

# BLANE VALLEY BULLETIN

The Strathblane Community Council News Sheet

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## Your Community Council Needs You



At the last Community Council, with great regret, we recorded that Mike McNulty has had to step down from the Council for personal reasons.

We want to record our thanks for all the work he has done for the villages on many occasions during his time with us. He was always happy to get stuck in. We wish him and Val all the best.

But this has left us with a real problem as it takes us down to 7 members. If anyone else has to leave then the Community Council will have to close. So, please step up and help us find the four residents we need to complete the team. All the main portfolios are now filled so what we need is people prepared to join us. It is very rewarding.

If you want to know more then talk to any of us about what is involved.

## Our Thanks to Alan Hutton

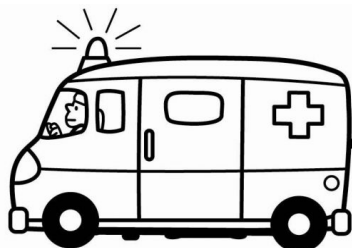
On behalf of the Community Council and the whole Community we would like to say a huge thank you to Alan for all the work he has done over the last few years in creating the Blane Valley Bulletin. He has produced 68 issues in that time. Perhaps in a few years we will invite him back to do issue 100!

It is a measure of his commitment that we now have a team of four members of the Community Council to do the same task. Thank you so much. You are a hard act to follow.

## Heath Care in the Villages - What's your Experience?

We have always had issues in the villages being so far from Stirling where our health care comes from and where the Ambulance Service takes people from the villages.

Recently more people than usual have had to travel miles for treatment.



A few years ago our local MSP, Bruce Crawford, tackled this issue for us and he received confirmation from the then Health Minister that we were entitled to treatment in Glasgow Royal as well as Larbert. He is prepared to help us again and will convene a meeting with us, the local GP practice, representatives of the two Health Boards and the Ambulance Service to work out a way forward. In preparation for this we would like to gather examples of the distances people have to travel for treatment.

Talk to any one of us or send in your thoughts to [marian.lever@btinternet.com](mailto:marian.lever@btinternet.com)

We will keep you informed of progress.

## Road Safety in the Village

You will remember that the last issue reported on

progress with our participation request to Stirling about speeding in the area.

Two schemes were proposed, one for the main road and the other for Campsie Road near the church. This raised much comment and was thoroughly discussed at the February meeting.

The result is the decision to proceed with a trial of the scheme suggested for the A81 but to revisit the other proposal so an urgent meeting of the participation group has been requested to discuss the proposals for alternative schemes for Campsie Road.

Time is of the essence as the money will disappear at the end of the financial year, at the end of March 2019.



## Blane Valley Allotments

Want to spend time out in fresh air growing fruit veg or flowers? We can size an allotment to suit your needs and ability. You can create a lovely place to spend time and share growing experience, produce and recipes.

Contact:  
[blanevalleyallotments@btinternet.com](mailto:blanevalleyallotments@btinternet.com)

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For more details email: [contact@strathblanec.org.uk](mailto:contact@strathblanec.org.uk)

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# Strathblane Community Council February Update

*from Chair Marian Lever*

In this brief report we highlight the major issues dealt with during the February meeting of the Community Council. Some of these are also reported in more depth elsewhere.

In the opening remarks the resignation of Mike McNulty was reported and its potentially serious consequences for the viability for the Council was explained. There was a unanimous vote of thanks to Mike for all his hard work on the Community Council over the years.

**Police report:** We heard about a theft from a building outside the village and two road accidents this month. We are again urged to report any suspicious activity. It will always be followed up. We are also warned to look out for wild animals as deer strikes have occurred. The police had also followed up our request about the hedge on the A81 with the landowner.

**Continuation of the BVB:** We now have a team of four to produce the BVB with design by Cami Ramsay. Our thanks are due to the team of volunteers who deliver this monthly who have agreed to continue. If there are any more local residents who wish to volunteer for delivery please contact Julie Hutchison and she will add you to the list. We always need extra people to cover when one of the local team cannot deliver a particular issue.

**Participation Request:** We had a lively and informative discussion about this, acknowledging that it had provoked much discussion in the community. After consideration it was decided to proceed with the suggestion for the island and road narrowing at the Village Club with the Council reviewing its success in 3, 6 and 9 months. Alternative solutions for Campsie Road were proposed and an urgent meeting of the Participation group will be requested so that the work can proceed before the end of March, the end of the financial year.

**The Big Conversation:** A summary of the results of the discussions about the Council Budget proposals was discussed. As well as proposing cost cutting measures the report also deals with some money raising suggestions. This was welcomed by those attending. A copy of the report has been left in the Library and can be read there.

**Elected Members report:** Councillor Lambie reported that the SC budget meeting will be held on 21 February.

We also learned that the custody cells in Stirling have been closed so the police officers in Forth and Endrick will have to take detainees to Falkirk, Clydebank or Maryhill in future. He also reported on an extensive roads programme over the last financial year. The development of Finnart Glen as a proper tourist destination with adequate off-road parking had been well received at a meeting in Killearn. Among other things, Councillor Lambie was asked to request a proper investigation of the undercutting of Station Road by the burn to the extent that the road may collapse. This cannot be seen from the road so Council officers will have to get into the stream to assess the problem.

**Planning:** We agreed to support the erection of two additional lighting poles at the tennis club as the new Led lights would cause less overspill and we had received no objections. We would make our usual comments about increased traffic on Old Mugdock Road in response to the proposed garden ground development.

**Community Comments:** We were told that there will be restrictions on the road from Mugdock Village to Milngavie in the Spring when Scottish Water replaces pipes in the area. Philip Graves, who has agreed to take over Roads from Mike McNulty, will keep us informed. We learned about a dangerous fence along the burn which had been badly finished and was a potential hazard to children. Councillor Lambie will deal with this. The plastic fencing on the Ash Track still needs to be removed by Scottish Water and this will be followed up. We do not know if the recent result in the Court of Session to approve the Graham's Dairy site will impact on the Gladman Appeal but it is being closely watched. There have been local comments on the proposed yellow lining outside the Co-op. However this has been due for more than two years to secure access for emergency vehicles, so after discussion it was agreed. Parking in the area will be part of the discussions about parking strategies to be considered later in the year.

**Housing Strategy consultation:** The Community Council has agreed a response to this and it can be seen on the CC Website.

## Get in Touch

Email the SCC at [contact@strathblanecc.org.uk](mailto:contact@strathblanecc.org.uk) or via the website [www.strathblanecc.org.uk](http://www.strathblanecc.org.uk)

## Your Community Councillors

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Grace Edmonds 770800    Mandy Watson 07758 100 152    John Gray 771031

Evelyn Macdougall 770757

**Additional Sources** - Community Website: [www.strathblane.online](http://www.strathblane.online)  
Library, Notice boards, local press, Strathblanefield Facebook Page

## STIRLING COUNCIL

**Councillors' Surgeries** are usually at 7pm on SCC meeting nights in the Village Club

**Report Faults** at [info@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:info@stirling.gov.uk) or 0845 277 7000

**Updates** at [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk)

## Emergency Numbers

Ambulance - 999    Fire - 999    NHS 24 - 111    Police - 999    (police non emergency - 101)

## March SCC Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday March 4th at 7.30pm** in the Village Club.

All Welcome.

Please come along and give us your views.

## Strathblane Community Development Trust

Keeping you up to date - [scdt@strathblane.online](mailto:scdt@strathblane.online)

1. Work is continuing to establish the viability of the possible asset transfer project that we gave you information about in November. We would still like to hear from you if you have views.
2. Grant applications are being completed to take forward the link path from the Gary Wright Way to the recently narrowed Station Road bridge.
3. We are looking again at the toilet triangle to deal with this derelict area.
4. Keeping us all connected and informed is extremely important along with promoting our lovely area and businesses.

## The New Village Website is up and Running!

How can YOU help?

### There are 3 sections:

Local Amenities, Strathblane Community Development Trust and Strathblane Community Council

**Local Organisations:** Please update your details through the "local organisations" button on the website

**Local Businesses:** If you would like a mention, please enter your details through the "Local business" button on the website.

We are a membership organisation. Please join us if you aren't already member (see website) it costs a minimum of £5 per year. Members who haven't set up their standing order please do so. It costs just under £1k to keep SCDT running. Donations are also welcome!

## Charity Craft Fair

Saturday 2nd March, 1 - 4pm  
Strathblane Village Club

Wonderful selection of stalls selling hand made products - food items, home décor, candles, dog accessories, personalised gifts and more.

Try your hand at some pottery thanks to Milndavie Pottery and enjoy sumptuous refreshments while your children take part in fun activities.

**All proceeds go to Guide Dogs for the Blind.**

## Strathblane Primary & Nursery Apres Ski Night Fundraiser

23rd March, 7.30pm at Edmonstone Hall  
Dancing, music, raffle and great auction!  
All proceeds to School whiteboards/ICT  
For tickets - [vicbel761@gmail.com](mailto:vicbel761@gmail.com)

## Edenkiln Surgery

We can be contacted on 01360 770340  
For a range of healthcare information go to the practise website at:  
[www.edenkilnsurgery.com](http://www.edenkilnsurgery.com)  
For out of hours call NHS24 on 111

## MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

### Mini Music in the Kirk Rooms

Pre-School music & singing  
Tuesday 5th March 9.30am

Contact Tamara Harrison for details: 07968 201 13

### Campsie Crooners

Join our (no audition) Community Choir!  
Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm at the Village Club

### Acoustic Jam Session (normally in the Village Club)

Sunday 10th March 3 - 5pm in The Library  
Every 2nd Sunday of the month

Contact George for details: [gethom@me.com](mailto:gethom@me.com)

### Electric Jam Session

Sunday 24th March 1.30 - 5pm in The Village Club  
Every 4th Sunday of the month

Contact George for details: [gethom@me.com](mailto:gethom@me.com)

### Traditional Music Session

Tuesday 26th March 7 - 9pm in The Library

Contact Sheila for details: 770 824  
Facebook @ 'Strathblanefield Sessions'

### Church Choir

Sunday 10th March 10am in the Church  
Every 2nd Sunday of the month - Open to all



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Join the Fun Hut for a 50s RockNRoll Quiz Night in May

More Details  
Coming Soon...

## Enquiries and Bookings

Edmonstone Hall

Contact David McLean on 01360 770 919  
OR [mclean728@btinternet.com](mailto:mclean728@btinternet.com)

The Village Club

Check schedule at [www.villageclub1911.org](http://www.villageclub1911.org)  
email [strathblanevc@gmail.com](mailto:strathblanevc@gmail.com)

## Stirling Council Libraries 'Off the Page Smallprint' Children's Book Festival

Running from 8th - 10th March, the 'Smallprint' festival has something for everyone!

**Friday 8th** - Springtime Craft & Storytime for wee ones

**Saturday 9th** - Dr.Dom will tell tales of Antarctic Explorers (9+)

**Sunday 10th** - Clydebuilt Puppets' lifesize puppets present 'The Tale of Three Giants' (ages 6-10). Make your own puppet!

All events free but must be booked. See 'What's On' Diary Page for further details.

## METAFIT TUESDAY/THURSDAY 6.30-7PM

All fitness levels & abilities welcome  
£5 Pay as you Go

EDMONSTONE HALL, BLANEFILED  
CONTACT VIKKI - 07484 214 272  
FACEBOOK - FOUNDATION FITNESS FIRST

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### February 2019

Tuesday 26th	7 - 9pm	Traditional music session in the Library. Contact Sheila on 770 824
Thursday 28th	10.30 - 11am	'Bookbug' Stories and rhymes for wee ones in the Library - just drop in
Thursday 28th	10am - 12pm	Citizen's Advice Bureau Drop In:Help and advice from CAB - just drop in
Thursday 28th	3.15 - 4.45pm	'Fun with Textiles @ Strathblane Library'. Ages 9-11. Contact to book

### March 2019

Saturday 2nd	1.30 - 3pm	Strathblane Library Code Club. Ages 8+. Places limited. Contact to book
Monday 4th	9.15 - 11.15am	Fun Hut Toddler Group in the Kirk Rooms. Every Monday & Friday
Monday 4th	7.30pm	Strathblane Community Council Meeting in The Village Club
Tuesday 5th	9.30am	Mini Music for pre-schoolers. Every Tuesday in the Kirk Rooms. £3
Tuesday 5th	11am - 12.30pm	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome
Tuesday 5th	7.20pm	Strathblane Library Film Club - 'Jean de Florette'. New members welcome
Wednesday 6th	7.30pm	Campsie Crooners in The Village Club. Every Wednesday
Friday 8th*	1.15 - 2pm	Springtime Stories & Crafts@Strathblane Library. Ages 3-5. Contact to book
Saturday 9th*	11 - 12 noon	Dr. Dom Antarctic Explorers. Ages 9+. Strathblane Library. Contact to book
Sunday 10th*	2 - 3pm	Clydebuilt Puppets' 'The Three Giants' @ The Village Club. Ages 6-10. Contact Strathblane Library to book.
Sunday 10th	3 - 5pm	Acoustic Jam Session. All welcome. Contact George - gethom@me.com
Wednesday 13th	7.30pm	Heritage Society. David Lawson - The Yarrow Dynasty in The Village Club
Thursday 14th	10am - 12pm	Citizen's Advice Bureau Drop In:Help and advice from CAB - just drop in
Friday 15th	7.00pm	Film Night at The Kirk Rooms. All Welcome
Saturday 16th	1.10 - 3pm	Strathblane Library Code Club. Ages 8+. Places limited. Contact to book
Tuesday 19th	11am - 12.30pm	Strathblane Library Natter & Needle. All needleworkers welcome
Tuesday 19th	7.30pm	Strathblane Library Book Club. New members welcome. Contact to book
Friday 22nd	7.30 - 9pm	That Friday Night Thing. The Kirk Rooms. Suitable for all S1 Pupils
Saturday 23rd	10.15 - 11.45am	'Fun with Textiles @ Strathblane Library'. Ages 9-11. Contact to book
Saturday 23rd	4 - 6pm	Holiday Club Reunion as The Kirk Rooms. Meet old friends from 'Mission Rescue'
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Thursday 28th	10.30 - 11am	'Bookbug' Stories and rhymes for wee ones in the Library - just drop in
Thursday 28th	10 - 12 noon	Citizen's Advice Bureau Drop In:Help and advice from CAB - just drop in
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Saturday 30th	1.30 - 3pm	Strathblane Library Code Club. Ages 8+. Places limited. Contact to book

\*Part of 'Off The Page Smallprint' Childrens Book Festival  
Library Contact - 01360 770 737

**B.Y.O.B &  
Nibbles**

## Blanefield Thistle Football Club Quiz Night

Saturday 30th March 2019  
The Village Club - 7.30pm for 8.00pm start  
Tickets £6 per person. Max of 6 people per team

