

# BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

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## Community Council Defends the Local Development Plan And Campaigns for Cemetery Extension

In a lengthy discussion of the Gladman 'pre-application notice' (PAN) — which proposes a development of over 70 houses in the Green Belt on Campsie Road— at our very well attended November Community Council meeting three things met with widespread agreement.

- First, we must stand by the outcomes of Stirling Council's current and proposed Local Development Plans (LDPs) and, in particular, the designation of the Campsie Road site for a cemetery extension forming a 'hard' boundary to the village envelope.
- Second, we should put our weight behind the early achievement of the necessary cemetery extension; and,
- Third, community members should be given the necessary background to help inform their responses to the PAN proposal within its limited consultation period.

**LDPs fully consulted on and agreed**—Both LDPs were established following a thorough and lengthy process of community consultation. In the development of the new proposed Plan a number of possible housing sites on the Green belt around the village were put forward, considered and rejected — including the Campsie Road site! As a community we accepted the need for some more local housing provision and agreed the development of 18 houses at the 'devil's elbow' site.

**Cemetery Extension Required** —SCC is determined to see this necessary extension created on the designated site within easy reach of the Church and the car park. We are currently second in line in the Council's programme after Callander.

**Important background information**—The enclosed supplementary sheet provides a fully documented context to the PAN. In the process, we correct some very misleading impressions created by the Gladman presentation. We argue that the nature and timing of their proposal threaten to undermine the integrity of our established local planning process.

**Everyone's voice is important**

**Please Read the Supplement — and Have Your Say**

### What You Can Do

#### A. Learn More

- Read the Supplementary Sheet enclosed in this issue of the Bulletin
- Attend the Community Council on December 5th (7.30 in the PS) where Gladman will be attending
- View Gladman's proposals in Strathblane Library or online at <http://www.your-views.co.uk/strathblane/>

#### B. Have Your Say

- Before December 12th send your comments to Gladman by e-mail to [views@your-views.co.uk](mailto:views@your-views.co.uk) or post to Gladman Developments, 2 Elburn Office Park, Livingston, West Lothian EH54 6GR
- Contact Stirling Planning Officer Iain Jeffrey at [jeffreyi@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:jeffreyi@stirling.gov.uk) and [info@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:info@stirling.gov.uk) and copy your response to SCC on [www.strathblanec.org.uk](http://www.strathblanec.org.uk)
- Contact the Community Council with your views at [www.strathblanec.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.strathblanec.org.uk/contact-us).
- Sign the petition in the Library or at the SCC meeting
- Complete our own survey paralleling Gladman's in Strathblane Library or at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VMJXLPK](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VMJXLPK).

We have prepared a **draft letter** for you to start from if you wish — available on the 'More Houses on Campsie Road?' page at [www.strathblanec.org.uk](http://www.strathblanec.org.uk)

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# November Community Council Update *from Chair, Margaret Vass*

For once we conducted our CC business in super fast time (a lesson for the future perhaps) to be able to devote most of the time to the Gladman Developments pre application consultation. Needless to say we had a great attendance and are expecting even more for 5th December meeting which will be a one item agenda.

**Community Council Elections** — Congratulations go to Grace Edmonds, Robert Davies and John Gray who were elected to the Community Council at the recent elections. This is the first time for a long time that we have had all 12 places filled through election rather than co-option.

**Police Report** — The police report highlighted some incidents of antisocial behaviour, theft of the cairn charity box at the church and a serious motor cycle accident at Carbeth. Speeding in the village and inconsiderate parking, especially around the school at pick up time will be monitored and tickets issued.

**Telephone Kiosks** — We agreed to the removal of the kiosk at the Edmonstone Hall which had not been used for a year. The Dumbrook Road kiosk has had the equivalent of 1 call per week, and we agreed that the telephone equipment should be removed but the community will purchase it for £1 for a possible 2nd defibrillator and local advertising.

**50th Anniversary School projects:** — We fully support the provision of tablet computers for pupils and improvements to the school daily mile track and will help in any-way possible.

**After School Buses from Balfron HS** —: We agreed to work with the Community Councils in the school catchment area to campaign for the restoration of free after school travel and bus service that serves the school.

**Demand Responsive Travel** — The Carbeth part of our area no longer has any bus service. We are currently exploring whether Demand Responsive Travel (DRT) is available to residents. DRT is a pre bookable taxi service subsidised by the Council.

## Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On

12th December at the Village Club 7.15pm

Once again featuring Dumbarton Wind Ensemble directed by our own Robert Baxter

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served

Donations are welcome to continue the event

**The next SCC meeting** is at 7.30pm on Monday December 5th in the Primary School.

The meeting will focus entirely on the Campsie Road housing proposal with Gladman representatives in attendance.

Please come along and give us your views.

**Copy Date** for the January BVB is **Monday January 16th**. Please send Calendar items and news for the period up to mid-February to [cc@strathblanefield.org.uk](mailto:cc@strathblanefield.org.uk)

## The Village Club — enquiries and bookings:

[www.villageclub1911.org](http://www.villageclub1911.org)

email — [strathblanevc@gmail.com](mailto:strathblanevc@gmail.com) or

Contact — Fiona Murray 01360 771497

(Office hours only please)

## Edenkiln Surgery

The surgery will be closed on both Mondays & Tuesdays over the holiday period — December 26 & 27 and January 2 & 3 We can be contacted at 01360 770340. For a range of health-care information go to the practice website at

[www.edenkilnsurgery.com](http://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](mailto:cc@strathblanefield.org.uk)

### Get in touch with your Community Councillors

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Or via our website at [www.strathblanec.org.uk](http://www.strathblanec.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](mailto:info@stirling.gov.uk) or ring 0845 2777000

**Join My Stirling** at [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) for updates

## Dr Perry Harrison — A tribute *Anne Balfour*

In the 1960s, when his children were growing up, one of the catch-phrases of local GP Perry Harrison was "Life's so short". That now seems rather ironic as he was nearly 101 when he passed away on September 29. Dr Harrison has been a central figure in the Blane Valley for more than 65 years. For more than half that time, he was a single-handed general practitioner, having moved to the community with his wife Cecile and young family in 1950 when family doctors were expected to work 24/7 and assist in home births. He even made some of the pills he prescribed. Often he would conduct his daily surgeries after being out visiting patients the previous night. And as a founder member of the Royal College of GPs, he came up with the idea of attaching medical students to GP practices to gain on-the-job experience.

The Harrisons lived in Campsie Dene Road at Corrieknowe, designed by Perry's identical twin brother Ronald. The design, still constrained by post-war shortages of building materials, cost just £24!

As well as fanatical grass-cutting in his one-acre garden, Perry indulged his passions for heraldry and painting in his limited spare time. During his rounds he would often make a quick sketch of a local scene to work up later at home. In retirement, Perry remained as active as ever and was still delivering Meals on Wheels at the age of 97. Surely a record? In the year 2000 he was the oldest participant in a fundraising sponsored walk from Killearn to Blanefield and two years ago helped research for the book *A Village Remembers*, about the men on Strathblane War Memorial. He was also a much-loved elder of Strathblane Parish Church for three decades.

Perry celebrated his centenary in November 2015 with an exhibition of his art work at the Kirk Rooms that raised nearly £4000 for charity.

**Thanks;** Perry's family would like to thank members of the local community for all their kindness and support.

### Are you aged 60 years or over?

Stirling Council is currently replacing all 'OneScotland' bus passes.

If you are still using the 'One Scotland' card you need a replacement before 31 December 2016.

If you have not received your new card, please contact 01786 404040 or your

### TENNIS CLUB QUIZ. in the Village Club Saturday 26th November

7.30pm for a prompt 8pm start.

BYOB, Raffle

Tickets are available from Strathblane Library.

Tables (max 6) cost £30.

Look out for a presentation in the Library in January (date to be confirmed) from

### TrueCall Nuisance Call Blocker

Designed especially for older people the device blocks over 95% of nuisance calls allowing calls to be restricted to friends and family members.

### 'Light up a Life' Service

Come and remember those who lit up your life with theirs. At Strathblane Kirk on Sunday December 11th at 6.30pm. Donations to Strathcarron Hospice.



### Christmas Scout Post

Once again, the Strathblane Scout Group will be posting Christmas cards locally to raise funds.

**Stamps** (25p each - cheaper than Royal Mail) can be bought at the library and Pestle & Mortar

**Post Boxes** sited in both churches, the Kirkrooms, library, Scout Hall and Pestle & Mortar.

**Last Postage is 16th December** and cards will be delivered by Scouts on the 17th.

**Delivery to Strathblane, Blanefield, Mugdock & Carbeth only - please ensure full address on all cards.**

*Many thanks to our sponsor Kfit*

### Strathblane Primary & Nursery School CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 2nd December 6.30-9pm

(Join us from 6.15 to welcome Father Christmas)

Everyone Welcome for some Festive Cheer!

### Fibre Broadband Update

To encourage local businesses and residents to explore alternatives to landline-based provision (i.e. the current Digital Scotland Fibre Rollout programme, Stirling Council have arranged a **supplier event at Balfron HS on Wed 7th Dec starting at 6pm**. If people register their interest, collaborative projects with a big enough customer base may then be established.

For those with a very poor connection it will be worth exploring the Digital Scotland Better Broadband Scheme that will provide a subsidy to establish a satellite or fixed-wireless connection.

**For further information contact:** Doug Ashworth  
Public Representative, Broadband Delivery Group  
Email: [drashworth@aol.com](mailto:drashworth@aol.com)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

FRI 25rd	1.30pm	<b>Story-time</b> Stories with a Scottish theme for pre-school & nursery children in the Library
SAT 26th	7.30pm	<b>Tennis Club Quiz Night in the Village Club</b> -(see page 3 for details)

### DECEMBER

FRI 2nd	6.30-9pm	<b>Strathblane Primary &amp; Nursery Schools Christmas Fayre</b> — (See Page 3 for details)
SAT 3rd	2.30-3.15	<b>Steven Paterson MP - Surgery</b> in the Village Club
MON 5th	7.30pm	<b>Strathblane Community Council</b> in the Primary School
TUES 6th	7.30pm	<b>Film Group @ the Library</b> - film for discussion: 'Eye in the Sky'.
WED 7th	6pm	<b>Broadband Supplier Event</b> - in Balfron High School (See Page 3 for details)
THUR 8th	10.30am	<b>Baby Bookbug @ the Library</b> - specially designed rhyme and song session for babies and parents to sing and play together..
THUR 8th	5-6pm	<b>Christmas Card Session @ the Library</b> - Craft session for 8-10yrols.. Make a special Christmas decoration with help from Heather from the Strathendrick Embroider's Guild. PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE. <a href="mailto:strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk">strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk</a> or call in to the library.
FRI 9th	1.15pm	<b>Sparkly Craft &amp; Storytime @ the Library</b> - For accompanied pre-school children. Please book in advance.
SUN 11th	2 - 4pm	<b>Traditional Jam Session</b> in the Village Club. All welcome.
SUN 11th	6.30pm	<b>Light up a Life Service</b> — Come and remember those who lit up your life with theirs. At Strathblane Kirk. Donations to Strathcarron Hospice.
MON 12th	7.15pm	<b>Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On</b> — Village Club (See Page 2 for details)
WED 14th	7.45pm	<b>Campsie Crooners</b> - Last session of the year in the Village Club
THUR 15th	10.30am	<b>Toddlers Sparkling Christmas Bookbug @ the Library</b> - Christmas songs, rhymes and stories
THUR 15th	2pm	<b>Cuppa Time Special Christmas Afternoon</b> in the Kirk Rooms. All welcome (Cuppa Time will take a two week break, resuming on Thursday Jan 5th)
SUN 18th	6.30pm	<b>Service of Lessons and Carols in Strathblane Kirk</b> - Tea, coffee and mince pies
SAT 24th	4-5pm	<b>All Age Christingle Service in Strathblane Kirk</b>
SAT 24th	11.30 pm	<b>Watchnight Service — Carols from 11.15pm.</b>
SUN 25th	11am	<b>Christmas Morning Service at Strathblane Kirk</b>

### JANUARY

MON 9th	7.30pm	<b>Strathblane Community Council</b> in the Primary School
MON 9th	7.30pm	<b>Guild - Scottish Fire &amp; Rescue Service</b> Illustrated talk by Allan Faulds in Kirk Rooms
SAT 14th	7.30-12.00	<b>Blanefield Thistle Quiz Night</b> - in the Village Club , Tickets are £6 from John Pllu, James Hutchison, Sandy McIntyre, or any committee member,— 6 people per team.
WED 18th	7.30pm	<b>Heritage Society - Robert Davy</b> 'Tea for Two' in the Village Club. All welcome.
SAT 28th	6.45pm	<b>37th Annual Burns Supper</b> in the Edmonstone Hall. (For details see enclosed flyer)

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