

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet April 2018 No 61

Your Place, Your Priorities

Thank you to those of you who travelled to Callander on Saturday 24th March. Commiserations to those of you who turned up late and were not allowed to vote.

Our community had six projects up for funding with none successful. Indeed not one project received funding in the Forth & Endrick ward.

The projects were Strathblane Parent Council path for the walking mile and Mugstock both 20 votes and were 9th equal just missing out on being successful. Our project to bring the toilet triangle back into use was 17th equal with SCDT Bothy project. The SCDT project walking by bus was 22nd and Blanefield Thistle was 45th.

Those of you who read the Stirling Observer you will have seen that there is quite a fuss about the whether the process was fair. All 49 projects submitted had merit and our concerns are not about our projects but about ensuring a democratic process of allocating public funds.

Your Community Council will be offering constructive criticism to help improve the process for the future.
Margaret Vass, SCC Chair

Coop Community Fund

The Co-op Local Community Fund supports local causes, helping to bring people together and make a difference. It funds projects in each community with a local Coop shop. The current round in Strathblane (now closed) will provide an estimated £3,000 to at least three projects. There are known to be nine local applications.

The total sum available is 1% of spending on Coop branded items by local Coop members who use their Coop cards when shopping.

At present, we are told, only 37% of Strathblane Coop shoppers are members!

If you would like to increase the benefits provided to our local community and you are one of the 63% please become a member and use your card when you shop.

We could easily double the support the fund can give to projects in local organisations.

Dog runs from owner in Mugdock Country Park & savages sheep on Craigend Farm

Five in-lamb ewes had to be put down after a dog attacked sheep grazing on the moor. For other pregnant ewes the result of being hounded by the dog may be miscarriage of unborn lambs. When ewes have young lambs at foot the result can be offspring becoming separated from ewes and dying of hypothermia or starvation.

For farmers, as well as lost income, it is very upsetting to see horrendous injuries in the sheep they work hard to look after.

The police are dealing with the dog-owner responsible – it is of course an owner problem, not a dog problem: any dog, of whatever breed, size or age, has the potential to chase sheep: it is instinctive, regardless of training.

This incident was a 'visitor' problem but would local people please remain aware.

Take particular care at this time of year to keep dogs on the lead near livestock.

Why not join the growing number of local businesses and individuals who
SPONSOR issues of the Bulletin?

You can include an advertising flyer which goes to every household

— free when you sponsor an issue.

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

This issue of the Bulletin
is sponsored by
Strathblane Bowling Club

Why not try bowls?— *See enclosed flyer*

April Community Council Update *From: Chair Margaret Vass*

Our April meeting was one of long ones as we had to deal with a couple of important but bureaucratic issues. The **Your Place, Your Priority** funding debacle was discussed (see page 1) — an interesting idea but poorly executed.

We also had discussions around the **review of Community Councils** being carried out by Stirling Council. Basically our core governance documents are being made easier to read and understand. There is also a much clearer process to address when things go wrong either with an individual community councillor or a whole community council. Importantly the process of declaring interests at the start of a meeting will be mandatory (a practice we have followed for many years) as will having a published register of interests.

Police Report — The police report reminds to be vigilant as housebreaking continues in the area mainly from outhouses or garages. Parking at the Devil's Pulpit remains an issue and car owners will continue to be charged. Interestingly people requiring to be rescued from the gorge will now be subject to a Police investigation and may be charged with Reckless Conduct. Publicity will follow to make people think more carefully about the consequences of their actions.

We had a very interesting presentation from **Alan Harris, Coop Pioneer for Strathblane** (see the item on the Coop Community Fund on Page 1)

European Championships— There was a report back on the poorly advertised local information session on the European Championships to be held in Glasgow this summer. The men's cycling time trial is coming to Strathblane. This should be a big boost to our local businesses with opportunities for promotion on their website: getreadyglasgow.com. This will be a

live television event with helicopters showing off our beautiful area. Businesses can apply for bunting and other promotional material.

However there is a downside, on Wednesday 8th August both the A81 to Glasgow and the A891 to Lennoxton will be closed from approximately 9am until 3pm. Accessing Glasgow will be difficult as there will be many diversions in place. Fire and Ambulance will have their own arrangements in place.

It is important that you plan now for August 8th. We will give you more information as we get it. The route will be on noticeboards and on websites. Perhaps we should think about the snow emergency when we were cut off and have a party to celebrate?!

We have received an invitation to a **Civic reception from the Lord Provost** to thank us for our endeavours during the snow emergency. We have also made sure that some members of our community who went above and beyond also received invitations.

The May Community Council Meeting
is on **Monday 14th 7.30pm** in the **Village Club**
Come along and give us your views

Copy Date for our **May issue** is **Monday 21st**.
Please send Calendar items and news
for the period up to the end of May to
contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

Edenkiln Surgery
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

<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	07580539492	John Gray	771031
Willie Oswald	770497	Sue Rand	770630	Grace Edmonds	770800
Julie Hutchison	770791	Mike McNulty	770076	Evelyn Macdougall	770757

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

The new season is under way at

Strathblane Bowling Club

A **Come and Try Day** is coming up on **Sunday 29th April** starting at 2.00. All ages, men and ladies welcome as are children to try your hand.

Monday night club bowling will also be starting up in early May so please come along and join in the fun. Starts 6.30pm.

Further information can be requested at strathblanebowlingclub@gmail.com.

Strathblane Tennis Club

welcomes you for the new season.

Spring Coaching starts Sunday 29 April

(juniors and adults, all levels)

New reduced subscriptions for 18-22 yr-old & other concessions — Find out more at our

Website: clubspark.lta.org.uk/SLTC

Cushley Artworks Exhibition - Art Sale

Saturday 28th April 2 - 5 in the Edmontsone Hall

Sara Cushley is a local artist who works in soft pastels & acrylic paint. Her work is inspired by Scottish Landscapes and bright colours. She also creates mirror artwork inspired by the Kelpies and is experimenting with this technique. Sara has also completed a series of iconic Scottish scenes using Tunnocks wrappers.

There is lots to see.

Prices range from £10 to £150.

Unique Village Club Concert

Thursday 31st May 7.30pm Tickets £15

John McCusker and Heidi Talbot.

Two of the UK's top traditional musicians.

This is guaranteed to be "sell out" event.

For ticket info please email

music@sheilahall.co.uk

or contact Strathblane library.

(Organised in aid of VC funds)

Annual Open Meeting of the Village Club-

May 30th at 7.30pm

Please come along to this short meeting and support the volunteers who keep this fantastic building alive. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions.

If you are new to the village or have never been in the hall it is well worth a visit! All welcome.

www.villageclub1911.org

An Evening with Mallachy Tallack

Tuesday May 15th in the Village Club

Author and Singer Song Writer, Mallachy Tallack will be appearing as part of "Off The Page" Book Festival. Mallachy was born in England but moved to Shetland with his family at the age of 9. His first book, 60 Degrees North, was a Radio 4 book of the Week and, as a singer he has been the support act for Runrig when they toured the UK.

Tickets from Strathblane Library (£5 / £3)

Bring along your friends..and your own refreshments!

Check Mallachy out on www.mallachytallack.com

QUIZ NIGHT in the Village Club

Saturday 28th April Doors 7.30. Quiz starts 8.30

Tickets £10 per person

(includes light refreshments & wine tasting round)

All proceeds to support The Fun Hut

All (adults) welcome

Cash bar & Raffle on the night.

Tickets from The Fun Hut or the Library

Guild Annual Spring Fayre & Plant Sale

Saturday 12th May 10am-12noon in the Kirk Rooms.

Donations of baking and plants will be most welcome.

Once again we are delighted to have the

Strathendrick Pipe Band playing for us

Tickets £3.00 include tea / coffee and cake are available from Guild committee members and the Library.

Loch Ard Sailing Club

The 2018 sailing season has now opened and we will host sailing and dinghy racing on Sundays throughout the season.

You are welcome to join us in this our 50th anniversary year.

Contact www.lochardsc.org.uk for details or visit us any Sunday afternoon at the club situated just through Kinlochard..

FOOD BANK REMINDER — Strathblane Library is a donation station for the Start-up Stirling Food Bank. Please leave donations in the box by the door

Local Public Transport Campaigner Valerie Brand urges passengers to report problems

— Despite painting the exterior of our buses the inside has not improved. FirstBus admitted they underestimated the cost of refurbishing the interiors of the five Discovery Buses. Faulty heating and water ingress continue to be a major problems on all Balfron buses. Please keep reporting these issues. If the drivers have heating in their cab they don't realise it is faulty in the rest of the bus. Please tell them so they can add this to their vehicle log. Also mention water entering and dirty buses. The C10/C12/C12A Services are funded by the Council and quality of service is considered when tendering contracts so please also alert their transport department. If these issues are not reported everyone assumes all is well. in Please support them by contacting your local representatives or Stirling Council.

Contact: First Bus online Balfron Depot 01360 440920

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

SUN 22nd	2pm -	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club. Everyone welcome (1.30pm for set-up)
SAT 28th	7.30pm	Fun Hut Quiz Night Fundraiser in the Village Club. Doors open 7.30, Quiz starts 8.30
SUN 29th	11 am	Strathblane Tennis Club Spring Coaching starts for young & old, beginners welcome.
SUN 29th	2pm —	Strathblane Bowling Club - Come and Try Day — for prospective members of all ages, men and ladies. Starts 2.00pm. Entertainment for children."

MAY

TUE 1st	11 -12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
TUE 1st	7.20pm	Strathblane Library Film Club meets to discuss 'Spotlight'.
SUN 6th	11am	Morning Service with Communion in Strathblane Church
SAT 12th	10am - 12	Guild Spring Fayre & Plant Sale in the Kirk Rooms (See Page 3)
SUN 13th	2 -4pm	Acoustic Jam Session in the Village Club. Traditional tunes.All welcome. (2nd Sunday of the month) Contact: George Thom gethom@tiscali.co.uk
SUN 13th	3.30pm	Messy Church in the Kirk Rooms.All families are warmly invited to join in the fun,fellowship and food built around Bible stories and games and crafts.
MON 14th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Village Club. All welcome
TUE 15th	7.30pm	An Evening with Malachi Tallack at the Village Club (see p.3 for details) Contact the library for tickets (£5/£3). Bring your own refreshments.
THUR 17th	10.30-11	Bookbug— Celebrate National Bookbug Week with a special session for babes & toddlers. In Strathblane Library.
FRI 18th	1.30-2pm	Storytime for Pre-Schoolers in Strathblane Library
FRI 18th	7pm	Film Night in the Kirk Rooms
TUE 22nd	7 - 9pm	Traditional Music Session in the Library. Contact Sheila on 770824 or go to Facebook:'Strathblanefield Sessions'
THUR 24th	3.15-4.30	Fun with Textiles@ Strathblane Library (See below for details)
SAT 26th	10.15 - 11.45	Fun with Textiles@ Strathblane Library with the Strathendrick Embroiderers Guild. For ages 9 -11. Places limited, contact the library to book — £1 per session.
SUN 27th	2pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club. Everyone welcome (1.30pm for set-up)
TUE 29th	11-12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
WED 30th	7.30pm	Annual Open Meeting of the Village Club. All welcome. (See p. 3 for more details)
ThUR 31st	10.30-11	Book bug - Rhymes & songs for little ones & their carers at the library.
ThUR 31st	7.30pm	Unique Village Club Concert - John McCusker & Heidi Talbot (See p.3 for details)

The Edmonstone Hall — for enquiries or bookings
contact David McLean on 01360770919 or
mclean728@btinternet.com

The Village Club —for enquiries & bookings:
check schedule at www.villageclub1911.org
email strathblanevc@gmail.com or Contact
Fiona Murray at 01360 771497 Office hours only)

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