

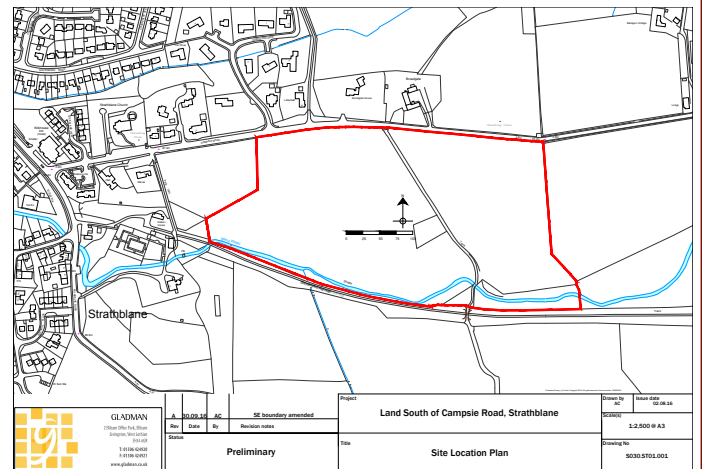
BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet October 2016 No 46

More Houses for Campsie Road?

Community View — There were prolonged consultations leading to our Community Action Plan (2011) and successive rounds of discussion on subsequent Local Development Plan proposals for our villages. The community agreed that the Cala Development on Campsie Road would be LAST development in this location with the boundary with the Green Belt being created by a new cemetery provided by Stirling Council. This has been backed by the Council and is consistent with the conclusions reached by the Reporter who examined the Local Development Plan —“Further low density westerly expansion would have an unacceptable impact on the countryside and Green Belt”.

New Housing Proposals — Strathblane Community Council and Stirling Council have now received a "pre application notice" (PAN) from Gladman Developments. The PAN is an initial stage aimed at helping developers, the community and other interested parties to iron out any issues before the potential submission of a formal planning application. A PAN is required for major developments that may be housing proposals of 50 or more dwellings or housing sites of 2 hectares or more. This PAN is suggesting the creation of a residential development and a cemetery. The site on the eastern periphery of Strathblane adjacent to the new Cala houses covers two fields that are divided by a track leading over the Blane Water and the Strathkelvin Railway Path.



The proposed new housing site on Campsie Road

Consultation The PAN is the start of a 3 month consultation between the applicant and the community. Gladman Developments are holding a **Drop-in Ssession** at the Village Club on **Monday 31st October from 3-7pm**.

It is vital that as many people as possible go along to find out what the development proposals are and that you express your views on what is being proposed.

Gladman Developments will have to produce a pre-application consultation report in which the views of those who 'drop in' on October 31st will be reported to the Council.

Will our cash-strapped Council change its mind if they are offered a "free" cemetery?

Reporting Faults — The Community Council is pleased to be alerted to problems which community members discover with public services and facilities. It allows us to take them up with our 'planning partners' - Stirling Council, Health Board, Police etc..

But it is also important, especially in the case of Stirling Council, that everyone reports faults and issues in such areas as roads, street lighting, paths direct to the council at info@stirling.gov.uk or 0845 2777000 . And use your local councillors too (contact details on Page 2)

Why not join the growing number of local businesses and individuals who SPONSOR issues of the Bulletin?

Businesses can include an advertising flyer which will go to every household.

Contact cc@strathblanefield.org.uk for more details.

October Community Council Update *from Chair, Margaret Vass*

It was great to see attendance at our CC was back to the usual good attendance by residents. We are aware that the school does not have the best acoustics and that it is not always easy to hear what is being said. We are looking at permanently moving to the Village Club where we also have access to wifi.

Health and Social Care: Marian reported that Larbert now has a discharge lounge to free up beds more quickly to allow patients to wait for medication and their lift home. There is also a rapid access clinic for elderly patients where multiple tests can be carried out in one day for speedier diagnosis. The ambulance service is currently recruiting more paramedics. Emergencies will go to the nearest hospital but non emergencies will be taken to Larbert.

Roads took up a lot of our discussion with Gordon MacLachlan telling us about arrangements for the road closure. Once again it was clear that working in silos is alive and well in roads as he was unable to tell us about arrangements for buses during the closure as that was another persons responsibility. We stressed the importance of getting diversion signage correct and trying to avoid Old Mugdock Road being used as a rat run. The importance of clearing gullies before the road closure was stressed to stop water streaming across the new surface. The top of Kirkhouse Road will be resurfaced in November. We are still waiting to hear about the traffic calming measures on Campsie Road, when the anti slip surface will be applied

The next SCC meeting is at 7.30pm on **Monday November 7th** in the Primary School.

Please come along and give us your views.

Copy Date for the November BVB is **Monday November 21st**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to Christmas to cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

to the Stockiemuir Rd junction and if the pavement before the bridge on Station Rd will be improved. It is really important that residents report problems as if there are lots of complaints we are more likely to have them improved.

Broadband is still a regular topic. Residents are reminded to check out the reports on Killearn CC website which contain information about our area. We also understand that Virgin are considering installing cable for the village and BT are exploring ways to enhance broadband for the Scout camp which could have benefits for our outlying areas. Cllr Graham Lambie was asked to investigate the very poor broadband at the library which is preventing computer classes being held at the library.

Community Council Elections — We hope to have a full Community Council of 12 members after the elections.

A **Community Partnership event** was held at Balfron High on 20th September. Pupils were able to hear about local volunteering opportunities. We are yet to see if this approach to young people bears fruit.

After-School Buses from Balfron High School

An emerging issue which will feature at our November meeting is the apparent decision by Stirling Council, taken without consultation, to start charging pupils who use buses for journeys home following after-school activities. We will be taking this up with Stirling Council, along with neighbouring Community Councils, including Balfron and Killearn..

Edenkiln Surgery.

Surgery closed for staff training from 12.30 on November 23rd. 'Flu jabs by appointment. We can be contacted at 01360 770340. For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at www.edenkilnsurgery.com
For out of hours help contact NHS24 at 202

Emergency Phone Numbers

Ambulance — 999 Fire — 999 NHS 24 — 202 Police — 999 [for non-emergency calls - 101]

MAKING CONTACT with the SCC Email us at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

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Strathblane Ward

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Sue Rand 770630

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Rob Davies 771921

INFORMATION SOURCES: Strathblanefield website at www.strathblanefield.org.uk
Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; and the **Facebook** Strathblanefield Group

STIRLING COUNCIL

Councillors' Surgeries are usually at 7pm on SCC meeting nights in the Primary School

Report faults at info@stirling.gov.uk or ring 0845 2777000

Join My Stirling at www.stirling.gov.uk for updates

Past Times Coasters for Christmas

Following the success of the Strathblane & Blanefield Now & Then book, the SCDT has taken delivery of 60 sets of attractive drinks mats, just in time for your Christmas shopping. Each set comes boxed with a free leaflet by Now & Then author Anne Johnstone, explaining the historical background of the scenes in the photographs. Proceeds will go towards future local history projects in the area.

Strathblane & Blanefield Past Times coasters can be purchased from Strathblane Library, Pestle & Mortar Delicatessen and the Smithy Art Gallery for £12 per set.

Enquiries to anne@annebalfour.com



Strathblane Bowling Club *presents*

The Allander Jazz Band

A music night for all in the Edmondstone Hall
on Saturday November 12th 7.30pm for 8pm
Tickets £15 for members and non-members include
snacks, sandwiches & nibbles from caterers Table 13

BYOB

Tickets available by contacting Don Jackson

call/text mob: 07738449787

email: jacksondonald@sky.com

Youth Sports

YOUTH SPORTS restarted on Wednesday 19th October— Wednesdays in term time in the Edmondstone Hall, 7pm - 8.30pm. Any children aged between Primary 5 and S2 are welcome to come along.

The cost is £1 per night and there is also a tuck shop.'

The Village Club — enquiries and bookings:

www.villageclub1911.org

email — strathblanevc@gmail.com or

Contact — Fiona Murray 01360 771497

(Office hours only please)

Strathblane Primary School 50th

Anniversary — Events and Projects

Rachel Allen writes: All the children have been very busy preparing for the celebrations with different classes learning about different aspects of change over those 50 years. **Community members are warmly invited to two events:**

The Great Strathblane Story -

1.45pm on Thursday Oct. 27th (Tickets from the school).

The School wishes to thank the Community Council for sourcing a grant and the Parent Council for a donation to pay the £1500 cost of the show, produced in cooperation with Tapsalteerie Theatre and the Smith Art Gallery & Museum.

Open Afternoon in the School to Display Childrens' Work — 1.45pm on Friday October 28th

As part of the celebrations the school has also chosen two fundraising focus projects:

First, to improve ICT by raising £8000 for a Laptop Trolley with 20 Laptops. The School is grateful to the fundraisers (and contributors) who have already raised enough to buy 20 second-hand desktop computers and nine brand new chrome books!

Second, to install a **daily mile track** in the school playground. The school is grateful to Alan Dickson and his team from Gledes who cleared a huge area along the edges of the playground to start the project. The school is now seeking funding sources to help install a more permanent path.

If individuals or businesses would like to contribute to the 50th Anniversary campaign please contact the school office. Please check the website to keep in touch with what is happening at Strathblane Primary School.

Blanefield House Care Home working with Strathblane Primary School

For twelve weeks from Sept. 15th SPS pupils will be taking part in various activities within the home. Managing Director Miss Puja is "delighted with their enthusiasm for inter-generational communication within the community."



Strathblane Church Guild Presents

The Exalt Choir

Monday 31st October at 7.30pm in Strathblane Church

All Welcome

Innes Sherwood Thompson — GUYANA 2017

Innis is a 6th year pupil at Balfron HS from strathblane who has been selected to teach Maths and Science for a year in Guyana and must raise £6,200. Innis is offering

Babysitting, Car-washing and Gardening Services.

Contact him at 07582468965 or go to his fundraising page at virginmoneygiving.com/innisST

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

TUES 25th	7.30pm	Book Group- Spice Stories Yasmin from Scotia Spice will give an interactive evening on spices.VERY limited places available please ring to 01360 770737 in Strathblane Library
THUR 27th	10.30pm	Spookbug @ the Library - Rhymes & stories for toddlers & pre-schoolers with families
THUR 27th	1.45pm	SPS 50th - The Great Strathblane Story. All welcome.Tickets from the school
FRI 28th	1.15pm	Storytime & Craft Session in Strathblane Library. Pumpkin Stories for Halloween. Please book a place strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk or 770737
FRI 28th	1.45pm -	SPS 50th - Open Afternoon to display Childrens' Work - All welcome
SAT 29th	7.30-11.30	70s & 80s Party Night for BHS Ecuador Expedition in the Village Club - P 3 for Details
MON 31st	3 - 7pm	Planning Proposal Drop-in Session in the Village Club - See Page 1 for details
MON 31st	7.30pm	Guild — Exalt Choir in Strathblane Church. All welcome.

NOVEMBER

TUES 1st	10.30—11.30am	Strathblane Yoga Club in the Village Club. Contact elainelovesyoga@live.com or just drop in. (For other Village Club classe go to : http://villageclub1911.org/whats-on/)
TUES 1st	7.15pm	Film Group -Watch at home then come and share your thoughts over coffee. Several copies of the film are available to hire at a special Film Group price here at the library!
MON 7th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Primary School. All welcome
THUR 10th	10.30pm	Baby Bookbug - specially chosen rhymes and songs for babies in the library
SAT 5th	10am	Guild Christmas Card Sale in the Kirk Rooms
SAT 5th	7.30pm	Duncan McCrone Band in Village Cub. Tickets: from Library or Dick Arnold - 770006.
THUR 10th	6.30-9.30	Open Evening at Pestle & Mortar - complementary drinks & nibbles; Christmas stock display and tasters; hampers & gifts to order
FRI 11th	1.30pm	Storytime - in Strathblane Library
SAT 12th	7.30-8pm	Bowling Club Jazz Night - look out for details Contact Don Jackson (see P.3)
SUN 13th	2 -4pm	Traditional Jam Session in the Village Club. All welcome (Contact G Thom 771613)
WED 16th	7.30pm	Heritage Society - A Vet's Life by Robbie Brechin in the Village Club. All welcome
SAT 19th	7.30pm	The James Honey Band with Jane Button on vocals live at the Edmonstone Hall to raise money for School for Life Romania.Tickets £12 Katie Goodier 07985 970890
MON 21st	All day	Scottish Book Week Love Your Library Day — Coffee, Cake and a chance to support your local library - in Strathblane Library
TUES 22nd	7.30pm	November Book Group - for Scottish Book Week The incomers by Moira McPartlin
THURS 24th	11.30 -1pm	Library Drop-in Session for tablets & iPads - learn how to load Stirling Libraries E-books and free magazines on your home tablets
THURS 24th	10.30-11	MacBookbug - usual favourites with some extra Scottish rhymes, in the library
FRI 25rd	1.30pm	Storytime Stories with a Scottish theme for pre-school & nursery children in the Library

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