** on their generation proposal. Site access remains a concern. They will provide a detailed piece for the next BVB.

Would you be willing to sponsor an issue of the Blane Valley Bulletin?

Our initial grant funding for the Bulletin runs out in November and with very limited core funding to ensure our future the SCC needs to find local sponsors for 7 or 8 issues per year at a cost of £125 an issue.

Business sponsors would get a banner acknowledgement across the bottom of the front page — of a newsheet which goes to every household in the community.

To find out more email cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

COOP UPDATE

The Coop tell us that:

- (a) following a slight delay work on the shop will begin in the next few weeks to completed in early February; and
- (b) space does not permit a toilet for public use.

The issues concerning **parking and deliveries** have been referred to the Coop Depot and Property Dept. The CC will be represented at a site visit from Stirling Roads Dept. next week.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS POST

The 36th Forth Valley Scout Group are running Christmas Post this year for all your Christmas Card deliveries in the Strathblane, Blanefield, Carbeth and Mugdock areas.

Stamps will cost 20p and all income will go towards Scout funds. Please look out for posters telling you where you can buy stamps and post your cards in the next few weeks. The Scouts will deliver all the cards between 10-15 December 2012.

Please use Royal Mail for all deliveries outside the places listed above.

The Village Club is available for club activities and private parties. Contact Elspeth Posnett for availability (Tel: 700113) or Keith Vass (Tel: 770131)

Local Development Plan Final Consultation Stage HAVE YOUR SAY :

- Public and organisations can make representations on the proposed LDP until Monday 10 December 2012. Stirling's website will have an **online consultation form**. See www.stirling.gov.uk/localdevplan
- **PUBLIC MEETING 5th November 2012** : Half of the next Community Council meeting on will be dedicated to discussion of the proposed LDP.
- The next issue of the **Blane Valley Bulletin** will report on that meeting. The Community Council will finalise its response to the Proposed LDP at its December meeting.
- Email us your thoughts: cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

Action Day on the Old Railway Line Path

The October 7th Action Day, instigated by Willie Oswald and supported by Countryside Ranger Doug Flynn was a great success with 28 participants — interestingly many more female than male, with very few young men.

West of the steep steps the aspect is now much more open, with a lot more room for horses to keep clear of pedestrians, though there will still be very muddy sections in the wet.



Sadly, within a day, the areas improved for pedestrians had hoof marks and parts had been churned up. It is a shame there are a few irresponsible horse riders who give their group a bad name.

We all hope that 2013 might see a more substantial track upgrade.

November Community Council Meeting

Although we will also be dealing with significant regular items, half of our next meeting on Monday 5th November at 7.30pm in the school will take the form of a **PUBLIC MEETING** to discuss the **Local Development Plan** (See Pages 1 and 2)

This is your chance to add your view to the Community reaction to the plan proposals as they affect us.

STRATHBLANEFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Project & Group Updates:

Music for Young People is now in full swing (see the box on the right) and proving popular.

The **Path Development Group** will be applying this month for funding for a feasibility study as a first stage of the upgrade of the old railway path along to Station Road Blanefield.

Once the Lease documentation for the **Church Bothy** is concluded (Oct/Nov) plans for a proposed heritage centre will be prepared for consultation.

2013 should also see consultation on plans for a **MUGA / recreational games area** for teenagers near the toddlers' playpark which is currently under investigation.

Publication of the **Interpretive Walks Leaflet** is also due in the New Year.

SCDT EGM and AGM - October 10th

With some two dozen members present the new Articles of Association, the 2012/2013 Business Plan and re-election of three Board members were approved. Minutes of 2011 EGM and AGM were proposed and seconded and satisfactory Financial Accounts was presented. Reporting on an active year Gordon Ash highlighted Allotments, Carbon Neutral Group, Greenheart and the Summer Fair/Jubilee weekend festivities as well as commenting on current projects before announcing that he would be stepping down as Chairperson after the AGM. A new Chairperson will be appointed at next Board meeting. There followed a vote of thanks to Gordon (along with Lorna Ash & Sue Graves).

Music for Young People

A series of weekly Thursday evening sessions started on October 4th 7-9pm in Strathblane Primary School. Ideal for 11 - 13 and 14-18 age groups interested in tuition, playing/jams, singing or just listening.

For more information

Contact Gordon Ash 01360 771044 or

Franqui Ritchie 07795 404023

Sponsored by Stirling Youth Services

The SCDT is keen to co-opt a new Board member and needs to recruit a new Administrator for 2013. Anyone interested in either role should email cdt@strathblanefield.org.uk

LAUNCH PARTY FOR NOW & THEN BOOK Friday October 26 7.30pm to 9pm, Village Club.

Many of you will have read the piece in Saturday's Herald Magazine on Anne Johnstone and Martin Sheilds new book '*Stathblane & Blanefield: Now & Then*'. Using old and new photographs it captures our changing village community over the last 100 - 150 years. This beautifully produced volume - made possible through the help of many present and past local residents - will be launched at the Village Club on the evening of October 26th.

Please come along, bring your friends and have a glass of wine and some nibbles and buy copies signed by the authors at an introductory price of £10 per copy. (From December 11th it will cost £12.99.)

Copies can also be bought at Strathblane Library and Pestle & Mortar in the village, and at Milngavie Bookshop.

It can be ordered online at Strathblanefield.org.uk

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

MON 22nd	7.30-8.30	Cubs Re-launching in Scout Hall. Contact Alan Campbell 01419566505 or ac@aritin.co.uk
TUES 23rd	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Book Group in Library
FRI 26th	From 7.30 to 9pm	Book Launch - Strathblane: & Blanefield Now & Then in the Village Club. Meet the authors, have a glass of wine and buy your copies.
SAT 27th	4pm	Autumn Celebration for all Primary School children Book through ynnej1@talktalk.net or at the library
SUN 28th	10am - 4pm	Life Drawing Day - with delicious lunch and tutoring (if required) by Gareth Reid (GSA) £45 All levels welcome. Contact garethreid@ntlworld.com or phone: 07795 093905 to book a place.
MON 29th	7.30pm	Guild McGowans the Jewellers on 'Jewellery through the Ages' in the Kirk Rooms
TUES 30th	7.30pm	Bob Sharp - Search & Rescue Dogs: talk with slides , in Strathblane Library This is a ticketed event. Please book in advance at the Library
TUES 30th	7 pm	Mens' Steak Night Blane Valley Inn - All welcome. (Book directly with the Blane Valley Inn)

NOVEMBER

THURS 1st	11am - 12	Local Walk Organised by Active Stirling Meet at Car Park opposite Strathblane Kirk
THURS 1st	2 - 2.45pm	Health Walk Organised by Active Stirling . Meet Blanefield War Memorial
THURS 1st	1.45 - 3pm	Coffee Hut - every Thursday in term time in the Kirk Rooms
SAT 3rd	10am -12	Charity Christmas Card Sale in the Kirk Rooms
SUN 4th		Smithy Gallery Winter Exhibition opens For more Info: http://www.smithygallery.co.uk
SUN 4th	1pm	Jam Session in Village Club. All welcome.
MON 5th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council monthly meeting incorporating the Public Meeting on the revised LDP in the Primary School. Come along and give us your views. (see Pp1 & 2)
WED 7th	2.30pm	Bookbug - Songs and Hymns for babies and toddlers
SUN 11th	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Gather at War Memorial. Parade to Strathblane Church for 11.30
MON 12th	7.30pm	Guild - Scripture Union's Ann Allen <i>Personal Reflections</i> in the Kirk Rooms
WED 14th	7.30pm	Heritage Society - Ton Furniss presents James Hutton in Village Club
MON 19th		Guild Week - Afternoon Outing to Mugdock Country Park Theatre
MON 20th	7.30pm	Strathblane Reading Group in the Library
MON 26th	7.30pm	Guild - Crossreach Heart for Art in the Kirk Rooms
SAT 24th	7.30pm	Tennis Club Quiz Night in Village Club

EDENKILN SURGERY NEWS

More Flu Clinics coming up -
contact the surgery at 01360 770340 for details
Prescriptions online at www.edenkilnsurgery.com

Sorry if we missed your event in this month's Community Calendar. Send us all your **Christmas & New Year events** for the next issue - the last of 2012. Copy date of Saturday 12 November - by email if possible to

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