BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet August 2018 No 64

"A Resounding 'No' to Gladman!"

This is a re-run of our August 2017 headline when we reported the community's response to the Gladman planning application for 70 houses on Greenbelt land in Campsie Road, covering land designated for the cemetery extension and undermining the recently agreed Local Development Plan. (For analysis of the 216 responses at go to strathblanecc.org.uk/topics/planning/houses-campsie-road/)

As expected Gladman appealed against Stirling Council's rejection of their application and we have waited for what seems an age to get the decision of the Scottish Government's Reporter on that appeal. When it came on July25th Community Councillors were delighted that all the main issues raised in objection by SCC, by numerous individual community members and other agencies were accepted.

The Reporter's Conclusions : "I conclude the proposed development of the appeal site would be contrary to the Spatial Strategy and green belt provisions of the development plan. I also find that its approval is contrary to the terms of the relevant provisions of the development plan would not be justified by the presumption in favour of development that contributes to sustainable development, the effective housing land supply, the provisions of the proposed local development plan, or any other material consideration. I have considered all the other matters raised, but there are none which would lead me to alter my conclusions."

But Housing Needs Remain - Gladman proposed the wrong number of the wrong kind of houses in the wrong place but, as last years community survey clearly shows, there is a strongly felt need for more housing of two types: **affordable housing** (for rent, ownership or shared ownership) and **housing to cater for the needs of older residents —** either sheltered or supported housing or simply smaller homes for down-sizing.

Given recent legislative moves towards community empowerment in Scotland, rather than merely being reactive to outside interests, now is clearly the time for us to explore ways to take control of future development in our own community.

Strathblane Gets 'Gold Medal' Mention on Cycling Time Trial Commentary !

Fantastic community spirit again on August 8th. Thanks to everyone who helped to get people out to support the event and to the crowds of people who lined the route through the village.

Maybe the road closures were worth it after all!

Another First for SCC !

Successful Participation Request

Your Community Council has used the new Community Empowerment Act to work with Stirling Council to improve road, street lighting and footway maintenance with a focus on on road safety.

Stirling Council has agreed to form a short life working group that will meet four times up to February 2019 to consider an action plan.

We also wished to discuss parking but that will be covered by a new parking management plan in April 2019.

September SCC Meeting

The issues for this joint working group — roads, footways & road safety — will form the main agenda item at our next meeting on

Monday September 3rd at 7.30 in the Village Club

Please come along, give us your views and and help to take this work forward.

Succession

As was highlighted in the June Bulletin, five community Council members are due to retire in October.

This means we will need five new Community Councillors very soon !

Have you considered SPONSORING an issue of the Blane Valley Bulletin?

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This issue of the Bulletin is sponsored by **Strathblane Community Development Trust**

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Background to the Trust

Foundation: Especially for those who are relatively new to the community we thought it might be useful to give some background history of SCDT. We were founded in 2009 as a company limited by guarantee which is a registered charity.

Purposes: Objectives highlighted in our Articles include developing recreational facilities and advancing cultural, historical and environmental education, with the overall aim of community development which is sustainable, socially, economically and environmentally.

Administration The Trust is led by a Board made up of nine volunteer directors and a company secretary. Our membership has risen to over 150 and our effectiveness increases the more representative we are of the community.

Focussing on Community Priorities: From the start SCDT was involved in the preparation of a Community Action Plan (CAP). This involved a lengthy process of community consultation and debate, and close co-operation with the Community Council (SCC). It set the community's priorities as a basis for dealing with Stirling Council (SC) and other planning partners. Firmed up in 2011 the CAP has been reviewed a number of times—most notably at a well supported Community Summit (run with SC) in 2015—updating our priorities.

A range of Project Groups Over our ten year life the Trust has hosted several project groups that have achieved a range of valuable developments for the community including: **footpaths; allotments; play-park facilities; heritage books; and playing field drainage**. SCDT has had a vital role in raising and administering funding for these activities.

Meeting future community needs The SC-led Hubco review of our community assets in relation to future needs reported in 2018 highlighting our challenges and outlining some possible strategies to meet them. SC failed to indicate any likely resources to fund those solutions. We are entering a period of increasing 'community empowerment'.andSCDT may be one vehicle for home-grown development.

SCDT Needs You

We now tap into the community's great resource base of human capital, involving as many people as we can as more community members as Directors (there are five vacancies), project leaders or advisors, or simply as ordinary fee paying members — these fees are are our only regular and predictable income source. We need about £750 p.a. to survive. To maintain that income flow and minimise costs we are keen that everyone pays their membership fee (a minimum of £5) by standing order, signs up for Gift Aid, and gives us an email address for communication.

AGM August 27th

If you are already a member or would like to join why not come along to the AGM. You will have an opportunity to hear about the recent experience of one of our neighbouring Trusts and to raise questions. **(See enclosed flyer)**

Blane Valley Bikes

is a community cycling social enterprise startup in Blanefield working to help improve safer cycling for all ages in and around Strathblane and Blanefield.

Thanks to all those who supported and came along to our popup launch events at Edmonstone Hall during Glasgow2018 – we received bike donations, served coffee and brownies and helped to raise awareness of our new initiative. We're busy planning more events and projects to help to improve cycling access and facilities in the village and we welcome anyone who is keen to get involved.

For more information about Blane Valley Bikes visit bvbikes.co.uk, follow us at facebookcom/blanevalleybikes or call Sean Botha on 07971173387

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

Blanefield Ward		*Strathblane Ward*		*Mugdock Ward*	
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** Strathblanefield Page

STIRLING COUNCIL

Councillors' Surgeries are usually at 7pm on SCC meeting nights in theVillage Club

Report faults at info@stirling.gov.uk or ring 0845 2777000

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

Edenkiln Surgery

The surgery will be closed on September 3rd and October 15th — both Forth Valley Holidays.
We can be contacted at 01360 770340. For a range of health-care information go to thepractice website at www.edenkilnsurgery.com

"Who Do You Think You Are?"

Have you ever wondered how to find out about your ancestors ? If so, come along to one of Strathblane Library's **Scottish Family History Events**.

Thursday 20th September @ 7pm or
Friday 28th September @ 1.30pm
Places free but limited.
Contact the Library on 770737, or email strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk to book

CAB Drop-in Sessions in the Library

The Citizens' Advice Bureau now run fortnightly drop-in sessions in Strathblane Library providing support with benefits, housing, job search, IT skills, CVs etc.

See the Calendar on Page 4 for forthcoming dates.

The William Stewart Foundation - Malawi

Sarah Black and I thank everyone in Strathblane and Blanefield who contributed so much school uniform for the children in Northern Malawi whom the Foundation is helping to feed and clothe. Thanks, too, to Strathblane Primary for the donation of lost property, and for highlighting the appeal on the school's website; to the kind folk who ferried the clothes about, collected them and brought them to us; to those who supported our Buy Bricks campaign for Phase 1 of the Resource Centre build. There are 30+ boxes for the next container.

We are having another appeal, this time for gloves and hats for the kids whose hands are so frozen by the time they have walked miles to school that they are unable to write for a couple of hours – and they sit in unheated classrooms. And we're also asking for packet sweets as we're fast forwarding to the Christmas Party for up to 1000 children. This will be their first Christmas party, ever.

Details will be on the Strathblanefield facebook page and Lynne James has kindly agreed that the Library can house a drop-off box. Or contact me on 551633, Sarah on 07985315007 or on fb, or Annabel Sharp on fb or in person.

Thank you all again.
Mary Young
www.williamstewartfoundation.org

Scout & Girl Guide Registration Night

Please come and register your children for the local Scouting and Girl Guiding groups on

Tuesday August 28th - 6.30-7.30pm in the Scout Hall

Registration is for the year, payable by cash or cheque.

Corrected details!

Groups meet at the following times:

Beavers (age 5¾ –8) **Mondays 6.30pm**
Cubs (age 8-10½) **Mondays 7.30pm**
Scouts (age 10½–14) **Wednesdays 7.30pm**
Rainbows (age 5 - 7) **Thursdays 6.30pm**
Brownies (age 7 - 10) **Tuesdays 6.30pm**
Guides (age 10 - 14) **Thursdays 7.30pm**

Campsie Crooners New Session

Begins Wed 5th Sept. Shake off those dusty vocal chords and join us. We're always delighted to welcome new members.

If you love to sing, just come along and join in! Wednesdays at the Village Club days at 7:30pm.

All welcome. No auditions. £2.

Wanted! Seasonal Local Photographs for Church Calendar. Please submit your photo as a high resolution jpeg including your name, contact details and location of the photo (must be within the parish) to Abi at strathblanekirk@gmail.com by August 31st. A panel will select 13 pictures The calendar will be available soon at £6.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

TUES 21st	11 - 12.30	**Strathblane Library Natter & Needle.** All needleworkers welcome.
TUES 21st	9.30am	**Mini Music for Pre-Schoolers - In the Kirk Rooms** See page 3 for more details
SAT 25th	7.30pm	**Fundraising Ceilidh in Aid of Arrochar Mountain Rescue -** in the Edmonstone Hall Tickets £10 (£5 Secondary Sch. age; £3 Primary Sch. age; under 5s free) **See P3 poster**
SUN 26th	1.30-5pm	**Electric Jam** in the Village Club. All welcome. Note that some sessions have been cancelled because of holidays — check with George Thom at **gethom@tiscali.co.uk**
MON 27th	8 pm	**Strathblane Community Development Trust AGM** in the Village Club. If you are not already a member why not come along and join us on the night (See Page 2)
TUES 28th	6.30-7.30	**Scouts & Guides Registration Night -** See box on Page 3 for full details
THURS 30th	10am - 12	**Strathblane Library Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop in. (**See P. 3 for details)
FRI 31st	5pm	**Deadline day for Seasonal Local Photos for Church Calendar -** See Page 3.

SEPTEMBER

MON 3rd	7.30pm	**Strathblane Community Council** in the Village Club**. All welcome** See Page 1.
TUES 4th	11-12.30	**Strathblane Library Natter & Needle-** all needleworkers welcome
TUES 4th	7.30pm	**Strathblane Library Film Club -** discussing 'Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri'. new members welcome. Contact Library 770737, **strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk**
WED 5th	7.45	**Campsie Crooners New Season Begins** in the Village Club. 7.30 for 7.45. All welcome
SAT 8th	1-3pm	**Strathblane Library Code Club resumes.** Ages 8+ Contact the library for more info.
WED !2th	7.30pm	**Campsie Crooners** in the Village Club. 7.30 for 7.45. All welcome
THURS 13th	10-12	**Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop-In** In Strathblane Library — See Page 3
TUES 18th	7pm	**Strathblane Library Book Club**
WED 19th	7.30pm	**Heritage Society — Donald Peddie** on the **Blane Valley Railway** in the Village Club . All welcome
WED 19th	7.30pm	**Campsie Crooners** in the **KIRK ROOMS** 7.30 for 7.45. All welcome
THURS 20th	7pm	**Who do you think you are? Scottish Family History Event** in the library. See Page 3
TUES 25th	7-9pm	**Traditional Music Session in the Library -** Contact Sheilaon 770824 or on Facebook@Strathblanefield Sessions.
THURS 27th	10 - 12	**Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop-In** In Strathblane Library — See Page 3
FRI 29th	1.30pm	**Who do you think you are? Scottish Family History Event** in the library. See Page 3

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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