

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet September 2013 No.15

Community Council elections are about to happen!

Your community needs you! Don't just think about it, get yourself nominated! If you moan about issues then do something about them, there are plenty of moans on the Strathblanefield Facebook page so lots of you care!

Over the last 4 years we have achieved much along with others in the community but we need new members with energy to help us achieve more for our community. It can be a lot of fun too! You can make a difference by becoming a Community Councillor so do it!

- We have improved communication and accountability through this Bulletin.
- We have organised the Jubilee and Christmas events.
- We have organised and planted the tubs.
- We have supported the Lunch Club to ensure it was able to continue.
- We will have a defibrillator in the village soon.
- We have provided space for discussion and seeking consensus on contentious issues, like allotments and affordable housing.
- We have had success with our footpaths fit for purpose petition.
- We achieved traffic management improvements including, along with the Primary School, the puffin crossing.
- We have got the village on the map for roads maintenance at last.
- We have defended the green belt through the new Local Development Plan.
- We have pioneered emergency planning for winter weather.
- We helped to establish the Blane Residents Association and have fully supported them with the contaminated land issue using our networks.

Nine of the current community councillors have decided to stand again but there are twelve seats, divided between three Wards (**map on Page 2**). We are short of one in the Blanefield Ward, and two in the Mugdock Ward which actually covers most of Strathblane. Our priority is to fill all twelve seats, it would be even better if we had contested elections! You can only be elected for the ward you live in. So please come forward and support your community. WE NEED YOU!

NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER.

Contact any of us and we will help you get involved.

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MAKING CONTACT

Email the SCC at

cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

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| Alan Hutton | 770537 |
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| Willie Oswald | 770497 |
| Elsbeth Posnett | 770113 |
| Sue Rand | 770630 |

INFORMATION SOURCES

Strathblanefield website at

www.strathblanefield.org.uk

Library; Noticeboards; Shops;
Local weekly press; and the
Facebook Strathblanefield Group

Current & past issues of the Bulletin can be downloaded from the village website

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

Here we focus on the major issues discussed at the September meeting the full minute is available as usual on the website and the village noticeboards.

Dog Fouling Campaign. As featured elsewhere on this page we agreed that of our anti-dog fouling campaign would take place from September 30th to October 13th with a 'Dog Dirt Survey' on Oct 4th (volunteers please). The prizes for the winning poster and paragraph will be presented at a school assembly during the campaign.

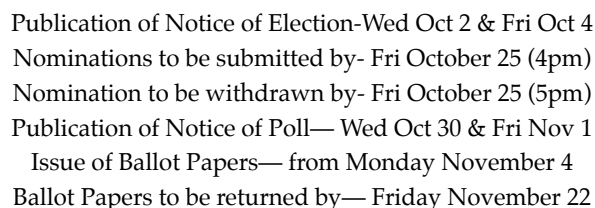
Housing for Older People. We have a standing offer of up to six old people's bungalows from SC if we can find sites for them. Similar houses are currently under construction in Killearn. The CC would welcome any suggestions for suitable sites.

Planning Items. Perhaps the most significant issue this month concerned the application to extend the time period to infill the Muirhouse Quarry site by eight years. The past ‘poor housekeeping’ and rectification of damage causing flooding problems on the A81 will be highlighted in the CC response.

With a £750 Community Pride grant for publicity materials and the help of our local primary school pupils the campaign will run from from September 30th until October 13th. On Friday 4th October we will do a dog dirt survey around the school and offending piles would be highlighted using luminous spray paint! Volunteering contact Elspeth Posnett (770113) This is judged by a 'before and after' comparison at least once a year.. (Poster by Kyle H)



The level of dog fouling in Strathblane is extremely high and people ignore the signs that say "pick up your dog's business" that are in Strathblane. There are also signs in the children's play area in the park that say "keep your dog on a lead," but some people ignore these as well and don't watch what their dogs are doing then their dog ends up fouling without the owner realizing; then when kids go to play they end up standing in it. There are also some signs in the school playground that say "no dogs," but some people ignore them too mostly on the weekends, school holidays or after school hours, and then if their owners are not looking sometimes the dogs do it there.



Ways to give us your views or alert us to issues: email the Community Council at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk ; contact one of your Community Councillors directly (phone nos. on Page 1); come along to Community Council meetings.

STRATHBLANEFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Path Development Group

Street Audit Training Day — On Saturday September 7th the PDG participated in a very useful Street Audit Training session — organised by Penny Stoddard, Access Officer, Stirling Council and run by Penny Morriss, Community Co-ordinator for Living Streets Scotland — in the course of which we 'audited' the footpaths in Station Road and on Glasgow Road up to the Village Club. The results of that exercise will be collated in the next couple of weeks and will, we hope, provide a valuable starting point both for a campaign to make some very difficult places passable for all kinds of path users and for a more extensive review of footpath problems in the villages. We will organise a presentation of our findings and at that point will be very keen to get the views of footpath users throughout the villages.

Railway Path Plans - Drop-in Session—We now have the consultant's final report on the Railway Path Upgrading project and the plans will be on display in the Village Club—they will also be posted on the village website—from 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday September 25th. Come along and see what is proposed, and give us your views, as we move to the next stage or fund-raising.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the SCDT will be held in the Village Club on **Wednesday 23rd October 2013** at **7pm**. All current members are eligible to attend. Copies of the relevant documents and the Agenda will be sent out to members by e-mail prior to the meeting and a copy will be available in the library and on the village website www.strathblanefield.org.uk/.

Robert Davy, Chair SCDT

First World War Project — Remembering those from our villages who died

Next year, Aug 4th 2014, marks the centenary of the start of the First World War. At present a small group of people, in association with the SCDT, local Churches, & the Heritage Society, are researching the 27 names of those who died in the 'Great War' & whose names are inscribed on the Strathblane War Memorial. It is hoped to produce a booklet telling their stories, to commemorate these men, all of whom were connected in some way to the village.

We would like to hear from any people/relatives who know any of the 1st World War soldiers on the War Memorial & who would be willing to recount & share memories or photographs which have been passed down to them. Perhaps some people just have their own family memories/photographs of life in Strathblane around the time of the First World War. We would like to think that the outcome would enable local residents & organisations, involving all ages, to engage with their heritage & develop their understanding of the First World War & perhaps put forward other ideas to mark this centenary.

If you are unable to visit the War Memorial, the names can be seen online by searching for 'Strathblane War Memorial'. If you have any memories/stories/ photographs please contact Lynne James at 01360 770737, jamesl@stirling.gov.uk or just pop into the library, or Murray O'Donnell at 01360 770748.

More Road works! A number of residents have been without a phone for several weeks now and Stirling Council have reluctantly had to accept that BT has a major fault in the village and will have to dig up part of the newly surfaced Glasgow Road causing more disruption. SC will use new powers to ensure that the road surface is fully restored to its current condition.

DID YOU NOTICE THE TUBS?

We have had a good show in our flower tubs this summer but now is the time to plant for the autumn and donations are required to enable us to buy plants and bulbs for winter flowering. Please help to keep our village's floral splendour. Contact: Elspeth Posnett on 01360 770113

Guides Autumn Fayre

Saturday October 5th 11am - 1pm

All donations gratefully accepted of jumble (in good condition) including toys, books, bric-a-bac and electrical items (no white goods). Also required: donations for the home baking and jar jamboree stalls; and Guide, Rainbow and Brownie uniforms, dancing kit or school uniforms — but no other clothes, no videos or items that won't fit into a car boot.

The Scout Hall, Dumbrock Road, will be open to accept items on the evenings of Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October 7-9pm or on the morning of the Fayre between 9 & 10.. To have items uplifted call Trish Taylor (770595) or Pamela Smith (07920 048510).

Thank you for your support.

November Fundraiser for your Diary

The James Honey Band starring the incredibly talented JANE BUTTON on vocals is playing at the Edmonstone Hall on Saturday 16th November at 7.30pm

All proceeds will go to the charity School for Life Romania, raising vital funds to provide education and activities for institutionalised orphaned young adults with disabilities in Siret, Northern Romania.

Tickets on sale from 30th September from Katie Goodier 771125/ 07985 970890. Book early to avoid disappointment! For more information go to www.schoolforliferomania.org

IT CLASSES are fully booked for September & October but the Library may be willing to take a list of names for November classes. Phone: 770737.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

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| TUES 24th | 7.30pm | Senior Citizens — Enrolment and speaker from Erskine Hospital in the Edmonstone Hall. Anyone interested is made most welcome. Contact Lorna Young (771705) |
| WED 25th | 7.30pm | Heritage Society - Alan McBride on The Blane Valley in the Village Club |
| WED 25th | 2.30pm | Bookbug — bouncing rhymes & songs & stories for babies and toddlers in. Strathblane Library |
| WED 25th | 7 -9pm | Railway Path Plans - Drop-in Session in the Village Club |

OCTOBER

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| WED 2nd | 6.30 - 7.30 | Mindful YOGA Class in Village Club £6 Or £30 for 6 week block. Contact Tracy Macfarlane 078963342573 or Tracy@mindbodyyoga.co.uk |
| FRI 4th | 4.30 - 6.30 | Messy Church — Fun for all the family in the Kirk Rooms. £6 per family. |
| FRI 4th | 1.30pm | Storytime in Strathblane Library |
| FRI 4th | 7.30pm | Concert - Flutes en Route (Scotland's foremost Flute Quartet) at St Mary's Church Aberfoyle. Tickets @ £10 - book online at http://www.stmarychurchaberfoyle.org.uk/id32.html |
| SAT 5th | 10 - 4pm | Autumn Harvest Extravaganza - Flower Festival, Tea & coffee at St Mary's Aberfoyle |
| SAT 5th | 11 - 1pm | Guides Autumn Fayre - in the Scout Hall - Further details on page 3 |
| SUN 6th | 1 - 4pm | Autumn Harvest Extravaganza - Flower Festival, Tea & coffee at St Mary's Aberfoyle |
| MON 7th | 7.30pm | Strathblane Community Council in the Primary School. All welcome. |
| MON 7th | 7.30pm | Guild — Start of new season of fortnightly meetings in the Kirk Rooms |
| TUES 8th | 7.30pm | Senior Citizens — Quiz Night in the Edmonstone Hall. |
| WED 9th | 6.30 - 7.30 | Mindful YOGA Class in Village Club |
| TUE 15th | 2 -3pm | Holiday Craft & Story Session for Primary age children in. Strathblane Library |
| TUE 15th | 7.30pm | Bookgroup - in Strathblane Library |
| WED 16th | 7.30pm | Heritage Society - Alistair Dinsmoor presents a history of Glasgow police in the Village Club |
| FRI 18th | &.30pm | Film Night in the Kirk Rooms |

Please send us all late-October and November events for the Calendar and other items for the next Bulletin by the Copy day - **Monday October 14th** - to cc@strathblanefield.org.uk and:

Why not sponsor or part-sponsor an issue of the BVB ?

Dunbartonshire Wind Ensemble has started rehearsals again on a Tuesday night from 1900 to 2100 in Douglas Academy, Milngavie. If you or anyone you know who plays woodwind, brass or percussion is interested in a fun evening playing music why don't you come along? Open to all ages from 10 upwards. More details can be found at <http://www.dwemusic.org/WindEnsemble.htm>

EDENKILN SURGERY NEWS

Our Flu day will be 9th October from 7am until 6pm—just drop in. For those it does not suit other days will be arranged
The surgery can be contacted at 01360 770340 For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at www.edenkilnsurgery.com

Police Surgery Times for October at the Office in Strathblane Primary School (as always crime permitting)

Wednesday 2nd 3 - 4pm
Monday 7th 6.30 - 7.30pm
Tuesday 15th 7 - 8pm
Wednesday 23rd 5 - 6pm
Thursday 31st 3 - 4pm

The Village Club is available for club activities and private parties. Contact Elspeth Posnett (Tel: 770113) or Keith Vass (Tel: 770131).

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