

BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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Please Respond to

Stirling Council's Local Housing Strategy Survey

The Council is currently consulting on its Housing Strategy. It is important that as many residents complete the online survey as possible. It asks for your views on the types of housing needed in Stirlingshire and where it should be placed.

We should take every opportunity to make SC aware of the housing needs of our community - remote from the 'centre' of their concerns. The survey can be found at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/stirlinglhsconsultation>

If you have views about what is needed in the village then please log on and make your points.

Progress with our Participation Request

Last summer, in response to a very effective campaign run by the Primary School which raised the pupils' concerns about road safety, the Community Council raised a Participation Request with the Council, the first they had received. Since then a sub group has met with Council staff to discuss the issue of speeding and road safety both on the A 81 and Campsie Road. These are the Council's suggestions which were discussed at the last SCC meeting.

On the A 81 the proposal is to provide a bolt down island at the foot of the Village Club steps and hatching on the road towards the Bowling Club. There will be priority for traffic going towards Killearn which will slow the traffic on that road, narrow the roadway so it is safer to cross and improve access to and from Ledriegreen Road. This will improve access to the Village Club, the Tennis Club and the Bowling Club all of which are used by our school children. Queries were raised about the signage to warn drivers coming upon it just after the brow of the hill.

The second proposal is for a traffic island on the A 891 by the church. Whilst this will cause issues with Sunday parking on the road on Sundays it will also help when the children are taken across the road to Sunday School part way through the morning service. **Whilst these are not perfect solutions they should help and the Community Council agreed to take the comments back to the next meeting but basically approved the schemes.** For details see: <https://strathblanecc.org.uk/2019/01/17/new-road-safety-measures-for-a81-by-the-village-club-and-campsie-road-by-the-kirk/>

To Survive the Bulletin

Needs Volunteers & Finance

The Community Council is committed to maintaining the BVB as a monthly news-sheet delivered to all households within the village envelope. However, SCC has a very limited budget and is short of three members.

Delivery of the Bulletin has always involved **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**; help from non-members of SCC might now be needed for editorial functions.

It has also relied on **SPONSORSHIPS** from businesses, community organisations and individuals — (£120 for an issue, £60 for a half sponsorship)— which can include, if wished, a free flyer. (Sponsors have been less forthcoming in the last year.)

In addition for £50 we enclose **FLYERS** for Commercial and community organisations.

Offers of help or sponsorship and requests for inclusion of flyers should be set to contact@strathblanecc.org.uk

Yellow Lines Outside the Co-op

Stirling Council has not forgotten the promised yellow lines outside the Co-op. There have been some issues with contractors but the Community Council is assured that the lines will be in place as soon as possible. This will allow access for emergency vehicles and will also make pedestrian access to the Co-op safer.

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

This issue of the Bulletin is part sponsored by a community member

Strathblane Community Council January Update

from Chair Marian Lever

This is a brief report of the main issues we dealt with during the recent meeting in the Village Club.

Police Report

We were delighted to welcome our police officers to the meeting especially as they reported that recent high visibility road checks to discourage travelling criminals seems to have been successful as we have had no burglaries. They continue to encourage us to report suspicious activity and to watch out for animals on the road.

Co-op Community Support

We also had a visit from Alan Harris to report on the local initiatives supported by the Co-op, the Out of Schools Club, The Parents' Council and Cuppa Time. He encouraged us all to use our Co-op cards when we shop there as this increases the amount available for local distribution.

Road Safety

As well as the Participation Request reported elsewhere we also had an encouraging report that despite all the issues with the work on Station Road local residents had noted a reduction of speeds in the area.

Elected Member's Report

Cllr Alistair Berrill highlighted that the Council

be receiving less funding than they had expected so there will be further cuts when the budget is set in February. The council has agreed to provide a basic funeral service at £1800. There are discussions about introducing parking charges and there will be a local meeting in the Spring to focus on the parking issues in the village.

Vegetation along Footways & Footpaths.

We discussed vegetation impeding both footpaths and other paths in the village. The police offered to follow up one issue.

When you are gardening please check your own hedges and other vegetation so that we have clear paths and handrails for all to use.

A resident also raised the issue of the **plastic sheeting on the fence on the Ash Track**. Scottish Water will be contacted.

Christmas lights for the village have been suggested and we will investigate costs.

Chair and Vice-Chair

Finally during the meeting, with Pam Campbell in charge of proceedings, Mike McNulty stepped down from the chair for personal reasons and Marian Lever was elected to the position. Mike will become Vice-Chair.

Gladman Appeal. We believe that the Gladman Appeal to the Court of Session (KA72/18 Gladman Developments against a decision of Scottish ministers) listed for January 25th 2019 refers to the Campsie Road development. The Community Council as no right to challenge this. We await the decision and will report to the community in due course.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On — Thanks

The Community Council thanks **Strathblane Co-op** for their gift of mince pies, sweets and selection boxes; **Dunbartonshire Wind Ensemble** for the music and, of course, **Edenmill** for the Christmas Tree — all helping ensure another successful Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on.

February SCC Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday February 4th at 7.30pm**

in the Village Club.

All welcome.

Please come along and give us your views

MAKING CONTACT — use the SCC Email at contact@strathblanec.org.uk

(or via our website at www.strathblanec.org.uk).

Get in touch with your Community Councillors

Julie Hutchison 770791 Marian Lever 07580539492 Philip Graves 07826 424442

Grace Edmonds 770800 Evelyn Macdougall 770757 Mike McNulty 770076

Mandy Watson 07758 100152 John Gray 771031

Other Information Sources — Community website: www.strathblane.online
Library; Noticeboards; Shops; Local weekly press; & the Facebook Strathblanefield 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]

Strathblane Community Development Trust

At its January meeting the SDCT Board agreed its **response to the Stirling Local Housing Strategy consultation**. It will be available on our website.

Membership Fees - Reminder As members will recall we moved to an annual membership fee (minimum £5) last year and requested that you take out a standing order. These fees make up the base income we need to cover our administrative costs. Could we ask new members and existing members who have not done so to set up a Standing Order and, if possible, complete a gift aid form (giving us an additional 25%). Copies of the forms will soon be available on our website where you could also pay by PayPal.

Paper versions of the membership form and the Gift Aid form are available in the Library. Our bank details are:

Sort Code: 83-25-15 A/c No. 00257023.

SCDT Online: Email: contact@strathblanecd.org.uk

Website: <https://www.strathblane.online/new-page-2>

Thanks to Strathblane & Blanefield.

The William Stewart Foundation in Malawi would like to thank those who organised fund-raising events and everyone who donated so generously to our recent appeals. including those who bought a chicken at the Christmas appeal—there was a tremendous response and the Foundation will have 20 goats, 1 billy, 99 chickens and 5 cockerels.

There is no space to say more here but we hope to give more detail in a future issue of the Bulletin.

For more information on the Foundation & our work go to: www.williamstewartfoundation.org/fundraising.php

DANCERCISE Adults (50+) Fitness Classes Get Fit & have Fun

**Wednesdays 10 - 11am in the Edmonstone Hall
Classes £5.50 (Drop in)**

Low impact, dance based exercises

No experience necessary, suitable for all levels

Just bring a smile and some water

Details: 07979 856837 yasmin@throthegrapevine.co.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

Are you interested in growing your own food, flowers or fruit, getting exercise and having growing advice and social activity?

AN ALLOTMENT can be sized to suit your needs and experience

It's been a good year and we are still eating from our allotment, kale, leeks, neeps, carrots, turnips, cabbage and broccoli. There's plenty of berries in the freezer. If you are interested in finding out about an allotment

contact blanevalleyallotments@btinternet.com

MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

Electric Jam Session

Sunday 27th 1.30 -5pm in the Village Club

4th Sunday each month

Contact George for details gethom@tiscali.co.uk

Mini Music in the Kirk Rooms

Pre-school music & Singing Group

Tuesday 5th 9.30 & 10am

For more info contact Tamara Harrison 07968 201131

Traditional Acoustic Session

in the Village Club. All welcome to join in.

(2nd Sunday each month) —SUN 10th 2 -4pm

Contact gethom@tiscali.co.uk

Traditional Music Session in the library

THURS 28th 7 - 9pm

Contact Sheila on 770824 or on Facebook@'Strathblanefield Sessions'

Campsie Crooners

Why not join our (no audition) community choir

Wednesdays 7.30pm in the Village Club

Church Choir

SUN 10th 10am in the Church — Open to all.

Fitness Classes in the Edmonstone Hall

Tuesdays 6.30 -7pm Metafit

Wednesdays 6.30 -7 pm Work Core

Thursdays 6.30 - 7 pm Metafit

Strong Saturdays 8.30 - 9 am

Pay as you go - £5

Book via Facebook or Messenger to Foundation First or Vicki Freeburn or contact Vicki on 07484214272

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

SAT 19th	10am - 12	Citizens Advice Bureau Drop-in Help & Advice — in Strathblane Library
Mon 21st	7.30pm	Strathblane Church Guild - My Life in Journalism - Anne Johnstone. In the Kirk Rooms All welcome. Contact: Margaret Smith 770120
SAT 26th	10.15 -11.45	Fun with Textiles @ Strathblane Library for ages 9 - 11. Places limited. Contact the library to book. £1 per session.
SAT 26th	6.15 for 7	39th Annual Burns Supper , in the Edmonstone Hall. Ends 11.30. Tickets £17 from George Eastcroft (770390) or Strathblane Library. 3 course meal. BYOB. No bar.
THUR 31st	10.30 - 11	Bookbug - Stories & Rhymes for wee ones and their carers in the Library
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FEBRUARY

FRI 1st	10.30	Coffee & Catch up for attendees 'who do you think you are?' sessions in library
FRI 1st	1.30 -2pm	Storytime in the Library for Pre-schoolers
MON 4th	9.15 - 11.15	Fun Hut Toddler Group in the Kirk Rooms. Every Monday and Friday
MON 4th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council Meeting in the Village Club. All welcome.
MON 4th	7.30pm	Strathblane Church Guild - Anderson Singers In the Kirk Rooms
TUES 5th	11 - 12.30pm	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome.
TUES 5th	7.20pm	Strathblane Library Film Club - to discuss 'Thor Ragnarock'. New members welcome. Contact the library - 770737; strathblanelibrary@stirling.gov.uk
FRI 8th	9.15 - 11.15	Fun Hut Toddler Group in the Kirk Rooms. Every Monday and Friday
WED 13th	7.30pm	Heritage Society Alastair Smith & Bob Sharp - 'Famous Scottish People' in Village Club.
THUR 14th	10 - 12	Citizens Advice Bureau - Drop In. Help & advice from CAB in the library.
SUN 17th	3.30pm	Messy Church in the Kirk Rooms. All families welcome.
MON 18th	7.30pm	Loch Katrine - Talk by Tam Allan. in the Kirk Rooms
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