

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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A Resounding 'No' to Gladman!

The period for responses to the Gladman planning application planning application for 70 houses on Campsie Rd (Ref. 17/00434/PPP) ended on August 7th and, after an extensive community consultation exercise, the Community Council was able to submit a detailed response to the planners reflecting a clear-cut community position.

In that response, we urge the authorities to be led by the Local Development Plan, and especially not to undermine the Green Belt designation that was only recently reconfirmed. We also urge the Council to press ahead with the plans for a much needed cemetery extension on the agreed site on Campsie Road.

We note that

- Gladman provided many expert reports supposedly supporting their case, but we believe the evidence and the arguments are still firmly against the proposal.
- Historic Environment Scotland have objected, SEPA have objected, there is inadequate capacity in the high school and in the waste water system.
- In addition to a very negative impact on the local landscape and setting of the village, viewed from the John Muir Way and elsewhere, we believe that the risk of flooding of the site and flooding of our villages downstream has not been adequately considered, and that the extra traffic has been woefully underestimated.

We fully expect that Stirling will refuse the application, and any appeal will be rejected. However, the latest Local Development Plan is still under examination, and Scottish Ministers have the power to overrule any decision on individual applications. Therefore we are taking nothing for granted. Purely as a precaution, the letter also sets out in detail a number of conditions that we say should be applied if any development were to be allowed.

Full details of our response, of the survey results and of the slides from the Special SCC meeting can be found on the Community Council website at <http://strathblanecc.org.uk/topics/planning/houses-campsie-road/>. A paper version of the SCC submission is available in Strathblane Library.

Community Response

A. Survey Results

The view that emerged from our survey result was clear. Of 216 local respondents to our survey:

— 204 did not think the Local Development Plan should be disregarded to allow the application.

— 180 thought Gladman had not addressed their concerns since the pre-application stage.

— 197 thought that the proposed development would threaten the identity and setting of the village.

— 197 people thought the cemetery should not be moved further from the village.

— 197 were also concerned about the likely increase in traffic. And,

— between 70% and 90% (depending on the service) saw the impact on local services such as schools, and waste water disposal as negative.

For a full picture of the survey results, including the many comments people made, follow the link on the SCC website (<http://strathblanecc.org.uk/topics/planning/houses-campsie-road/>)

B. Letters of Objection

There were letters of objection from over 90 local residents to planning officer Mark Laird.

C. Special SCC Meeting

Over 50 local residents attended the Special Community Council Meeting on Monday July 31st at 7.30pm (reported on Page 2).

D. Drop-in Sessions

Dozens more came along to two Drop-in Sessions in June and July.

July Community Council Update

Special Meeting on Gladman Planning Application

There was, of course, no regular monthly SCC meeting in July but on July 31st we did hold a very well attended special meeting on the Gladman planning application, to help complete the Community Council's response to the Planning department on behalf of the community as a whole.

Our Planning Correspondents John Gray and Avril Keen were able to report back on the survey results, in which 95% of the 216 respondents opposed approval of the application. (http://strathblanec-c.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/SurveyMonkey-Residents-Data_All_170731-ABRIDGED.pdf)

John was able to present, in outline form, the contents of SCC's detailed letter of objection to the Gladman application and gain some useful points of feedback from those attending. For full details of the SCC and wider community responses follow the links at: <http://strathblanec-c.org.uk/topics/planning/houses-campsie-road/>



September Monthly Meeting

Our Regular monthly Cycle of meetings resumes on **Monday September 4th at 7.30pm** in the **Village Club**.

Items on the agenda will include a presentation from Scottish Power Distribution on the work they are about to begin in Strathblane, Blanefield and Murdock.

Copy Date for the **September BVB** is **Monday 18th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to late-October to contact@strathblanec-c.org.uk

The Village Club

enquiries & bookings: - check schedule at
www.villageclub1911.org

email strathblanec-c@gmail.com or **Contact Fiona Murray** at 01360 771497 Office hours only)

The Edmonstone Hall

for enquiries or bookings contact Anne McKellar on 0136077055 or anne.mckellar@outlook.com

Edenkiln Surgery

The surgery will be open only until 12noon on Monday 4th September and closed all day 9th October these are Forth Valley holidays.

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 111

Emergency Phone Numbers

Ambulance — 999 Fire — 999 NHS 24 — 111 Police — 999 [for non-emergency calls - 101]

MAKING CONTACT with the SCC Email us at contact@strathblanec-c.org.uk

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

Blanefield Ward

Strathblane Ward

Mugdock Ward

Margaret Vass 770131 Alan Hutton 770537 Richard Arnold 770006

Avril Keen 07799261297 Marian Lever 770536 John Gray 771031

Willie Oswald 770497 Sue Rand 770630 Grace Edmonds 770800

Julie Hutchison 770791 (Mike McNulty 770076) Evelyn MacDougal 770757

Or via our website at www.strathblanec-c.org.uk . **Other Information Sources** — Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; & the **Facebook** Strathblanefield Page

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

Strathblane Heritage Society – 2017/ 2018

For many years the Heritage Society has provided a very varied and entertaining programme of speakers. Topics have ranged far and wide. We have always sought to educate and inform, through our speaker meetings and through the publication of an excellent book based on research carried out by local historian Alison Dryden, sadly no longer with us, "Strathblane 1870 – 1970: A Century of Change".

This year, 2017/2018, we have chosen to focus on the history of our local area.

We have invited speakers who will give us a broad view of many different aspects of the village.

The Programme for 2017/18 is

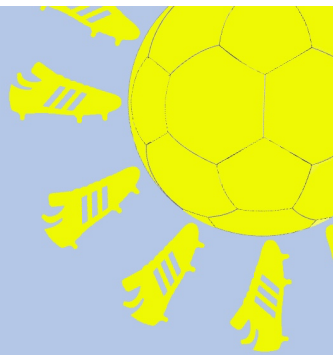
6 September	Bob Sharp	"Mountain Rescue in the Campsie"
11 October	Alan McBride	"Illustrated Talk on the History of the Village"
15 November	Donald Peddie	"The History of Local Railways"
24 January	David Lawson	"Our Feathered Friends in the Parish"
21 February	Simon Jones	"The National Park - our Neighbours"
14 March	Murray O'Donnell	"The History of the Parish of Strathblane"

On our last meeting we will have a panel discussion with some of our speakers, as well as speakers from previous years. We also hope to hear from some older residents telling us about life in the village.

Our annual membership subscription is £5. Our meetings are always open to anyone who wishes to come, donations welcome. We meet in the Village Club at 7.30pm on chosen Wednesdays. Tea and coffee are always served after the speaker part of the meeting.

Come along and find out more about the place where you live.

**Sunday
27 August
12 – 5pm**



Blanefield Thistle Football Festival

King George V playing field

⚽ Under 10's, 12's, 14's & 16's games ⚽

⚽ Mums & Dads match ⚽

⚽ Strathblane v Blanefield ⚽

⚽ BBQ, refreshments, bouncy castle & more! ⚽

Register your interest now

**contact Craig Dunn – 07920 584604
or Steve Busby – 07967 600836**

Scout / Guide Registration Night

Please come and register your children for the local Scout and Girl Guiding groups, Tuesday 29th August 6.30 - 7.30pm at the Scout Hall. Groups start back the following week:

Beavers (age 5½ – 8) Mondays 6.30pm

Cubs (age 8-10½) Mondays 7pm

Brownies (age 7-10) Tuesdays 6.30pm

Guides (age 10-14) Thursdays 7.30pm

CALL FOR HELP:— The Rainbow (5-7yrs) & Scout (10½-14 yrs) groups are both seeking a leader without which those groups will not be able to operate. Anyone interested please contact Helen (Scout Group Secretary) on 07989 218598 or come along on the night.

CAMPSIE CROONERS

The new session of the Campsie Crooners begins mid-September and, as always, we're delighted to welcome new members. No auditions, if you love to sing, just come along and join in! Wednesdays at the Village Club **, 7:30pm for 7:45pm start, from 13th Sept, £2.

** On these dates we'll be in the Kirk Rooms — 11 Oct, 15 Nov, 24 Jan, 21 Jan & 14 March



Strathblane Kirk Welcomes New Minister — Rev. Murdo Campbell joins the parish as our new minister from 17th August. He hopes to meet as many of the community as he can over the coming weeks. Initially, he can be contacted via strathblanekirk@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

TUES 22nd	3 - 5pm	Lynda Turner School of Dance—Enrolment for Childrens Dance Classes in the Edmontone Hall
SUN 27th	12 - 5pm	Blanefield Thistle Football Festival King George V Playing Fields (See P.3 for details)
SUN 27th	2 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club Contact: George Thom (gethom@tiscali.co.uk).
TUES 29th	6.30 — 7.30pm	REGISTRATION NIGHT at the Scout Hut. Parents and carers please come and sign children up for the local Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies & Guides for 2017-18

SEPTEMBER

SUN 3rd	2 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club As it is holiday time check with George Thom (gethom@tiscali.co.uk) before coming.
MON 4th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Village Club. All welcome
TUES 5th	7.15pm	Strathblane Library Film Discussion Club will talk about the film 'Lion'. New members welcome, contact the library for further information: 01360 770737, strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk
WED 6th	7.30pm	Strathblane Heritage Society - Bob Sharp "Mountain Rescue in the Campsies" All welcome. (see Page 3 for more details),
SUN 10th	2 - 4	Traditional Music Jam in the Village Club. All welcome
SUN 10th		New exhibition opens at Smithy Gallery, Blanefield — Paintings of Glasgow and the Scottish isles by well known landscape painter Pam Carter. Continues until 8 October
WED 13th	7.30 for 7.45pm	Campsie Crooners in the Village Club. New session begins. As always we're delighted to welcome any new members. No auditions, if you love to sing, just come along and join in!
TUES 19th	7.30	Book Club in Strathblane Library.
SUN 24th	2 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club Contact: George Thom (gethom@tiscali.co.uk).

Strathblane Kirk— Regular Events

Community Cafe — every Tuesday in Kirk Rooms from 9.15 - 12 noon — resumes in September

Cuppa Time — continues every Thursday in the Kirk Rooms from 2pm to 4pm.

Come along for fun & fellowship; tea, coffee, home-baking; painting, board games, Jigsaws.

Carers & those they care for are especially welcome.

Smithy Gallery — Exhibitions

Until Sept 3rd - *Complementary Contrasts*

Jenny Matthews & Angus McEwan

Sept 10 - Oct 8 — *Homeland*

New Paintings by Pam Carter

LIBRARY NEWS from Lynne James

Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge

Here at Strathblane Library we have been delighted at all the detectives we have had joining our Animal Agents Reading Scheme over the Summer holidays. Lots of children have completed the whole challenge so big congratulations to them! You still have time to finish the six books and visits as we will keep the challenge open until 31st August.

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 contact@strathblanecc.org.uk for more details.

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