

**Arnprior Community Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006**  
**at 7.30pm at Arnprior Nursery**

Community Councillors present: Duncan McEwen (Chairperson), James Stirling, Angus Robertson, Hazel Walker, Ed Carrick, Helena Buckley, Geoff Atkins (acting Secretary until next elections)

Also present: Constable Campbell Dunn, Central Scotland Police

- 1. Welcome and Apologies:** the Chairman welcomed those present and apologies were received from Eric Brodie, Margaret McKechnie (Rural Development Worker, Stirling Council), Councillor David Lonsdale
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Community Council Meeting**  
The draft minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August were approved by James Stirling and seconded by Angus Robertson.
- 3. Matters Arising - Actions**
  - i. Hazel Walker confirmed that a visit to the Schiehallion Unit will be arranged to present cheque.
  - ii. Hazel also confirmed that a covering letter went out with the questionnaire for the Local Action Plan.
  - iii. Geoff Atkins confirmed that he had responded to the questions on the *Consultation on Proposed amendment of Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils in the Stirling Council Area* as before.
  - iv. Geoff also confirmed that he had completed the BACS remittance form.
  - v. Geoff confirmed that he had responded to the scoping report on the Ballindalloch Muir Windfarm as agreed.
  - vi. Geoff confirmed that he had completed form on how it was proposed to spend the £680 Community Planning Forum funding for Arnprior on maintenance of benches and a notice board.
  - vii. Angus Robertson confirmed that he had gone to Buchlyvie for the Roads sub-group meeting on 7 September, rather than Balfron HS.
  - viii. Grass cutting on the pathway has been done once this year but this has not included west of the garage.
- 4. Community Councils Elections**  
Election forms should be completed by those wishing to stand and returned to Stirling Council. Not all existing members had received forms but were provided with copies at the meeting.
- 5. Road Safety Matters**  
It was suggested that double white lines in the middle of the road through the village may deter dangerous overtaking (this has been done in Buchlyvie). It was agreed that it would be worth asking for double white lines in Arnprior. Duncan McEwen mentioned that he had received a letter from Councillor Lonsdale about the width of the road. Concerns were expressed regarding the continuity of footpath width especially from the Newburn and Burnside

turn-offs which are difficult to negotiate by pedestrians. Mr Atkins agreed to contact Stirling Council regarding these matters.

**Action: Geoff Atkins**

#### **6. Update on Local Community Action Plan**

Hazel Walker confirmed that there she has received 23 completed questionnaires so far (this number represents 25-30% of the Arnprior population) The main issues raised by respondents are road traffic, transport and its affordability, affordable housing, young people's issues and footpaths. Respondents were very positive about living in Arnprior. Hazel thanked Geoff for his help in the layout of the questionnaire and it was agreed that Geoff and Hazel would work on analysing responses and to provide a report to a future meeting. Geoff agreed to include an item in the next edition of Earrann to remind those who haven't yet completed their questionnaire to do so.

#### **7. Police Report**

Constable Dunn reported:

- There has been an increase in the number of housebreaking incidents in the Croftamie area involving a male and female in a red Ford Escort vehicle.
- 9 fixed penalties have been issued so far this year in Arnprior and in the course of issuing these, another 21 road traffic offences were picked up.
- A Camera Safety partnership has been set up in the Stirling area to act upon speed enforcement action
- Arnprior is not an accident black spot
- An undulating road service may be tried as a traffic calming measure on the west side of the A811 at Buchlyvie
- Buchlyvie will be getting a speed signal that displays motorists' actual speed

#### **8. Review of Recent Correspondence**

Geoff Atkins provided a table covering correspondence that he has received from 18 August to 15 October and drew attention to the following in addition to those on the table:

- 3 November D for Democracy-have your say on Europe
- Community Wardens Meeting
- Stirling and Clackmannanshire Structure Plan

#### **9. Core Paths Plan Consultation**

It was agreed that Geoff would find out how many Arnprior residents had responded and in the light of this, a decision would be made as to whether or not a response would be made from the Community Council as a group.

**Action: Geoff Atkins**

#### **10. Review of Spend on Projects**

The allocation of the £1,000 special projects grant from Stirling Council will not be decided until the outcomes from the residents survey have been fully assessed. It was agreed that discussion should take place at the February 2007 meeting.

In addition to the sum of £680 via the Area Community Planning Forum discussed at matters arising (vi above), a further £450 will be made available to Arnprior Community Council as a Community Action Plan Grant (see 6 above).

**11. Update on Area Community Planning Forum 5**

Geoff agreed to provide an update in the next edition of Earrann and signpost the next meeting to be held on 29 January 2007.

**12. Earrann and Website Update**

Earrann was awarded runner-up prize for Best Photograph in the Stirling Community Newspaper of the Year awards. Geoff confirmed that next issue of the newspaper will be issued in early December and that the website can be accessed at [www.arnprior.org.uk](http://www.arnprior.org.uk) Comments welcomed!

**13. AOCB**

Helena Buckley wondered if there would be any interest in a sweet pea competition next summer.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 19 December 2006, 7.30pm Arnprior Nursery