

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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Action to Improve Community Facilities — the Next Phase

Planning our Community Facilities

After extensive community consultation in 2011 the Community Council and the Community Development Trust agreed a **Community Action Plan (CAP)**. Priorities were set, regularly reviewed and pursued by both bodies.

In February 2015 with the support of Stirling Council we held a highly successful **Community Summit** involving representatives from all the main organisation in the villages which after further consultation lead to an updating of our priorities focussing on the school and library as facilities requiring urgent upgrading.

This year Stirling Council, using the resources of **Hubco** (a joint partnership between public and private sector organisations aimed at developing and delivering better local services), and with the participation of SCC, SCDT Parent Council, School and library staff and community members representing the main community assets have been involved in a feasibility study mapping what we have, what we might want and how additional facilities might be achieved. We now have the Hubco Report. Here, in summary, are some of the elements:

Community Assets

—**Education** - Primary School (P1-P7) with 173 pupils; Early Years Provision during School Hours; High School in Balfron—Out of School Provision - Not-for-profit organisation, all year round, for 4 1/2 to 16 yr olds — 128 for breakfast, 136 after school.

—**GP Services** - Privately run GP practice.

—**Sport and Leisure** - Private facilities in Milngavie; Council facilities at BHS. Tennis & Bowling Clubs have

solid membership but struggle for new members. Football team has good participation levels but a pitch with drainage issues.

—**Library Services** - traditional library services (books & electronic). Well used by community & school.

—**Community Buildings** A variety of competing venues, notably the Village Club & Edmonstone Hall in varying condition. Scout Hall in poor condition with no plans for investment; Parish Church and St Kessogs provide community resources - including the Kirk Rooms. There are problems of finding volunteers to run facilities.

What we Need (or Might Wish For)

A new Library building; more flexible teaching & learning spaces in the school; an increase in Early Years provision; a new location for Out of School provision; Indoor Sports Facilities - for school & community; a large community function & performance venue; a business hub; — and parking remains an issue.

Problems for Delivering New Facilities

Existing local organisations are all struggling for funding to improve what is offered and Stirling Council funding is likely to be limited to a new Library and Early Years provision with some improvements in school condition.

Further Consultation Process

Hubco costed the options and as a community, lead by the SCDT (see box below), we must search for ways to resource what we need. But first there must be a major community consultation process to reassess our priorities.

In the coming months SCC will lead that process.

New Group for Community Development Trust

The **Community Property Assets Group**, formed earlier this year and chaired by Alastair Balfour (who has been co-opted as an SCDT Director) has become part of the Trust.

Initially the Group's main aim is to investigate possible new sources of funding and support, from government and elsewhere, for the development of facilities within our community.

Your Place, Your Priorities

Stirling Council is testing out a 'place-based' approach to help plan, design and deliver services for people and communities, beginning in the Rural South West. Individuals, community & voluntary organisations and businesses are invited to hear more and give their views at a meeting on

Tuesday October 24th 7- 9.30pm

at Balfron Campus

Please Register at

swtestandlearn.eventbrite.com or

email communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk

or Call 01786 233076

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— free when you sponsor an issue.

Contact contact@strathblanec.org.uk for more details.

October Community Council Update

from Margaret Vass

Edenmill Plans — Our meeting began with an interesting presentation from Mark Gibson of Edenmill Farm. He was keen to give us an idea of his expansion plans to respond to the tourism opportunities around the John Muir Way and the success of the Christmas Tree business prior to any Planning Applications were made.

Double Yellow Lines — to ensure access for emergency vehicles double yellow lines have been agreed both for Old Mugdock Road at the Coop and at the War Memorial at **Campsie Dene Road**. They should be in place soon.

Community Resilience Plan — Willie Oswald has been working hard to update our Community Resilience Plan. More of you have been in touch with offers of help following last month's Bulletin feature. Thank you to everyone who has offered their services of resources.. We are hoping that our emergency hub will be the Village Club with the necessary communication requirements and storage.

One-way Priority for the Station Road Bridge — Much of the meeting was taken up with debating the Station Road bridge proposals which are designed to help complete the safe walking (and cycling) route between Blane field and Strathblane along the disused railway line. It is hoped that an added benefit would be a slowing traffic along the road. A set of useful comments have come from community members before, during and since the meeting. While welcoming the proposal there is a real concern that priority being given to traffic coming into the village will fail to reduce speeds and may cause gridlock. We have agreed to meet with Council Officers to see what can be changed.

Community Rights in the Planning Process — We have previously commented on changes to Planning Legislation. Indeed every time legislation has been

reviewed we have asked the Government to give communities the right to appeal decisions so that we have equal rights with developers. We agreed to support *Planning Democracy's* campaign for equal rights of appeal which would giving communities' views equal weight in the planning process at every level.

Stirling Council's Scheme for Community Councils Our Councillor advised that Stirling Council had agreed at a special meeting to review the scheme for Community Councils. While we have no difficulty with this we have a real concern about the lack of consultation — and then no communication of this proposal. If you have views about the role of Community Councils please take part in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/stirlingccreview> To find out more go to www.stirling.gov.uk/ccreview

*We believe passionately in the importance
of local democracy*

November Community Council Meeting

Monday 6th 7.30pm in the Village Club.

Come along and give us your views

Copy Date for the **November BVB** — the last this year—is **Monday 13th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to early January to

contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

Edenkiln Surgery

Our 'Flu Day' is Wednesday October 25th 07.30 - 16.00
(closed for lunch 1-2pm)

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@strathblanecc.org.uk

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

Blane field Ward

Strathblane Ward

Mugdock Ward

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Willie Oswald 770497 Sue Rand 770630 Grace Edmonds 770800

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Or via our website at www.strathblanecc.org.uk . **Other Information Sources** — Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; & the **Facebook** Strathblane field Page

STIRLING COUNCIL

Councillors' Surgeries

are usually at 7pm on
SCC meeting nights in
the Village Club

Report faults at

info@stirling.gov.uk or
ring 0845 2777000

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



Damage to Community Property

Sadly last week saw some serious damage to two pieces of community infrastructure: the benches surrounding the tree in the 'kickabout' area and the phone box in Dumbrock Rd. The benches — erected with funds raised by Greenheart — may have been showing wear and tear but seem to have been significantly helped on their way. The damage to the phone box (both phone boxes are now community owned and destined to house our defibrillators). is clearly vandalism. Both instances have been reported to the police. The community will have to carry the costs of repair.



LIBRARY NEWS from Lynne James

SCOTTISH BOOK WEEK

As part of the celebrations for Scottish Book Week Strathblane Library invites you to Spend A Night In with comedy writers Ian Hopkins and John Duignan as they discuss "Skelp The Aged" and their latest novel "The Buick Stops Here". Tickets are free but limited so sign up to be sure of a "Good Night In"!

Fun Hut Family Photo Day Fundraiser

Professional Family Portraits by Top Class Photography

Village Club — Sunday 22nd October 2-4pm

Games, Face Painting, Cake, Raffle, Book & Craft Stalls

£10 deposit required for Photographer slot

Booking essential at Fun Hut or by email at

funhutstrathblane@gmail.com

Strathendrick Pipe Band Family Halloween Ceilidh

Saturday 28th October
7.30pm in the Edmonton Hall
Tickets £10 each (incl. Nibbles)

from

Eleanor Forrest 07713637287

Aisle Findlay 07761046434

Strathendrick Pipe Band Facebook

The Edmonstone Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting

will take place at 8pm on
Wednesday 15th November
in the Lesser Hall

All interested are encouraged to attend as several members of the present six person committee have given notice they will not stand for re-election.

Strathblane Parish Church

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

**SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2017
10AM - 12NOON, KIRK ROOMS**

Tea, coffee & Home Baking
Tickets £3.00

STRATHBLANE KIRK ITEMS

Remembrance Sunday - Nov 12th A service at the War Memorial at 10.50am will be followed by a procession to the church for morning service.

The **Alpha Film Series** runs on Tuesdays 7.30 -9pm in the Kirk Rooms.

Contact Nancy Sharp for info 770149 or nancy.sharp2005@gmail.com

The church has a new **Facebook page:**

Strathblane Parish Church

and **twitter account:**

@Strathblanekirk



**Scottish
alt.blues
troubadour**

Dave Arcari

returns home from

shows in Estonia and Latvia to play at the

The Village Club on Saturday 25 November

promoting his new album – *Live at Memorial Hall*

Advance tickets (£8) are available from

<http://wegottickets.com/davearcari>

– entry on the door is £10 (subject to availability).

Strathblane Tennis Club Quiz Night

Fri 24th November at the Village Club

Doors open 7.30, Quiz starts promptly at 8.

BYOB Raffle

Tickets: Tables of 6, £6/head

from

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUN 22nd	2-4pm	Fun Hut Family Photo Day Fundraiser (See Page 3 for details)
TUES 24th	9.15 -12	Community Cafe in the Kirk Rooms. Everyone welcome. RUNS EVERY TUESDAY
TUES 24th	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Book Club — Why not make this year the year you join us?
THURS 26th	10.30am	SPOOKBUG at the Library — Spider and Pumpkin songs and rhymes galore!
THURS 26th	2 - 4pm	Cuppa Time in the Kirk Rooms. Everyone welcome. RUNS EVERY THURSDAY.
FRI 27th	1.15pm	Halloween Story and Craft Session for pre-schoolers at Strathblane Library. Please book in advance at strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk
FRI 27th	7pm	Film Night in the Kirk Rooms, Tea & home baking in the intermission. All welcome
SAT 28th	7.30pm	Pipe Band Family Halloween Ceilidh in the Edmonstone Hall - see p.3 for details
SUN 29th	2 - 5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club Contact: George Thom gethom@tiscali.co.uk
MON 30th	7.30pm	Strathblane Guild — Alastair Smith on The Children's Hearing System in Scotland
TUES 31st	11 -12.30	Needle & Natter @ the library bring your knitting, needlecraft & chat- Every Tuesday

NOVEMBER

SAT 4th	10am-12	Christmas Card Sale in the Kirk Rooms
MON 6th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Village Club. All welcome
TUES 7th	7.15pm	Library Film Group discuss 'Hidden Figures' Copies available for hire before the day.
FRI 10th	1.30pm	Storytime Preschool stories. Pop along no need to book but bring a grown up with you!
SUN 12th	10.50am	Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial & Procession to Church
MON 13th	7.30pm	Guild — Claire Cardie will give a talk on Antiques. in the Kirk Rooms
TUES 14th	7 - 9pm	Traditional Music Session in the library. Contact Sheila McFarlane or library for details
WED 15th	7.30pm	Heritage Society — Donald Peddie 'The History of Local Railways' in Village Club
WED 15th	8 pm	Edmonstone Hall Management Committee AGM in the Lesser Hall — see page 3
SUN 19th	3pm	Messy Church - Crafts, games, music, stories & an informal meal for all ages.
MON 20th		Guild Afternoon Outing — The Engine Shed, Stirling
THURS 23rd	10.30am	Bookbug at the Library - All your favourite rhymes songs and stories
FRI 24th	7.30pm	Strathblane Tennis Club Quiz Night in the Village Club (see page 3 for details)
SAT 25th	7.30pm	Dave Arcari, Scottish Alt-blues troubadour in the Village Club (see p3 for details)

The Village Club —for enquiries & bookings:

check schedule at www.villageclub1911.org
email strathblanevc@gmail.com or Contact
Fiona Murrav at 01360 771497 Office hours only)

The Edmonstone Hall — for enquiries or bookings

contact Anne McKellar on 01360770555 or
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