

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

March 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the March edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. We have included a variety of information which we hope that you will find useful – if you have any questions about any of the information – or would like to know more – please don't hesitate to contact us on 01786 233076 or email communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk.

Stirling Council Invests in Communities

Stirling council met on Thursday 22 February and approved a budget package which will safeguard services and invest almost £26 million in enhancing the area. Councillors met to decide the financial plan for the year ahead and committed to investing millions in initiatives to support communities, grow the local economy, and enhance infrastructure including roads.

There was support for residents of all ages with funding set aside for projects to tackle school holiday hunger among young children, invest in apprenticeships, mitigate the impact of Universal Credit and make Stirling a Dementia-Friendly City. To continue to realise the City's ambitions to be an economic power house, there was funding for capital projects including £4.5m for road improvements and modernisation, over £2m for City Deal projects and £1m to improve the area's digital connectivity. Communities will be enhanced through the introduction of 20mph zones to make streets safer, with a £1.1m fund established for a flood prevention scheme, and money also set aside to enhance play parks across the City. A further £5m has been set aside to enhance schools and early years to provide the best possible learning environments for Stirling's young people. Council Tax will increase by 3% which will help to protect essential services.

Over the next five years, a gap of £19.8million is anticipated between what the Council receives in funding and revenue and the cost of delivering its services and this shortfall has to be addressed through the budget setting.

The recent communication and engagement on options put forward through PBB5 attracted the largest ever response rate and the feedback received helped to inform the decisions taken by Councillors. A copy of the Communication & Engagement Report and appendices is available on the Council's website <https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/council-and-government/shapingstirling/pbb-year-five>

Of the 42 Options presented during the communication and engagement period, 20 were accepted, 15 were rejected and 7 were deferred. The 7 options which were deferred have to go to the Finance & Economy Committee for more detailed consideration. I have attached a document which sets out which options were accepted, rejected or deferred.

Thank you for taking the time to attend one of the conversations; submit a feedback sheet; submit a question/comment/suggestion to the dedicated email address; send a letter, phone in and/or complete the online survey.

Community Resilience Workshop

Thursday 26th April, 2018 at 1845—2130 hours

Stirling Council Chambers, Old Viewforth, 14-20 Pitt Terrace, Stirling, FK8 2ET

Tea and Coffee will be served from 1830.

The aim of the exercise is to provide a test of the activation and co-ordination arrangements in your Plan. There will also be a guest speaker in attendance from SP Energy Networks.

The Exercise Objectives will be to:

1. Verify and give confidence in the completeness, consistency and accuracy of your emergency plan.
2. Ensure that your plan dovetails with the plans of external organisations.
3. Provide all exercise participants with an overview of their own roles and responsibilities in an emergency.
4. Gain an appreciation of the roles and responsibilities of others.
5. Generate a list of plan improvements if required.

All Stirling Council Communities with Emergency Plans in place or in progress, are being invited to attend this evening. If your plan is no longer current or if you do not have a plan but are interested in finding out more, please come along to the workshop and take part.

We would be very grateful if you could give us an indication of participant numbers from your Community ASAP.

sloanal@stirling.gov.uk or by calling 01786 233169

Community Council Review

Stirling Council has commenced the next consultation phase of the review of Community Councils.

The purpose of this second 8 week consultation is to consider and provide feedback on the changes to the revised draft governing documents (Scheme of Establishment, Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct). This will run from 21 March to 16 May 2018.

You can view the consultation documents at

<https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/community-life-and-leisure/community-information/community-councils-and-assemblies/strategic-engagement>

And respond to the consultation at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCCCReview2018>

The results of this second consultation phase will be presented at a Special Meeting of Stirling Council on 28 June 2018. Elected Members will be asked to agree a final draft amended Scheme. This final draft will be subject to a final 4-week consultation before being brought back for Council approval in August/September 2018. Community Council elections will follow in October/November 2018.

Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy Consultation Event

The Scottish Government is producing the first national strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness in the UK. Your views and opinions have an important role to play in shaping what this will look like. In order to meet demand, the Scottish Government have organised a second run of consultation events. The event in Stirling will take place on Wednesday April 18th 12-2pm at the Golden Lion.

Should you wish to attend, or find out more

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-isolation-and-loneliness-strategy-stirling-consultation-event-tickets-42452442398?aff=erellivmlt>

Neighbourhood Model of Care Survey

Do you live or work in the South West Rural area of Stirling, Balfron and the surrounding communities? If so please could you take 5 minutes to complete a survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8HQ5LH9>) gathering information about the wide range of activities for adults living in the area to assist the Neighbourhood Care Team to ensure that people are receiving the support they require.

The Neighbourhood Care Team is a multi-disciplinary team made up of district nurses, social workers, social care workers and re-ablement staff. The team will assess, co-ordinate and deliver health and social care to adults living in the Rural Southwest area.

The Neighbourhood Care Team puts the client at the centre and recognises the important role support networks; family, friends, community organisations, play in enabling people to live safely and well in their community.

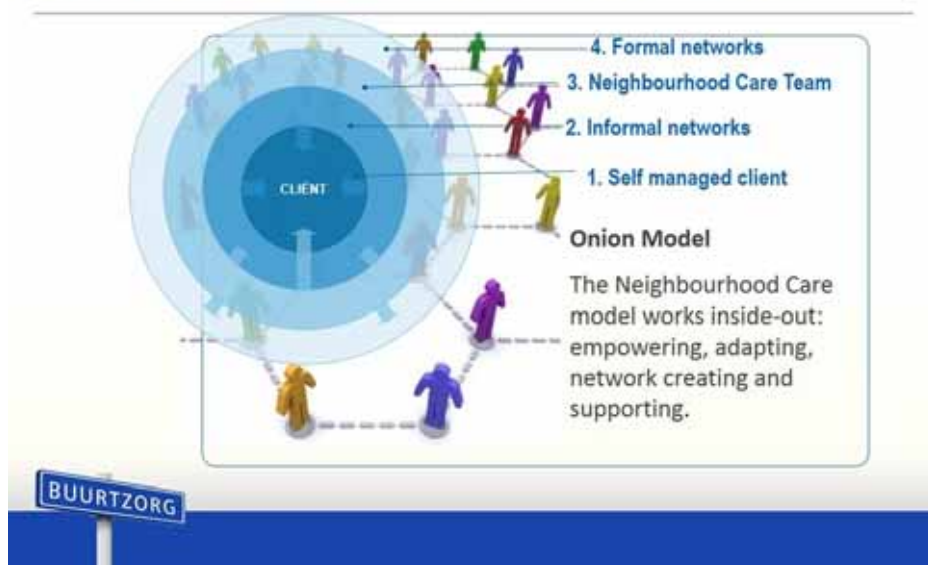
A Resource Worker will support the team to access community based and preventative services that will support adults to remain living well and safely at home within their community.

This survey seeks to gather information about the informal networks of support in the Rural Southwest area. Informal networks of support can include any activity which supports you to stay well and connected with your community.

Please feel free to share this link with your networks. Paper copies are available from Polly Rodger at SVE at the following

PollyRodger@sventerprise.org.uk

Neighbourhood Care Team Vision



Scottish Government Consultations

Consultation seeking views on the update of The Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

The Scottish Government are seeking views on the update of the Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007.

The Scottish Government is responsible for regulating the powers of Scottish local authorities and Licensing Boards in relation to licensing the sale of alcohol. The Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 came into force on 1st February 2008. They provide for various procedural matters under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, relating to, amongst other things, the notification of licence applications, objections, representations, determinations and hearings.

A Consultation on: Update of The Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 has been published on the Scottish Government's consultation platform, Citizen Space. Share views and respond to this consultation online at: <https://consult.gov.scot/criminal-law/licensing-procedure/>

If you are unable to respond online you can submit your response along with a completed Respondent Information Form to: Licensing.Consultation@gov.scot. The consultation can also be viewed at: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/03/4348>. The consultation closes on **6th June 2018**. 2018. Community Council elections will follow in October/November 2018.

The guide from Cadispa (<http://www.cadispa.org/>), and Drennan Watson, formerly of Landwise Scotland is designed to help local people assess the risks of ownership of community facilities and to help the path to ownership to be as smooth as possible. It includes information on strengthening your management committee, consulting with the local community, getting planning permission and a building warrant and much more.

The Guide is available - [http://www.cadispa.org/Downloads/Asset%20Guide%20\(2017\).pdf](http://www.cadispa.org/Downloads/Asset%20Guide%20(2017).pdf)

Community volunteers on committees are also invited to send their suggestions for improvement to the guide which will be reviewed in the light of these contribution. Please email rdw@ontel.com

Your Festival, Your Community event

Fri 27 – Sat 28 April 2018
MacRobert, University of Stirling



Your Festival, Your Community will be an event celebrating, learning about and connecting local film festivals from all over Scotland. It will be completely free to attend, open to any local film festival organisers in Scotland and the rest of the UK, people interested in starting a festival, or those who want to find out how they can support local film festivals.

This event will bring together speakers from Cromarty Film Festival, Glasgow Short Film Festival, the Hippodrome Festival of Silent Cinema, Whitley Bay Film Festival and more, to share experience and advice and consider the question: what makes a film festival local?

The event will explore the themes most important to local film festivals in Scotland such as planning special events, creating an inclusive festival and how to make a festival sustainable. More info about the event <https://www.regionalscreenscotland.org/your-festival-your-community-event-and-challenge-funding-announced/Summary>

Summary Briefing: New GP Contract

Voluntary Health Scotland have completed a summary briefing which provides a general overview of the new GP contract for a third sector audience and details the changes to Primary Care and the intended outcomes for health and care in communities as well as the proposed improvement in health of patients.



The briefing discusses the new roles of Primary Care staff including the refocused role of the GP as an 'expert medical generalist' as well as development of multidisciplinary teams within GP practices. The briefing also provides an introduction to the "four Cs" of primary care that have acted as a guiding principle throughout the development of the new GP contract and have been described as attributes and qualities patients' value most in general practice.

You can read the Summary Briefing here – <https://vhscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Summary-Briefing-New-GP-Contract.pdf>

You can read the full GP contract – <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/11/1343>

A MENU for CHANGE

We'd like to invite you to A Menu for Change's upcoming event, **The impact of Universal Credit on food insecurity in Stirling: challenges and solutions.**



A Menu for Change is a three-year project, funded by the Big Lottery, and managed by Oxfam Scotland, Poverty Alliance, Child Poverty Action Group Scotland and Nourish Scotland. Our project aims to tackle the underlying problems behind the rise in food insecurity and food banks across Scotland by ensuring people get the cash, rights and food they need before they are in crisis.

We are running events throughout Scotland for service providers, practitioners and community members to problem solve and share learning around common issues impacting on levels of food insecurity nationwide. Stirling Council has been Universal Credit full service since summer 2017. Our workshop is an opportunity for local stakeholders to consider the impact this has had on food insecurity for people living within the local authority. We will be sharing knowledge and ideas about preventative approaches and hear from a panel of local and national experts on Universal Credit, welfare reform and food insecurity.

The event will take place on **Tuesday 24th April, 10.30am – 3.00pm** at Lesser Hall, Albert Halls, 1 Albert Place, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 2QL. Please follow the below link to book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-impact-of-universal-credit-on-food-insecurity-in-stirling-tickets-42495135093>

Wildlife Information Leaflet

Milesmark & Baldrige Community Council in Dunfermline have produced a simple to use Wildlife Information Leaflet and Poster which aims to encourage local people to help Wildlife.

The Poster is designed to raise awareness on how to help Hedgehogs and the leaflet is double sided with one side featuring Hedgehogs and the other side Birds, Bees and Butterflies. Our Community Council would like to ask if you can help Wildlife by spreading this message in your own Community.

Both documents (attached at the end of the newsletter) include photo's which have been obtained from free sites which allow commercial use.

You can help by:

- Displaying on your Notice Board/Face Book page etc.
- Printing some posters and displaying in public places (Super markets, Community centres , Vets Surgeries)

Have some leaflets printed off and distribute to appropriate properties, also put some in public places. If you can do any of the above it would be very much appreciated. They welcome feedback and can be contacted at-

milesmark.baldrigecommcouncil@gmail.com

Funding

Stirling Council Community Grants

Two funding programmes which provide grants ranging from £100 - £1500 to promote community activities and to support local initiatives. Applications are accepted from constituted community and voluntary groups for a variety of projects which benefit residents within the Stirling Council area and help to develop vibrant, resilient communities. Capital and revenue project costs will be considered.

Next deadline is **Wednesday 18 April**.

For more information, please visit-

<https://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/community-life-and-leisure/safer-communities-team/crime-prevention-and-community-safety/community-grants>

Clydesdale Bank's 'Spirit of the Community Awards'

Community projects the length and breadth of Scotland are invited to enter an awards programme which could see them share a funding boost of £75,000 to make a real difference in their local area.

The Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards 2018 is open for applications and this year's programme will take the total funds given out since the awards started in 2013 to more than £1million. Clydesdale Bank makes donations to recognise and support community projects which are going the extra mile. Registered charities and not for profit organisations are invited to enter their projects into the awards scheme under one of three categories: 1) projects which help people to have a healthy relationship with money, 2) projects which help people to improve their local environment and 3) projects which help people into employment.

The awards are open to a range of initiatives across the third sector that can demonstrate support for the local community. This could include projects helping to upskill people for the workplace, ventures promoting healthy relationships with money or schemes aiming to protect the environment.

Five projects will be selected in each of the three categories and all 15 winners will be awarded £5,000 each.

For further information about the Clydesdale Bank Foundation's Spirit of the Community Awards or to enter, people can visit www.cbonline.co.uk/foundation or go into their local Clydesdale Bank branch to receive an application form.

The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 3 April 2018** and the winners will be announced in summer 2018.

Training



Data Protection—your responsibilities

Monday 23 April 2018

6.30–8.30 pm

Wallace Room, Viewforth, Stirling

Why should you attend?

The aim of this course is to raise awareness of data protection for community groups and organisations. No previous experience of the subject is necessary to participate.

The course will explore -

- **What is personal data and data protection?** - explore the eight principles of data protection and what it means for groups.
- **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** - what changes does the new regulation make to data protection
- **Data mapping** - what do you do now with data and how can you improve practice—your responsibilities

The course style is informal and delegates will be asked to participate in discussion, group exercises and create their own group's data map. Notes and further information will be given out at the training.

This course is aimed at members of Community Groups.

Booking is essential

To book please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-stronger-communities-201718-tickets-29606216992>

Or call 01786 233076.

Please note - we are intending to organise this course in other geographical areas. Information will be available shortly when venues are identified.

Community Engagement Team, communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk phone 01786 233076

PLEASE BE HEDGEHOG AWARE



HEDGEHOGS ARE IN TROUBLE

HEDGEHOGS NEED YOUR HELP

HEDGEHOG POPULATIONS ARE IN DRASTIC DECLINE.

MORE THAN 50,000 ARE KILLED EACH YEAR ON BRITAIN'S ROADS.

HEDGEHOGS ARE ALSO KILLED IN STRIMMING AND MOWING INCIDENTS.

HEDGEHOGS DIE WHEN EATING SLUGS WHICH HAVE BEEN POISONED WITH SLUG PELLETS

Do

DRIVE SLOWLY AFTER DARK AND EARLY MORNING AND CHECK FOR HEDGEHOGS ON THE ROAD, VERGES AND PAVEMENTS.

ALWAYS CHECK LONG GRASS AND UNDER BUSHES/SHRUBS BEFORE MOWING/STRIMMING.

CHECK YOUR GARDEN FOR HEDGEHOGS BEFORE LETTING DOGS OUT AFTER DARK.

PUT OUT A SHALLOW DISH OF FRESH WATER IN A SECLUDED PART OF YOUR GARDEN ESPECIALLY DURING DRY SPELLS.

LEAVE A SMALL SPACE UNDER YOUR FENCE SO THAT GARDENS ARE LINKED TO ALLOW HEDGEHOGS TO TRAVEL SAFELY.

CHECK LEAF PILES AND WOOD PILES BEFORE BURNING.

Don't

DON T USE SLUG PELLETS OR POISONS. ALTERNATIVES ARE SAND, WOOD CHIPS, GRAVEL OR THORNY TWIGS

NEVER FEED HEDGEHOGS MILK.

If you find a sick, injured, or tiny hedgehog, please call the SSPCA immediately on 03000 999 999

Notice produced by Milesmark and Baldrige Community Council

SOS SAVE OUR WILDLIFE

SAVING HEDGEHOGS

HEDGEHOGS ARE IN TROUBLE

HEDGEHOGS NEED YOUR HELP

Hedgehog populations are in drastic decline.

More than 50,000 are killed each year on Britain's roads.

Hedgehogs are also killed in strimming and mowing incidents.

Hedgehogs die when eating slugs which have been poisoned with slug pellets.



HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Drive slowly after dark and early morning and check for hedgehogs on the road, verges and pavements.

Always check long grass and under bushes/shrubs before mowing/trimming.

Check your garden for hedgehogs before letting dogs out after dark.

Put out a shallow dish of fresh water in a secluded part of your garden especially during dry spells.

Check leaf piles and wood piles before burning.

Leave a small space under your fence so that gardens are linked to allow hedgehogs to travel safely.

For details please refer to www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs

DON'T use slug pellets or poisons. Alternatives are sand, wood chips, gravel or thorny twigs.

NEVER feed Hedgehogs milk.

Avoid nuts, seeds, dried fruit, mealworms, bread, cakes and biscuits.

You can feed meat based dog/cat food (pate/jelly not gravy or fish based), dried hedgehog food (available online or from RSPB) or crushed cat biscuits.

If you find a sick, injured, or tiny Hedgehog, or a Hedgehog wandering about during day time please call the SSPCA immediately on 03000 999 999

SOS SAVE OUR WILDLIFE

SAVING BIRDS, BEES and BUTTERFLIES

MANY OF BRITAIN'S BIRD SPECIES ARE IN DECLINE

BEES and BUTTERFLIES ARE ALSO IN TROUBLE

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your garden can be a miniature nature reserve.

HELPING BIRDS

Keep cats in overnight during the Bird nesting season (March - August).

Put out a shallow tray (bird bath) of fresh water for drinking and bathing.

Feed quality seeds and nuts over winter (try to keep feeders clean), also mild grated cheese, soaked dried fruit / fruit cake, unsalted hard fats, pastry raw or cooked, cold potatoes, apples and pears. Note (dried fruit can be harmful to dogs and cats).

Plant bushes which have berries, plant thick shrubs and hedging and leave some of your garden wild.

DON'T feed bread or anything salty or sticky.

DON'T cut back hedges and shrubs during the Bird nesting season (March - August).

HELPING BEES

Plant Lavender, Delphiniums, Foxgloves

Poppy and Wallflower.

HELPING BUTTERFLIES

Plant a purple Buddlea (Butterfly bush)

Cosmos, Alysum, Aster and Nasturtium.

