

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet September 2015 No 35

Stirling Local Development Plan Community Council to take a view — Let us know what you think

By the time you read this you will have had the chance to attend the Drop-in Session run by Stirling Council Planning Department in the Village Club. You can still go to the Stirling Council website to view the proposals

The only specific recommendation from the planners for our community—outlined by Council Planning Officer Alistair Gemmell in the August Bulletin—is 'for 30 houses on the now-cleared conifer plantation which lies to the south of the A81' in Strathblane (see the plan below).

The Community Council will decide on its comments on behalf of the community at a **special meeting in the Primary School on Monday September 21st at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to attend and give their views and we are keen to get your comments before the meeting. You can either make your views known to community council members or email us at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk.

You are of course free to make your comments directly to Stirling Council. The Main Issues Report and related documents are available on the Local Development Plan webpage: www.stirling.gov.uk/localdevplan and copies have been sent to the Community Council and the Library. Stirling Council welcomes views and comments on any aspect of the MIR. These should be submitted in writing on or before October 9th 2015.

A REMINDER that you can...

Have Your Say in Stirling Council's Priority Based Budgeting (PPB) Exercise

Stirling Council is once again seeking the public's views on Budget proposals. The latest round of **Community Conversations**, which provide 'a forum for you to sit down face to face with council managers' takes place in with a session at Balfron Campus from 7 to 9pm on **Monday September 28th**

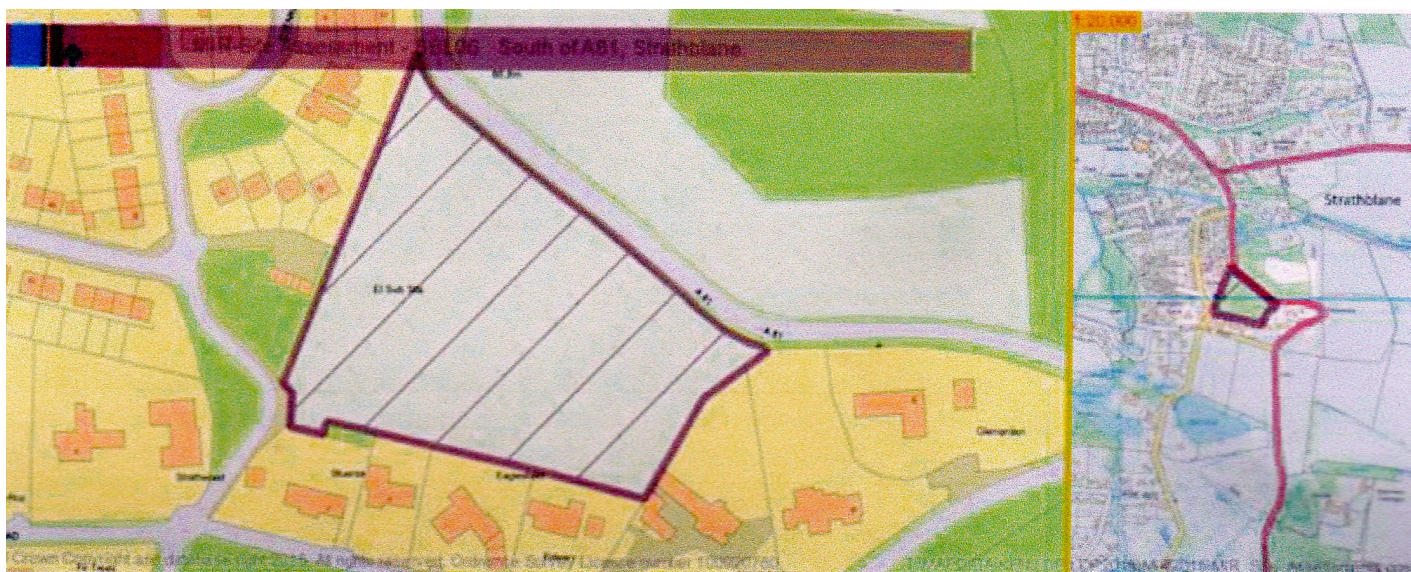
In addition you can submit ideas by email to

shapingstirlingsfuture@stirling.gov.uk

A New 'Peoples' Forum'

The PPB process is now working in a more dynamic way, with the aim of developing ideas throughout the year rather than confining most of the discussion to the budget-setting period. As part of this a new Peoples' Forum is being established to seek the public's views on specific proposals whenever they arise. If you would like to be involved with this you can register by emailing as above.

Background papers on the first two years of PBB can be found on the Stirling Council website at <http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/council-and-government/shapingstirling/pbb-year-one>



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Community Council September Update — from SCC Chair Margaret Vass

Our meeting on the 7th September had an action packed agenda! I am maybe exaggerating a bit but this is all work that must/should be done on behalf of everyone in our community.

—**New Community Council Member**—I am delighted to report that the CC agreed to co-opt Rob Davies onto our council. This means we have the full complement of 12 members—our highest level of representation for a long time.

—**The Scottish Water project** really is coming to an end in October. When all the plant is moved off site final work will begin to restore the track, bridge and river bank.

—Yet again we had **no police presence** at our meeting but we did have a report. Very little of note has taken place. We have asked the police to check on parking around the school, and local residents are concerned about young people congregating in the Park Place and playground area at the start of weekends. A work party will be organised to clear vegetation to help residents keep an eye on what is going on.

—Stirling Council will be planting **fruit trees and wildflowers in Park Place** to reduce the amount of grass cutting required. Local residents have been consulted.

There is still confusion about **which hospitals** we should go to; **Larbert or the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow**. Ambulances would appear to have to take you to Larbert. Concern was also raised about the time taken for ambulances to arrive. We will be writing to the ambulance service and copying the letter to Bruce Crawford MSP. If anyone has examples

of problems please let Marian Lever know.

—We will have representation at a meeting to be held in Killearn on the **health and social care integration** strategic plan. This may clarify some of the problems around hospitals and care packages. We have also been invited to a meeting to examine support for dementia sufferers and their carers better. More next month!

—Stirling Council is making progress in taking forward **local community pilots**. After a lengthy 'academic' process the three projects to demonstrate new and more efficient ways of working together are: roads and infrastructure; youth; and community assets. We will let you know what transpires and how you can be involved.

—In June we consulted you on our **community action plan priorities**. We had hoped to hear whether we were still doing the things you think are the priorities. Whilst we had some discussions at the "summer" fair, there is still time to get in touch.

—We are still waiting to hear when the **white lines** will be done on the main road. Both bollards at the shops have now been knocked over. Stirling Council is now looking at other solutions. Remember the bollards were placed there to ensure that pedestrians, buggies and wheel chairs could use the pavement. Parking has now started again at the bus stop meaning that pedestrians have to walk on the road. This is NOT acceptable. Please park on the road and slow the traffic at the same time.

—Please be careful using **Danny's Brae Path**. It is not in a good condition following all the rain. The community Development Trust is on the case!

The regular **October Community Council** meeting will be on **Monday October 5th at 7.30pm** in the Primary School.

Come along and give us your views.

Copy Date for the October BVB is Monday 18th. Please send Calendar items up to late November and other news to cc@strathblanefield.org.uk

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

<i>Blanefield Ward</i>		<i>Strathblane Ward</i>		<i>Mugdock Ward</i>	
Margaret Vass	770131	Alan Hutton	770537	Richard Arnold	770006
Avril Keen	07799261297	Marian Lever	770536	John Gray	771031
Willie Oswald	770497	Elsbeth Neill	771653	Grace Edmonds	770800
Julie Hutchison	770791	Sue Rand	770630	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

Edenkiln Surgery — FLU OPEN DAY

Wednesday September 30th

2.00pm- 5.30pm — **Children 2 – 5 years** Children must be aged 2 or above on 1st September 2015 and NOT at school to be eligible Born on or before 1/9/2013

7.30-12 & 2 - 5.30 — **Adults** welcome if aged 65 or over or if you have diabetes or suffer from chronic respiratory, heart, kidney, liver or neurological disease, including stroke. You are also entitled if you are pregnant or if you are unpaid carer.

For out of hours help contact NHS24 at 111

The surgery can be contacted at 01360 770340 For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at

www.edenkilnsurgery.com

Heartstart Class —Thursday October 22nd

at 7.30pm in the Kirk Rooms.

A free 2 hour class run by Trossachs Search and Rescue where where you can learn:

1. How to deal with an unconscious person
2. How to spot signs & symptoms of a heart attack
3. How to recognise a cardiac arrest and perform CPR
4. How to deal with choking
5. How to deal with serious bleeding
6. How to use an AED

Could anyone wishing to come along please email nikolathomson@btinternet.com

Strathblane Library News *from Lynne James*

Welcome to Beth—By the time you are reading this, many of you will already have met our charming new member of staff, Beth Crossan who will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beth worked very happily in Drymen library for over a year and a half(before realising she would have even more fun at Strathblane!) Together we have plans to hold new events in the library ..so watch this space!

Ipad & Laptop Drop-in Sessions—We are thinking of holding drop in sessions for new laptop or iPad users to help beginners learn how to use their devices. We may also hold sessions on *Social Media..Facebook Twitter WhatsApp or Skype*. If you are interested please give your name and phone number to us in the library.

Karen Campbell—As part of Stirling Book Festival Week please pencil in Tuesday November 24th when the successful and fascinating author of "This Is Where I Am " and "Rise" as well as several police thrillers, will be appearing at Drymen Church Hall in conversation with Lynne James! Look out for other events in the library during that week.

Strathblane Kirk Activities for Young People—In addition to items in the Calendar the Kirk has a range of activities for young people including **Youth Cafe** (Fridays 7.30-9 from Oct 23rd); **Sunday Club** (11am Sundays), **Youth Fellowship** (7.45-9 every 2nd Sunday in the Manse for S2-S6) and **Messy Church** (1st Sudy of month, 3-5pm in the Kirk Rooms, crafts,games,bible story & a home cooked meal (suggested donation of £6 per family) For more information contact the Church Office at strathblanekirk@gmail.com or call 770418.

The Village Club — To make a booking contact either Fiona Murray (murray-fiona@sky.com, 771497) or Keith Vass (keith-vass13@gmail.com, 07778 181 175).

The Reading Room (£8 / hour) is ideal for small meetings. Wifi now available.

Strathblane Bowling Club

Presents

The Sensational Voice of Alan Parker

Music from the 50s,60s,70s, & 80s.

In the Village Club, — Saturday October 24th
7.30 for 8 (following our presentation of prizes at 7)

Tickets £5 for members and nom-members including snacks, sandwiches, nibbles etc

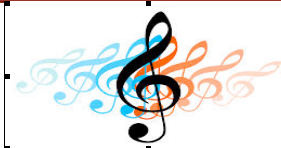
Wine will be sold at £10/750ml bottle

Usual bar prices for other drinks

contact: Don Jackson 07738449787

email : jacksondonald@sky.com

Let your feet feel the beat - a night to remember!



Strathblane Guides, Brownies & Rainbows

AUTUMN SALE

Saturday 3rd October

in the Strathblane Guide/Scout Hall

Jumble, Raffle, Jar Jamboree,

Snacks, Homebaking

See flyer for more details on how to donate items.

The Probus Club of Strathendrick

is looking for new members.

If you are no longer fully employed then here's something you can enjoy. You are never too old to learn or to meet new friends.



We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at Killearn Church Hall.from 10.30 to 12 (coffee at ten). This autumn's speakers are:

September

3rd - Meg Duckworth –A career in newspapers. A woman in a man's world

17th - Alasdair Eckersall – Ben Lomond, behind the scenes

October

1st - Stephen Shirres –Supporting those who serve

15th - Roger Bilcliffe -Visiting Charles Rennie MacIntosh

November

5th - Prof Sir Kenneth Calman – Scottish Literature and Medicine
19th - Prof Peter Kennedy -Sleeping Sickness in sub-Saharan Africa.

December 3rd - Scott Grier - The History of Logan Air

To find out more about our activities or to join please contact Secretary - Russell Kirk (01360 550260), Speakers`

Convener - Alasdair Brown (01360 551715) or

Ian Swann (Chair) (770650) ianswann014@btinternet.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

MON 21st	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council — Special Meeting on our response to Local Development Plan proposals in the Primary School Please come and give us your views.
WED 23rd	—	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club. 7.30 for 7.45 start. Come all and join us (see p.3)
FRI 25th	1.30pm	Storytime in the library. 3 -5 year olds welcome.
MON 28th	7pm	Priority-Based Budgeting Community Conversation in Balfron HS. All welcome
TUES 29th	9.15-12	Community Cafe at Strathblane Kirk . Everyone welcome for tea/coffee & home baking; toys available for pre-school children. The Cafe is open every Tuesday morning.
WED 30th	7.30pm	Heritage Society - Craig Mair on Suffragettes in the Village Club. All welcome.
WED 30th	7.30am -	Flu Clinic Open Day at Edenkiln Surgery — see Page 3 for details
WED 30th		Children's Flu Clinic Opens at Edenkiln Surgery — see Page 3 for details
WED 30th	7-8.30pm	Youth Sports in the Edmonstone Hall (for P5 - S2 pupils). Cost: £1. Runs until Dec 6th.
WED 30th	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in the Kirk Rooms. 7.30 for 7.45. NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE.

OCTOBER

THURS 1st	2-4pm	Cuppa Time in the Kirk Rooms. Everyone welcome for tea/coffee & home baking - with optional activities such as crafts, games and painting. Every Thursday afternoon.
SAT 3rd	11-1pm	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides Autumn Fayre in Scout & Guide Hall— see flyer
MON 5th	10.30am	Bookbug @ Fun Hut
MON 5th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Primary School. All welcome
WED 7th	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club. 7.30 for 7.45 start. All welcome.
FRI 9th	1.30pm	Storytime in the library. 3 -5 year olds welcome.
WED 14th	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club. 7.30 for 7.45 start. All welcome.
WED 21st	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club. 7.30 for 7.45 start. All welcome.
THURS 22nd	7.30pm	Heartstart Class in the Kirk Rooms—see Page 1 for details.
SAT 24th	7.30pm	Strathblane Bowling Club Music Night —see Page 3 for details
TUES 27th	7.30pm	Book Group in Strathblane Library. Its a week later than usual—note the date change
WED 28th	2.30pm	SPOOKBUG @ the library — special Bookbug Session. Babies, Toddlers & their chosen grownups.
WED 28th	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club. 7.30 for 7.45 start. All welcome.
FRI 30th	1.15pm	Story & Craft Session Autumn Crafts for schoolers. Please book a place in advance.
WED 28th	7.30pm	Heritage Society - David Lawson 'When a City Died'. In the Village Club. All welcome.
SAT 31st	6.30-9.30	Autumn Film Nights in the Kirk Rooms. Three films suitable for different ages + a Fish & Chip Supper. Film nights continue on the last Saturday of the month.

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