

Coupar Conversations, 21.11.07

Neighbourhood Watch

- East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Association (EPNWA) has been reformed. They will publish newsletters. You can contact them via the Community Council.
- Free Neighbourhood Watch signs are now available from EPNWA.
- The Trades Lane Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has now been approved. If you want to start your own scheme, get your neighbours to fill in forms and hand them to PC Steve Brown. You can get the forms by phoning the police on 01382 223200, and asking for Steve Brown who is based at Blairgowrie Police Station.

Anti-social behaviour

- There has been some vandalism to cars. One woman has phoned the police 6 times in the past month. Sometimes they don't come, or come too late.
- In Gray Street there was a big fight – a woman phoned 999 and the police came in 5 minutes. The lesson seems to be that if there is an urgent problem, phone 999.

Dog fouling

- Dog fouling is a problem in the following areas:- Carlton Street, Causewayend, Lamb & Gardners.
- Many people are taking their dogs out late at night, so there is no-one to report them for not cleaning up their dogs' mess.
- One suggestion was for more 'brutal' signs.
- A few months ago two people were prosecuted.
- It has been confirmed that as a last resort it is legal for people to put dog mess in ordinary bins or their own bin at home, **but only if it is very well wrapped.**

Community Shop?

- A permanent community shop was proposed, in light of news that the charity shop in George Street is to be converted into a flat in the New Year. The shop would be owned and run by the community via a Development Trust set up by the Community Council. It was also suggested that it should include a café. Both ideas were generally welcomed.
- Where? The tablet shop may be available soon. The old Bookies and New2U were also suggested, as was the former antique centre in Candlehouse Lane and the former Bargain Shop (may become vacant when the town centre renovations are complete). The library holds rates listings saying who owns what and who is renting. There is also a website – www.myhouseprice.com.

Other issues and questions

- Suggestion – permanent parking on just one side of Union Street
- Suggestion – Speed bumps along Bogside Road. Around 5pm and 8am there is a lot of speeding traffic. Towards Middlehills there is no pavement – dangerous for children.

There is a similar problem at Queen Street. **ACTION** – Michael Gallagher will contact PKC.

- Christine Itani suggested that the Council is waiting for houses to be built and getting the builders to build the pavement – some houses are going to be built at the BATTERYbank end of Bogside Road. The builders of Brodie's Yard had to pay for part of the relief road. The builders at Apedale Way had to pay for the pavement.
- Problem – deliver lorries at the Corner Shop and Grays are making it difficult to exit from Commercial Street. **ACTION** – Michael Gallagher to write to the Co-op.
- Problem – delivery vans at Culross are opening doors against a neighbouring house. **ACTION** – Michael Gallagher to write to Culross Printers.
- Problems with bad families moving into the town.
- Houses should go to local people, but Perth & Kinross Council's hands are tied – we need to protest to the government. **ACTION** – Community Council to discuss this at their next meeting on 11 December.
- **Next Coupar Conversations, Spring – 19 March, Strathmore Bowling Club, 7.30pm.**