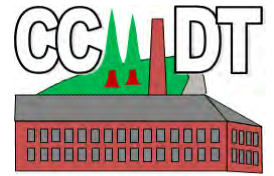




CAMBUSBARRON NEWS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2012



PRODUCED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The next meeting of **YOUR** Community Council is on 18th September 2012 at 7pm in the Community Centre. Meetings of the Development Trust will also be publicised in this newsletter. All are welcome to attend meetings and express their opinion on current, local issues, some of which are highlighted in this publication.

FLOWER POWER:

The summer blooming of newly planted flower baskets and tubs has given Cambusbarron a fresh injection of community pride. With the wise guidance of John Brittan, enthusiastic garden group volunteers have worked wonders. However, this is just the start and there are ambitious plans to build on the success of this year's introductory programme. A grant application has been made for self-watering baskets to hang in pairs on Main Street lamp-posts. And there are plans to extend the scheme to provide a splash of colour throughout the community council area.

Many hands make light work and, if you are prepared to give some of your precious time to help this project, get in touch with a community councillor.

Also a big thanks to The Criminal Justice Service and particularly to Norman Gil-mour the Senior Criminal Justice Officer who provided all the labour for the preparation of the wild flower beds



LET'S WORK TOGETHER: Floral displays are fine but their impact on a community is often ruined by litter louts and thoughtless dog owners.

Margaret Strang's springtime campaign against dog fouling certainly made a difference and it's possible that attitudes may have been changed.

But there are still "foul" persons around and it's up to the rest of us, the overwhelming majority, to remind people of

the error of their ways. If that doesn't work, we shouldn't be afraid to report the matter to the local authority.

If any residents feel uncomfortable about reporting incidents directly then they should feel free to contact us at CCC. We are committed to tackling this scourge and will not hesitate to report culprits to the council.

Stirling Council itself doesn't always get a good press – but we want to thank them for the recent "Deep Clean" of our area. If not all gutters have been cleared of weeds, etc, it's probably because cars were parked there. But where there was no impediment, what a difference!

Those who use the Touch Road pavement regularly will also be pleased at the cut-back of hedge and verge. A pity though, about the phantom dog-messer who still manages every day (or even twice a day) to let his/her animal foul the pavement – and NEVER clears it up.

Litter remains a problem, especially in those streets not 100% fronted by houses, eg Touch Road, St Ninians Road, Mill Road and the Comondry (Thomson Place and Old Drove Road) These are regularly (in some cases, daily) polluted by cans, bottles, crisp-packets and sweetie-wrappers. One youngster, challenged recently for throwing down his fizzy-juice can in the Comondry, was at first unpleasantly resentful, but soon, to his credit, he re-allocated the can to a bin at the school.

CCC is at present negotiating with Stirling Council for additional bins.

However, it's up to us to sort this out through changing the way that people think. Like drink driving, allowing a dog to mess on the street, or dropping litter, should carry a social stigma. Can we all, adults as well as children, take this on board?



KEEPING IN TOUCH: The circulation list for electronic receipt of this monthly Newsletter has grown quite a bit recently. In an ideal world, we'd be able to send it to all households in our community. Especially pleasing to your CC is the number of "outlying" houses that have signed up for it - for example, at the Homesteads, or in the Kenningknowes Road, Grampian Road and Parkdyke areas.

If you know someone in our area who would enjoy this Newsletter, why not e-mail them a copy? And if you have received this Newsletter via a friend or neighbour for the first time, send us your email address and we will add you to the burgeoning mailing list

BAD NEWS: Our collective health is not, the NHS recently reports, as good as it could be. **Good News** We have some of the most beautiful landscapes in Scotland surrounding us. **Better News:** Footpaths and rights-of-way criss-cross and circle those landscapes.

Best News: You can enjoy that beautiful countryside and improve your physical well-being by getting out and about these many paths.

The **Path of the Month** for September is the Mill Road-to-Dumbarton Road one, just at Woolcarders Court. Enjoy incredible views of Stirling Castle, Ben Ledi and Gillies Hill – then return via the celebrated Homesteads and exit the Kings Park at Douglas Terrace, just opposite the site of what was once Drummonds' Nursery at Coneypark



PARKDYKE NEWS

Over the summer months your Community Council has been arguing with Stirling Council about the closure of the steps leading to Northend over the motorway bridge, because of a minor problem with the handrail. They were very intransigent, insisting that although the adjacent ramp was their responsibility the stairs were not. They threatened to close the stairs permanently. We contacted our local councillors and asked for their assistance and together we think the situation has been resolved. We have been given an undertaking that the steps will be repaired in 4 to 6 weeks.

You will have noticed that the path connecting Parkdyke Estate to Birkhill Rd had now been completed. This project was the brain child of Keith Henry, a Community Councillor and an active member of the Cambusbarrow Community Development Trust, and without whose perseverance and skill this project would not have been completed.

Also another big thanks to Norman Gilmour and the Criminal Justice Service who provided all the labour. The path was officially opened on Tuesday 21st August.



NEWS IN BRIEF

The possibility of **Murrayshall Quarry** being reopened in the near future has not gone away. Discussion and report at next Community Council meeting.

Girlguiding Forth valley have decided to open a Guide Unit in Cambusbarrow. This will be an increased workload for the Leaders, so if anyone has around an hour or so free each week, please get in touch. If your daughter would like a place in Cambusbarrow Guides please phone Susan on 01786 461305

Burnside Lighting Project has hit some funding problems and it seems

that there may be advantages in passing the project back to the Community Council. This will be discussed fully at the next meeting.

Free tea and coffee will be served at Cambusbarrow Library on **Love Your Library Day** on Thursday, September 13. This is part of Stirling Council's Book Festival from Sept 8-15.

As well as books, there are DVDs, photocopying, laminating, internet/Wi-Fi and lots of information. There is also a fortnightly Bookbug Session for babies and pre-school children and a monthly Book Group for adults. The library phone number is 473873 or email cambusbarrowlibrary@stirling.gov.uk

DIARY DATES

30th August -Cambusbarrow Community Development Trust 7pm at Community Centre

6th September -Save Gillies Hill meeting at Community Centre 7pm

18th September-Community Council meeting 7pm

If you have an event for this diary, please send details to Alan Rennie at alanraigrennie@yahoo.co.uk

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