

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet September 2018 No 65

Strathblane Community Council needs You

writes Chair Margaret Vass

Current Community Councillors cease to be Community Councillors at midnight on October 18th. Seven of our number are likely to put themselves up for re-election so we need at least FIVE members of our community aged 16 and above to come forward to fill the vacancies. **Please consider seriously either standing yourself or persuading someone else you think would be good at it to stand.** As Stirling Council's poster says....



The poster features a green background with a logo of colorful circles forming a flower-like shape on the left. The word 'COMMUNITY' is in large, multi-colored letters, and 'COUNCILS' is in white below it. Three speech bubbles contain the following text:

- Blue bubble: "Want to influence decisions affecting your area?"
- Red bubble: "Do you feel strongly about your neighbourhood?"
- Green bubble: "Think services could be improved?"

Make a Difference in your Community!

This is your chance to be the voice for your area by being a Community Councillor. Community Councils are looking for members

Community Councils represent local people, voice peoples' views and work with others to improve services. As the most local tier of elected representation, they play an important role in local democracy.

Anyone over 16 can take part.
Nomination papers available from 1 October
Contact us for reminder/pre-register

It is important that a wide range of people are part of Community Councils so different opinions and ideas are heard.

communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk
01786 233076

Nominations submitted by 19 October 2018

Have you considered Sponsoring an issue of the Bulletin?

Businesses & Community Groups can include an advertising flyer which goes to every household (free of charge when you sponsor an issue). For more details email: contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

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The Vital Work of Your Community Council

SCC operates as a team with each SCC member taking a role. This allows them to get to know the issues and key Council staff and, often in partnership with other Village Groups, (especially the Development Trust) to help get things done for our Community. Our success has been founded on building strong relationships with Stirling Council staff and their partners along with our elected councillors, MSPs and MP — often in collaboration with neighbouring community councils.

Here is an outline of what have we done?

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING — We have consulted and established priorities through the Community Action Plan. We continually raise the condition of the library and the school and have worked with the Council on their feasibility study, *Hubco*. That work continues.

We comment on Planning Applications. We defend the Green Belt to preserve our Rural status.

ROADS & FOOTWAYS — Road maintenance has improved. Road drainage is being tackled.

Road safety improvements have been carried out with more to come. We highlight poor parking, lack of hedge and tree cutting at pavements. We successfully petitioned the Council to extend roadside footways.

ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING — We campaign on litter and, of course, dog poo! We care for the Village flower tubs. We have planted trees. The Council has planted bulbs and fruit trees. Significantly we helped shape the community's first new-build housing for rent for 40 years.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE — SCC were the lead CC in preventing the closure & sale of Strathendrick Home. We play an active role in developing vital services using Strathendrick Home. We have had a defibrillator installed outside the Edmonstone Hall and have purchased the two abandoned telephone kiosks. Both will have defibrillators installed shortly.

RESILIENCE — We have a resilience plan for emergency situations and act as a conduit with other services. We have strong relationships with Police and Fire Service.

RESIDENTS PROBLEMS & ISSUES — We set up Blane Residents Association and fought with them to gain Government funding for land remediation, saving residents thousands of pounds. In general we help residents fix Council service problems.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED — through the BVB, the website and Facebook pages. Our meetings are open to the public — and are sometimes well attended.

Strathblane Community Council has made a difference.

Only with a strong Community Council of 12 members can all this work continue.

A Great Example of the Impact of Community Councillors — This week **David Frood** stood down from Rural Stirling Housing Association Board having been involved in building and managing 588 new homes in our rural area. In 1989 David was the Strathblane Community Council nominated representative on the steering committee established by Stirling Council. The Council in its case to establish a Housing Association said “ strong Community Councils in key settlements and the enthusiasm of local communities for solving housing problems “ created a significant opportunity for success. This shows the importance of Community Councils. **Thank you David.**

MAKING CONTACT — use the **SCC Email** at contact@strathblanecc.org.uk (or via our website at www.strathblanecc.org.uk). **Other Information Sources** — Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; & the Facebook Strathblane field Page. **Current & past issues of the Bulletin can be downloaded from the website.**

STIRLING COUNCIL
Councillors' Surgeries are usually at 7pm on SCC meeting nights in the Village Club
Report faults at info@stirling.gov.uk or 0845 2777000
Join My Stirling at www.stirling.gov.uk for updates

Emergency Phone Numbers

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

The Ceilidh on August 25th raised £1326 (net) for Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team

Thanks to all local individuals and businesses who contributed prizes for the raffle and silent auction, as well as all those who supported the fundraiser by purchasing tickets.

Andy Thompson



Strathblane Tennis Club

Come and try Indoor "Touch Tennis" in the Edmonstone Hall

Sun 28th October to SUN 2nd December 2018

A: 11am-12pm	5-7 year-olds	£35	£45
B: 12- 1pm	8-11 yrs/up to P 7	£35	£45
C: 1-2pm	Teenagers & Adults	£48	£58

Second & subsequent children in a family get a 10% discount in A & B

Book your/your child's place by visiting

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StrathblaneLTC/Coaching>

Queries to Sally Gray: : sally@kirkburndrive.net or 07789 207356

BEGINNERS WELCOME !

Adult (50+) Fitness Class

Dancercise

Colorful-Dancing-Women-Silhouette

Get *Fit* and have *Fun!*

Low impact dance based exercises and routines for (over 50's) ladies and gents!

Wednesday 10-11am	Blanefield Edmonstone Hall
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*Improve posture, strength, balance & co-ordination.
The best way to exercise body & mind!*

Classes £5.50 (Drop in) Starts w/c 27th August

No experience necessary — suitable for all levels whether you're 52 or 92! Just bring a huge smile and some water.

For details call 07979 856837 email:

yasmin@throthegrapevine.co.uk

or Dancercise with Yasmin

Edenkiln Surgery

Flu Day — Wednesday Oct 31st - 7.30am -12 and 2 to 5.30pm
Monday Oct 15th is a Forth Valley Holidays but we may open in the morning — will keep you posted.

We can be contacted at 01360 770340. For a range of healthcare information go to the practice website at www.edenkilnsurgery.com

Activities for Children in Strathblane Library

Bookbug @ Strathblane Library: Songs & rhymes for wee ones and their carers **THURS SEPT 27th 10.30 - 11am**

Fun with Textiles@Strathblane Library - ages 9 - 11.

SEPT— THURS 27th 3.15 -4 45 & SAT 29th 10.15 - 11.45

OCT— THURS 25th 3.15 -4 45pm

Places limited. Contact the Library to book: 770737, strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk

'Spookbug'-Stories and rhymes for wee ones & their carers.

THURS OCT 25th 10.30 - 11am

Storytime in the library for pre-schoolers

FRI OCT 26th 1.15 - 2pm

Fitness Classes in the Edmonstone Hall

Circuits — Tuesdays 7 - 6 pm

Metafit — Wednesdays 6.30 -7pm

Metafit — Fridays 6.30 - 7pm

Book via Facebook or Messenger to

Foundation First or Vicki Freeburn

or contact Vicki on 07484214272

THE LIEUTENANCY

Across the UK, the country is divided into Lieutenancies, usually along the county or former county lines. In each, the Lord Lieutenant is the personal representative of the Queen and attends the events and carries out the duties which might otherwise be expected of the Head of State.

Our Lieutenancy is Stirling and Falkirk, and Mr Alan Simpson of Port of Mentieth is our Lord Lieutenant. He is assisted by a number of Depute Lieutenants, available in local areas to support events and organisations when invited and to be on hand, if desired, for special celebrations like hundredth plus birthdays and 60th wedding anniversaries. These occasions merit a card from the Queen.

Our local Depute is our former provost and councillor, Mr Colin O'Brien, who lives in Drymen, and who will be pleased to respond to requests and invitations. He can be contacted on 01360-660616 and at cobrien20@btinternet.com

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)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SUN 23rd	1.30-5pm	Electric Jam Session in the Village Club (Contact: George Thom - gethom@me.com) Everyone welcome to join in. (Every 4th Sunday of the Month)
TUES 25th	7-9pm	Traditional Music Session in the Library - Contact Sheilaon 770824 or on Facebook@Strathblanefield Sessions.
FRI 28th	10 - 11.30	Macmillan Coffee Morning — open to community members. £1 entry & a chance to chat with pupils as you enjoy tea coffee and home baking.
FRI 28th	1.30pm	Who do you think you are? Scottish Family History Event in the Library. Learn how to find out about your ancestors. Places free but limited. Contact the Library to book: 770737, strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk

OCTOBER

MON 1st	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council in the Village Club. All welcome.
MON 1st		Community Council Elections — Nomination Forms available (see P. 1)
MON 1st	7.30pm	Strathblane Church Guild - 'Call the Midwives' in the Kirk Rooms. The new session begins tonight. Annual Sub: £15; Non-members £2 donation All welcome
TUES 2nd	11-12.30	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
TUES 2nd	7.20pm	Strathblane Library Film Club discuss 'The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society'. New members welcome. Contact 770737 strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk
SUN 7th	11am	Strathblane Church Harvest Service & Gift Day. All gifts of (tinned or packets) food items will go to Glasgow City Mission.
THURS 11th	10 -12	Citizens' Advice Bureau Drop-In - help & advice in Strathblane Library
SUN 14th	2 - 4pm	Traditional Acoustic Jam Session in the Village Club (Contact: George Thom - gethom@me.com) Everyone welcome to join in. (Every 4th Sunday of the Month)
MON 15th	7.30pm	Strathblane Church Guild - Musical Evening with David Sturgeon in Kirk Rooms
THURS 18th	Midnight	Current Community Councillors' term of office ends.
FRI 19th	4pm	Community Council Elections — Nomination Forms must be submitted
TUES 23st	9.30am	Mini Music for Pre-Schoolers - In the Kirk Rooms
TUES 23st	4.30-7pm	'Action on Hearing Loss' - Free drop-in at Strathblane Library for information & hearing screening.
TUES 23st	7 pm	Strathblane Library Book Group
WED 24th	7.30pm	Strathblane Heritage Society - Andy Condron 'The Natural Wonders of the Blane Valley' in the Village Club. All welcome.
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