

CANdo

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***Parking problems.....
.....what parking problems?***



Horse Fair Saturday 26th March



Plans are well underway for this years Coupar Angus Horse Fair, an event established to celebrate the positive aspects of our community and unite the community after what looks like to be a long winter!

The event on the 26th March will be the now established mix of parade, community events, stalls, horses and heritage. However this year there will be a slight reorganisation and have the added attraction of illustrated talks, more information of which can be found in next months CAN-do.

Due to the unavailability of the Abbey Church Hall it is proposed to move community stalls into the Town Hall, along with any craft workers. As space will be limited priority will be given to community groups however they MUST book their space before the end of February. At that time craft workers will be contacted to use any residual space. The organisers are also urging community groups to be creative with their choice of fund raising ideaeveryone having a tombola won't work as a fund raiser!

Entries for the parade and also stewards to assist the passage of the parade through the town are also needing to be finalised. Anyone or any group wanting to participate please get in touch in order that final details can be passed on.

IF YOU ARE WANTING TO GET INVOLVED OR BOOK A PLACE IN THE TOWN HALL PLEASE CONTACT RONA ON 628865 OR BY EMAIL: kerrrona@btinternet.com



PRIDE OF PLACE POLYTUNNEL GETS OFF THE GROUND!

Over the winter months Pride of Place have been sourcing funding to build a polytunnel to assist the group with their displays and also to share with the school as an outdoor classroom.

It was reported in the last CAN-do that the group were successful in receiving £1800 from the Green Insurance Company however PoP are delighted to report that since then they have received awards of: £1806 from Perth & Kinross Quality of Life Trust and £1334 from the Scottish Community Foundation.

This funding will now allow the project to "get off the ground" and hopefully the polytunnel will be ready for action in the spring, allowing the group to be self sufficient. The group has in the past been heavily reliant on the goodwill of several members of the community for their support in the growing season. Pride of Place would again like to thank them...especially Mr McGregor...for their support.

Anyone willing to get involved in the polytunnel project is invited to attend the next Pride of Place meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 1st March, 7pm in the council chambers, upstairs in the Town Hall, or contact the group through Jill at CART.



A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY ~ COUPAR ANGUS CONNECTIONS

Coupar Angus has always depended for its prosperity on maintaining good connections with the outside world. Thus it was that in the days when Coupar Angus Abbey was among the most prosperous of Scotland's monastic houses, care was taken to ensure that the necessities of life could be brought in, and goods taken out. Some idea of this trade can be got from studying the surviving Rental Books, which throw light on the functioning of the abbey during the 15th and 16th centuries.

When issuing leases, the abbey added conditions which required some of its principal tenants to provide 'long draught', usually of four oxen and two horses once or twice a year, to bring in materials such as lime, slate, lead, coal, salt and timber, and to export the produce from the abbey's farms or granges, mostly to and from Dundee. In addition to this, tenants were also required to provide 'common carriage' of more locally available goods such as fish, cheese, hay, peat and firewood.

Among the conditions placed on one Findlay, described as Thane of Glentilt, for his rent of the lands of Ennerwick in Atholl, was that he should provide the abbey with the best horse from his stud, or make payment in compensation. Another lease included

the requirement that Thomas Ogilvy of Bogside be ready to provide meat and drink for other tenants and abbey servants travelling between Glenisla and the abbey.

With the abbey lands stretching from Carse Grange in the south to the heads of Strathardle and Glenisla in the north, and from Campsie on the banks of the River Tay in the west to Kinreich near Forfar in the east, an efficient transport network was essential.

Christopher Dingwall
21 January 2011



Thanks from Santa!

In December, Voluntary Action Perthshire ran a project called Operation Christmas. They gathered food 'hampers' and childrens' gifts for families in the Perth and Kinross area suggested by VAP partner organisations.

At the 11th hour, severe weather meant that they couldn't get through to deliver the parcels. They called CART who put out an appeal for help.

The Coupar Angus and District Heritage Association volunteered immediately and delivered all the parcels before the big day.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who tramped and slithered though snow, ice and freezing temperatures to deliver the 3 dozens gifts. I'm sure it made a big difference to many families in Coupar Angus.

From Jill at CART

RECYCLE OUR INKJET CARTRIDGES LOCALLY

CART have registered as a recycling centre for old mobile phones, inkjet cartridges and laser/toner cartridges and your help would be greatly appreciated.

There is a collection box in the Town Hall, just outside the library. Please put your cartridges in a plastic bag before putting them in the box. If you have lots of cartridges, please email us at cartrust@btconnect.com and we can arrange a collection.

Sorry they don't take Epson cartridges. If anyone else can recycle these let me know, I have lots!

Thank you for your help.
Jill



Christmas Tree



Christmas Tree



Although when you read this the Christmas festivities will be all behind us, on behalf of the Coupar Angus Illuminators we hope you all found pleasure in the Tree at the Cross. Due to the unprecedented weather conditions prior to the festive season the tree was delayed and couldn't be delivered or erected until we had a short break from the deep freeze. In spite of this respite, the team of intrepid volunteers sustained temperatures of well below freezing on the day. Sadly only one tree was available to us this year, owing largely to the weather. Considering the works still going on at "The Red House Corner" it was decided that the cross area was a more appropriate site. It was also regretful that the celebrations to turn on the lights had to be cancelled; we are sure many were disappointed.

Our thanks to all those who contributed their time and effort to preparing for the event and to those who risked life and limb to deliver, erect and dress the tree in the icy conditions.

Let's hope for better luck next year.

Belated but Happy New Year to all

The Illuminators

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LEGAL MATTERS

Comment on Community Legal Issues

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

What is a Power of Attorney?

A Power of Attorney is a legal document the intention of which is to assist in the situation where somebody temporarily or permanently loses the ability to look after their own affairs. It can also be used where someone chooses to have somebody assist them in looking after their affairs because this is more convenient for them. It must be made whilst the person has the legal ability to do so.

Why make a Power of Attorney?

We would generally recommend that everybody has a Power of Attorney in place in case they suddenly and unexpectedly lose the ability to look after their affairs, for example due to illness or accident. This becomes increasingly important for the elderly. If somebody loses the ability to look after their affairs and does not have a Power of Attorney in place then this can cause considerable hassle, expense and stress. If there is a Power of Attorney in place then the process for attending to the person's affairs is usually very straightforward.

Is There More than One Type of Power of Attorney?

Generally there are two types of Power of Attorney, Welfare Powers of Attorney and Financial Powers of Attorney. A Welfare Power of Attorney enables the Attorney to make decision on behalf of the granter in relation to matters such as healthcare, choice of residential care etc. A Financial Power of Attorney as the name implies is intended to enable the Attorney to attend to the person's financial affairs.

Who Should be Appointed?

It is important to appoint somebody that you know and trust as the granting of a Power of Attorney does give the Attorney a wide range of authority over the granter's affairs. It may be a husband or wife, son, daughter or solicitor. The advantage of appointing a solicitor is that they would be able to deal with any legal issues arising and are regulated by the Law Society of Scotland. However, they will charge for their services. Normally it is better to have somebody who knows you personally to act as your welfare attorney. It is also sensible to consider an alternative attorney just in case the person chosen to act can no longer act.

How do I set up a Power of Attorney?

The legal documentation should be drawn up by a solicitor. Sometimes it may be necessary to obtain a medical opinion to confirm that the granter understands what it is that they are signing. The Power of Attorney is then registered with the Office of the Public Guardian.

What does it Cost?

There will be solicitor's fees for the preparation of the Power of Attorney. These vary from solicitor to solicitor but typically would be in the region of £100-£150 plus VAT. In addition there is a registration fee payable to the Office of the Public Guardian of £70. Legal Aid may be available to meet part or all of the costs.

Can it be Cancelled?

As long as the person is able to deal with their own affairs they can cancel a Power of Attorney at any time by giving written notice.

The above is intended as a general overview. It is not intended to be a complete guide to the law which changes from time to time. Legal advice should always be taken with regard to individual circumstances.



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Minutes of Council meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11.01.2011, OF COUPAR ANGUS, ARDLER & BENDOCYH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

PRESENT:- Chairman, Ann Campbell:

Vice-Chairman, Michael Gallagher; Secretary, Jo Kettles:
David Carson: Bob Curran:

ABSENT: Ed Adam, John Middleton.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Dennis Malloy. Police will arrive approx 1930 hrs.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of 08.11.2010 deemed to be complete and correct. Proposed by Bob Curran. Seconded by David Carson.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

REPORTS: Councillor, none. Treasurer none. Secretary to contact John Middleton.

FORWARD COUPAR ANGUS. Ann Campbell asked David Carson/ Michael Gallagher for a brief synopsis of FCA progress. Short report, Announced that they were holding an open meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, 18.01.2011. All invited.

P.C. Ritchie Scott now in attendance

POLICE REPORT: Warning of a new scam, which has come to light. A company called "Western Union" claiming they can reclaim bank charges. Don't be fooled, they have you pay in advance to an address in India. Please be extra vigilant regarding heating oil tanks, lock them if you can. With impending increase in fuel prices, there may be a rise in fuel thefts; From both private and commercial vehicles, including farm machinery. Anyone seen acting suspiciously, don't hesitate call Tayside Police on 0300 111 22 22. Once again, in our area crime quite low, of all incidents reported, one still under inquiry, all others detected.

AT THIS POINT. VICE-CHAIRMAN LEFT THE MEETING.

POLICE REPORT CONT ..

Local Initiatives. Community Impact Team will be coming to the section soon, to assist with Anti-Social behaviour in our community. Reported to PC.Scott, queries regarding farm tractors with huge trailers. Do they require and get m.o.t inspections? what distance from home base are they allowed to travel on public roads and many more. All questions will be passed onto Traffic police. Thereafter PC Scott asked to be excused and left the meeting.

Minutes of Council meeting continued

CORRESPONDENCE: Informative from P&K. Local Development Plan. Consultation period will now end 11.02.2011. Questionnaire from Tayside Police, completed and returned. Email. Re flags at Town Hall. Bob Curran to attend to costing and then possible purchase of new. Convention of P&K Community Councils. Membership fees now due Secretary to contact Treasurer regarding same.

A.O.B.C: Snow clearance, lots of complaints re bad pavements, whilst we all suffered with the weather. Main routes were kept open, so allowing supplies to our shops. Thanks for that. Thank you also to our Fire Brigade for turning out to clear the dangerous icicles from roofs and gutters. Elections; Secretary to start preparing for April elections for community councillors. Sub-committee's to be elected to re-vamp gardens competition & Citizen of the Year presentations RePaint Perth. Informative handed to community councils. Community RePaint is dedicated to gathering and using good paint no longer required by householders and businesses. This prevents wasting good resources, supports good causes schools, uniformed groups, etc .. If your group is planning an event this year we would be delighted to be part of it. We would be happy to speak about

the National RePaint network. We could even bring paint to sell and at 50p to 75p litre, it is a real bargain. Please contact Caroline Beaton for further information on 01738 562420. or email: repaintperth @ gmx.co.uk

End of business, Chairman closed the meeting.

**Date of next meeting
14.02.2011.**



**COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPROVED TOWN CREST**

Reference Forward Coupar Angus

The fact that two members of this organisation, are serving members of the community council; does not mean that the Community Council as a whole supports **F.C.A.**

May I point out that the use of the Town Crest, or any variation of same, has NOT been sanctioned by the Community Council.

*Jo Kettles, secretary.
Coupar Angus, Ardler & Bendochy
Community Council.*

REGULAR ACTIVITIES**MONDAY 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**

* **Exercise Class with Sophie** 12noon – 1pm, Town Hall, £3.00/session (inc tea/coffee)

* St Anne's Church **Parent & Toddler Group**, 1pm – 3pm Tea/coffee & children's snacks, £1/family

* **New Age Kurling** in the Town Hall, 2-4pm. £1.50 entry, Refreshments served. Contact Anne Campbell 01828 627587

* **Tai Chi**** 7pm-8.30pm at the Coupar Angus Primary School Hall, part of CA Adult Education Classes, 10 weekly sessions £30. Call Elaine McKinlay on 01828 627040.

* **ZUMBA** – 7.30pm, in the Town Hall, dance fitness programme, follow the teacher! £3/session **NOT on 14th**

TUESDAY 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

* **Tiny Tigers** – Meigle and Kettins Taekwondo Club 4.15-4.45pm in Kettins Church Hall. Instructor is Rev. Nicola R Frail on 01828 640074

* **Youth drop-in Session** – for Secondary School Pupils from 5-8pm in the former YWCA Hall, Union Street

* **Yoga Class**** as part of CA Adult Education Class. 7pm-8.30pm in the Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

* **Tea Dance** in the Town Hall, 1.30-3.30pm, £2 admission and £1 for a raffle.

Music by Accordionist Dave Jenkins Contact Mrs Blyth 01250 872074

* **Youth drop-in Sessions** for Primary 5-7 pupils 6pm-7.30pm at the YW Hall, Union Street.

* **Karate Sessions** with Ally Whytock in the Town Hall, 6.30pm-8pm £3.50/session

THURSDAY 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

* **Exercise Class with Sophie** 12.30-1.15pm in the Town Hall, all welcome just turn up!

* **Afternoon Art Classes**** part of CA Adult Education Classes, 1.30-3.30pm in the Guide Hall

* **Line Dancing**, Coupar Angus Town Hall, Thursdays 7.30-8.30pm Just turn up on the day.

* **Scottish Country Dancing****, as part of CA Adult Education Classes, 7.00-9.00pm at Coupar Angus Primary School Hall. **NOT on 17th**

* **ZUMBA** – 10-11am in the Town Hall, dance fitness programme, just follow the teacher! £3/session

FRIDAY 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

* **Relax Art & Craft Group** 9.15am - 11.15am, upstairs in the Town Hall. £3.00/session,

* St Anne's Church **Parent & Toddler Group**, 10am-12noon Tea/coffee & children's snacks, £1/family

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**FRIDAY 4th**

CA&D Heritage Association Talk at Strathmore Bowling Club, 7.30pm. '100 years of Girl Guiding' and the speaker is Christian Hill

TUESDAY 8th

St. Anne's Church Ecumenical Lunch Club from 12.30pm. Soup and a roll, cheese toastie and tea/coffee £2.00/person

WEDNESDAY 9th

Over 60's Day Out to Abernyste SAAC, leaving the Town Hall at 1pm. If you would like to join us call Tom on 628342 or Michael on 627124 to book your seat and for details.

THURSDAY 10th

Thursday Friends in the Town Hall 2.30pm. We would be pleased to see everyone then! East Perthshire Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at Kettins Church Hall, (behind Church) at 7.30pm

FRIDAY 11th

Red House Hotel for **Country & Western Music Club** Evening, at the Red House Hotel, Coupar Angus from 8pm onwards. Music by Tequila



SATURDAY 12th

Community Groups World Café in the Town Hall from 12noon – 3pm. This event aims to discuss the issues affecting community groups in Coupar Angus and is run by John Corrigan of Community Learning & Development and Jill Davies of CART. Come tell us what you need help with. More details from Jill at CART on 01828 628569 or email cartrust@btconnect.com.

MONDAY 14th

* **Community Council Meeting**, 7pm in Coupar Angus Town Hall

* **SNP Bingo Tea** in Coupar Angus Town Hall, eyes down at 7.30pm – 9.30pm Bring own cup.

TUESDAY 22nd

St. Anne's Church Ecumenical Lunch Club from 12.30pm. Soup and a roll, cheese toastie and tea/coffee £2.00/person

THURSDAY 24th

Bookbug Rhymetime in the Library in the Town Hall, Coupar Angus 10.30-11am. Free story, song and Rhyme sessions for babies & toddler

Silent Auction of goods and services in Aid of the Abbey Church general funds, at 7.30pm in The Red House. Admission £2. Offers of goods or services welcome: ring 01828 628115.

SUNDAY 27th

Wedding Show Red House Hotel
12noon – 4pm

MONDAY 28th

Gymball classes Monday mornings beginning 28th February in the Squash Court, The Red House, Coupar Angus. Great fun and a fantastic way to keep fit and tone safely
You will need to bring your own ball. Please phone, Julie on 07818 004 754 for more details and to book a place as numbers are limited.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

TUESDAY 1st

* **Youth drop-in Session** – for Secondary School Pupils from 5-8pm in the former YWCA Hall, Union Street

Yoga Class* as part of CA Adult Education Class. 7pm-8.30pm in the Town Hall.

* **Pride of Place Meeting** in the Council Chambers in the Town Hall, 7pm, all welcome

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* **CA&D Heritage Association Talk** at Strathmore Bowling Club, 7.30pm. Paul Adair presents 'The Wilson Laing Archives'

* **John Swinney Surgery** in the Town Hall, 3-4.5pm-4.45pm

SATURDAY 5th

ZUMBA – 10am in the Town Hall, dance fitness programme, follow the teacher! £3/session. You can join in at Rattray, Alyth and Birkhill thereafter!

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY/MARCH CLUBS & CLASSES

“My Coupar Angus”

The Horse Fair Committee are running a Photographic Competition for under 18 year olds which will be judged by Lorraine Kelly.

The prize is £40 for the best photograph and a £25 voucher courtesy of Lloyds TSB Bank, Coupar Angus for the second prize.

The theme is “My Coupar Angus” and is your favourite pic of the area. It could be a “ Winter 2010” shot of mega icicles, “The Great Thaw” or a summer scene to cheer us all up. Yours photos can show your favourite place, be funny or capture the Coupar Angus you see. Please attach a title for your photograph. Photographs must not be edited.

Entries will be posted on line at www.coupar-angus.org for all to see.



How to enter:

Photographs should be emailed to cartrust@btconnect.com by Wednesday 16th March. If there are children in the photographs, a disclosure form will be sent which must be completed and returned before the photograph can go online. Send in your name, address, age and contact telephone number. (These details will NOT be posted online.)

For full terms and conditions, visit www.coupar-angus.org or contact Jill at CART on 01828 628569 or email cartrust@btconnect.com.

Good Luck!



Coupar Angus Community Group Health Check

SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY

12noon - 3pm

Coupar Angus Town Hall

**Come Along and take part in discussions about issues
affecting community groups
in Coupar Angus.**

**The event will be run by CART and PKC
Community Learning and Development
A World Café approach will be used to encourage a
sharing of the challenges that face local groups and
ideas to help address these.**

To sign up - contact JCorrigan@blair-pkc.org.uk
or Jill on 01828 628569 - cartrust@btconnect.com



*Light refreshments
and snacks will be
provided!*

Forward Coupar Angus

**Minutes of launch meeting,
Tuesday 18 January 2011, Coupar
Angus Town Hall, 7.30pm**

Present:

Steering Committee – David Carson (Chairman), Hugh Macrae, Tom Callan, Michael Gallagher (Secretary).

Apologies: Bob Talbot

Guests – Debra Hughes, Moira Coull, Pearl Graham, Janice McKay, Hamish Robertson, Sheila Legge, Robert Farquharson, Alison Farquharson, Kathleen Stewart, Bill Pennycook, Margaret Pennycook, Linda Cameron, Andrew Harris, D. Wilshaw, S. Wilshaw, John Palfeyman, Keith Sturrock, Scott Cameron, Ron Leslie, Ioanna Addison, Steven Addison, Lez Holden, Nic Holden, Gordon McKay, Mae McKay, Clare South, Keith Whytock, Jean Napier, G. Grant, G. N. Grant, Janet Melville, Lesley Norrie, Mary O'Brien, Florence Smeaton, Hamish Jack, Mr & Mrs Euan Scott, Neil Wimberly, Bruce Malloch, Ann Malloch, Mary Broadley, George Ferguson, Margaret Ferguson, Robin Barron, Isobel Jack, Jim Kidd, Malcolm Hynd, Elaine Hynd, W. Pirie, R. Gibson, Lesley Smith, H. Nicholson, C. Nicholson, S. Ross, G. Minto, Allan Neill, Lynda McGregor, Heather Potter, Stephen Rooney, Roz Arno Button, G. Jackson, G. McIntosh, David Scott, Robert Easson, Anne Robertson, Freda Hynd, Alistair Macaskill, Deborah Macaskill, Bob Curran, Helen David, Eilidh Scott, Julie Foreman, Joe Richards, John Munro, Kathleen Taylor, Celia Kinmond, Allan Kinmond, Nancy Bruce, Pat Sedakat.

The meeting

Welcome and introduction by David Carson

David thanked everyone for attending and then gave some background information about FCA.

There are many development trusts in Scotland. They are all different, but with a common theme – they focus on the local community.

There are lots of reasons to be optimistic. A development trust gives people a collective voice that is much stronger than the individual voice.

We aim for sustainable development, i.e. a growing, thriving and prosperous community, working in partnership where necessary and in harmony with Government and society's priorities.

Project ideas

After introducing the members of the steering committee, David mentioned a few of the projects we have considered so far, including the community café, time bank, credit union and citizens advice bureau. He also mentioned possible improvements to the Town Hall, including a larger library with longer opening hours, improved disabled access and a lift, a permanent site for a community café, theatre and cinema and a home for community services.

All of these things could be achieved with support from the community.

Local Development plan and Main Issues Report

David then introduced the subject of Perth and Kinross Council's recommendations for its new Local

Development Plan. Under this plan, land is allocated for housing, factories, offices, roads and other types of development. The Council has called its latest set of proposals 'Main Issues Report'. The public have until 11 February to comment on the Main Issues Report.

David spoke of our concern that the Council's plans for Coupar Angus are very unambitious – only 100-150 new houses planned for the foreseeable future, and no plans for commercial or retail development to provide new jobs.

David then introduced Hugh Macrae, who presented our alternatives proposals for the future development of Coupar Angus.

Our suggestions for future development, presented by Hugh Macrae

Our key proposal is the construction of a southern bypass, which would open up the area known as The Meadows (the fields behind East of Scotland Farmers) for new housing and other development. We need to build up local amenities and tourism.

Comments on our proposals for the Local Development Plan

- I like the bypass and the orchards, but I'm not sure about housing in the Meadows because of flooding. New drainage was put in 3 or 4 years ago, but there is water lying in fields and in the ditch. There are also several springs. Suggestion – a loch for fishing at the Meadows.

Comments from the floor

- **Police station** – we need one.
- **Postcode missing** – The postcode for Larghan View is missing from our list (PH13 9FH).

- **Car parking** –
 - When cars are parked in George Street the road becomes blocked.
 - The car park at Commercial Street is always full.
 - Small shops need parking spaces for their customers.

Hugh said we would take up the issue of parking with Perth and Kinross Council (including local elected members) and the Community Council.

- **Smell from sewage works** – The new sewage works aren't coping with existing levels of sewage, so they won't be able to cope with any additional input. There shouldn't be any new development until the problems at the sewage works have been fixed. David suggested that with strong support from the community, Forward Coupar Angus could apply pressure productively.
- **Opinions of primary school children** – David mentioned his trip to the local primary school. The kids like the town, but not the smells. We need to open a dialogue with the chicken factory and others in a spirit of partnership.
- **Library opening hours** – Hugh raised the library opening hours again, and asked for volunteers. It was suggested that the library had been closed on Fridays because of vandalism.
- **New supermarket** – concern was expressed that this would threaten small local businesses.

- **Houses for sale** – There are a lot of houses for sale, indicating that people don't want to live here.
- **Screening for chicken factory** – It was suggested that the chicken factory should be screened off with trees. David mentioned that we have made contact with Vion and plan to build a constructive relationship with them.
- **Bollards at The Cross** – Concern was expressed that the bollards at The Cross pose a danger.

Questions from the floor

- **What is the difference between us and CART?** – We are community-led with monthly meetings open to the public.
- **Why haven't I heard about you before?** – Clearly we need to improve on communications, and to that end we will shortly be developing a communications strategy.
- **Why isn't the Community Council doing what we're doing?** – The Community Council has limited authority and finances. It therefore concentrates on "bread and butter" activities such as organising the procession to the war memorial on Memorial Sunday.
- **What is being done to improve the town's appearance?** – A member of the audience asked what was being done to facelift the town and improve the local businesses to attract visitors. Hugh suggested that help could be given in the form of rate relief.

- **What examples are there of successful development trusts?** – David suggested Neilston and Comrie as good examples. In Neilston work has been done to improve the environment, and they have bought the old bank building for use as a community centre. They have a lot of volunteers working in the town. The local GP has been referring people to them in order to reduce social isolation.
- **Why can't people living outside the burgh become full members?** Michael said that the committee had discussed this with the Development Trust Association, who advised that we should focus on a cohesive community rather than spread the net too widely.

Election of directors

Ordinary Members (i.e. those aged 18 and living in the burgh) are encouraged to put their name forward for election to the board of directors. The deadline for nominations is Thursday 17 February. Nomination forms are available from:

- the Heritage Association shop in George Street,
- the Business Centre, The Cross
- C&W West, George Street

The next open meeting is on Thursday 3rd March at 7,30pm in St. Anne's Church Hall, during which Directors will be elected.

The main qualifications for joining the board of directors are enthusiasm, imagination and commitment – *and a willingness to listen to people.*

Coupar Angus - Enterprise Zone....

Coupar Angus Regeneration Trust are hosting a meeting for **Business People** in the area to discuss the opportunities (and weaknesses) of Coupar Angus as an Enterprise Zone.

You are invited to:

The Red House Hotel, Station Road, Coupar Angus on

Tuesday 22nd February from 7pm

Subjects will include parking and infrastructure, employing staff, new industries, Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities and Threats and will be discussed in small groups and a group speaker will be provided.

For more information, please call Jill Davies at CART on 01828 628569. Please let Jill know if you are able to attend. If you can't come on the night but would like to know the results, email your details to cartrust@btconnect.com.

You've seen it all, we are looking for your opinions!

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LETTER FROM THE PAST**and we are still trying to improve parking today**

Chief Executive
Perth & Kinross Council
2 High Street
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Mrs J Kettles
8 Precinct Street
Coupar Angus
PH13 9DG
Tel 01828 627188

01.02.2001

Dear Sir

Now that the Improvements to enhance the town centre have started, we as a Community Council are looking for an obvious Public Car Park. The need for one was well proven by the temporary park that was situated adjacent to the White Hoose for a lengthy period, before the new road was constructed.

We ask if it could be at least considered, that Perth & Kinross Council approach the present owners of the rough grass land in Candlehouse Lane, for possible compulsory purchase for same.

If there is even the slightest possibility it could only help Coupar Angus and compliment all monies spent on the central improvements. Potential visitors would be able to SEE the car park, access would be simple. Then by footpath to present traffic light control crossing, thus be able to walk directly into the town centre.

Were enough land purchased, part be used as a Lorry Park. which could generate money for P&K Council, thereby stopping H.G.V.'s being left overnight in Candlehouse Lane, which at present is being used as a night stop and a change-over place for artic trailers etc.. Ultimately saving P&K Council the cost of repairing the damage already being caused by these vehicles to the verge and roadway, and the removal of the rubbish that is thrown out by a few of the untidy drivers.

The remainder of the site could be used to display fully the railway memorabilia presented to the newly formed Heritage Trust.

Then Sir, Coupar Angus would feel that P&K are at last trying to make amends for the past few very bleak years our town has been put through.

Yours faithfully

Jo Kettles
(Correspondence Secretary)

Copy to
Cllr A D Grant.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you run an arts/cultural group in East Perthshire? Do you provide specialit tuition e.g. in music or dance?

I am currently putting together a directory of the arts and cultural activity in the region. I am also updating my records so that I can pass on accurate information to individuals when asked about local arts and cultural groups and artists.

Over the next few months I will be contacting groups and individuals and asking them to complete a breif questionnaire, but there may well be other groups / individuals that I am not aware of and who should be included.

If you think you should be in the directory, please could you contact me on 01828 633451 / or email kbailey@alyth.pkc.sch.uk

*We will then send you a questionnaire to fill in
thank you very much for your help*

*Kirstie Bailey (Cultural Co-ordinator, East Perthshire. Based at Alyth
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Art Exhibition by local artists

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Talk by Heritage Speaker

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