

## A wee bit of fun

The following wordsearch contains the names of the undernoted 10 local businesses – see if you can find them.

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 Kassys Kitchen        Deals on Reels        Badgers Kilts  
 Budgies                Lorna Clark          Beath Bargain Store  
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# The Beath Bulletin



Millenium Garden, Perth Road, Cowdenbeath

## A Message from the Chairman of Cowdenbeath Community Council

Cowdenbeath Community Council is trying to get more information on local matters and local issues 'out there' into our Community.

Historically, we have relied on 'face to face' discussions, 'word of mouth' and the local media to let you know what is happening but we feel that we need to look at additional ways of communicating with you - the residents in Cowdenbeath

We have already set up a Cowdenbeath Community Council Facebook page and if you are not already a follower – then please like us and share us!

Our next step is this newsletter, which we want to be for all people residing in Cowdenbeath. The Community Council can supply the information they know about but we would welcome contributions from you and there is more information on how you can do this on page 14 of this newsletter

As you can appreciate, there is a cost involved in producing any newsletter and it would help with costs if any businesses within Cowdenbeath would be interested in taking an advert out in the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact our Editorial Team at [cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com](mailto:cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com) for details.

And finally, we are aiming to build a website with the assistance of Digital Fife . It is currently being developed and we hope to share soon.

*A Haddow* – Chairman

## Would you like to contribute an article to this newsletter

If you have any news (an article and/or a photograph ) you would like to contribute - please do so.

Articles can be handwritten or typed and sent to the Editor at 1 Elgin Road, Cowdenbeath. Or you can choose to email the Editorial Team at: [cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com](mailto:cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com)

Articles must include your name and address (and organisation or group if applicable) but you may request your name and address not to be printed with the article.

### **Guidelines for articles:**

1. Maximum of 300 words (unless there is a photograph to be used in which case the maximum words would be 200 words). If emailed, the document should be sent as Rich Text Format (RTF)
2. Photographs should be sent as a jpeg.

***The community council reserve the right to edit all material submitted and the editor's decision is final on what will be included in the newsletter***



### Civic Week Royal Party 2014

Well done to Hollie, Aimee & Morgan who have been fantastic as our Queen and Princesses for 2014.

### Congratulations to

Eric and Barbara McMillan and Billy Allan from Cowdenbeath who were selected to represent Scotland at the para world bowls championships in New Zealand in Feb 2015. Barbara and Billy were selected for the squad and Eric was selected for the coaching team.

The 12 strong Scotland squad picked up a total of 4 golds and 2 silver medals.

### Congratulations to the Loony Dookers of 2015

Many thanks to all those involved in the Loony Dook at Ravenscraig on New Year's Day. Approximately £3500 was raised to help the Civic Week Committee put on a full programme of events for 2015.



### UPCOMING EVENTS include:

- March 22<sup>nd</sup> Charity Show at Hill of Beath Club
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> Selection of Royal Party for 2015
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> Sponsored walk (suggestion Loch Leven)
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> Marathon Darts Match – The Junction Bar
- RBS staff also intend to organise a Fundraising Race Night

### Did you know

According to the last Census, there were 11,697 people living in Cowdenbeath – see table for details. Total number of households was 5128

Age Group	%age	No of people
0 - 4	4.89%	572
5 - 15	14.42%	1686
16 - 29	15.84%	1854
30 - 44	22.41%	2622
45 - 59	20.18%	2360
60 - 74	14.22%	1663
> 75	8.04%	940

(Check out Civic Week Facebook page for full details)

## More information about the Community Council

The Community Council is made up of Cowdenbeath Residents (currently 15) who have volunteered their time and efforts to canvas and collect local resident's views and opinions on matters and issues which affect Cowdenbeath.

Information and views ascertained are then relayed to the varying statutory bodies (eg Fife Council) to help them in making their decisions on matters and policies affecting Cowdenbeath

The Community Council holds their meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month (excepting July & Dec) at 18.30 in the Town House.

These meetings are OPEN meetings and members of the public are invited to attend and hear about local matters and issues being discussed

You can contact the Community Council by post or email at:

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Email Address: [cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com](mailto:cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com)

A full version of each month's minutes of Community Council meetings can be found in the Library in Cowdenbeath.

Extracts from the meeting are also placed on our Facebook page

## Another successful year for the Civic Week Committee

This year we said 'cheerio' to a number of our Civic Week stalwarts – Jackie, Barbara, Dawn and Sandra. They have given their all over the last years to entertain the folks of Cowdenbeath but they decided the time was right to 'hang up their civic week boots'. They went out on a high though because this year's gala parade was regarded as '*simply one of the best!*'

However, as a result of a call for help to keep the tradition of Civic Week going – 10 new volunteers came forward to join the Civic Week Committee. And their first tasks were to organise the Christmas Events.

First up was - The Scottish Night. This event began approx 5 years ago and has proved very successful. The event is held in the Broad Street Bowling Club, the music is provided by the Bruce Lindsay Band and Fiona Ferguson's dancers show off their skills and entertain the audience (approx 100). And sometimes we're lucky when some of our talented residents agree to 'do a wee turn'

Next was - the combined event for the Xmas Lights Switch on and Santa comes to Town. During the day on the 'green square', there were craft stalls and a variety of musical entertainment provided by local school choirs, Radio West Fife and local singer Carly Schiavone. Over at the Leisure Centre, over 250 people were enjoying the party before they formed a torchlight procession and headed towards the 'green square' for the switch on – performed by Carly Schiavone and Jimmy Scally.

## Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year

Every year in May (CoY) and October (YoungCoY)), the Community Council 'search' for Cowdenbeaths' Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year. We rely on you – the residents – nominating people.

We look for someone who works hard and gives support or assistance in the local community either to individuals or to groups whose efforts might otherwise be taken for granted

Someone who has brought honour and distinction to our local community

So get your thinking caps on as to who you think 'fits the bill' for 2015



Jimmy Scally – CoY 2014



Josh Logan – Young CoY 2014

## High Street Carriageway Resurfacing and Drainage Repairs

Cowdenbeath High Street is having carriageway resurfacing & drainage repairs carried out and the work started on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

So you can expect delays, expect disruption, expect road closures and expect changes to buses which normally come down the High Street.

The expectation is that the work is due to complete by 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

In order to comply with Health and Safety Legislation a Road Closure will be required to undertake the work.

It is intended to undertake the work in 4 phases:

- Phase 1. The Library to Stenhouse Street.
- Phase 2. Stenhouse Street to Central Park Access
- Phase 3. Central Park Access to Fountain Roundabout
- Phase 4. High Street/Broad Street (Fountain Roundabout)

During this period Sunday closures will be required for:

- 1. Stenhouse Street Junction
- 2. Station Road Junction
- 3. Central Park Access Road Junction

The work is being undertaken by JH Civil Engineering Ltd.

## **New Community Centre for Cowdenbeath**

Fife Council is to develop a new community centre on the site of the former social work offices in Stenhouse Street.

Broad Street Centre has done a marvellous job over the past 30 plus years but it has reached a time when it is getting tired. It was felt that the site at Stenhouse Street would provide an ideal base to develop a new community centre.

There have been a few consultations about the new centre and one of the key messages from these sessions is that the costs at the new centre should be affordable .

It has already been decided by the local councillors that the new centre will be named after Mary and Alex Maxwell.

Canvassing of local residents was conducted by the Community Councillors and an independent source. All in all, over 600 residents were asked about the name of the new community centre and approx 72% of those canvassed were in favour of naming it after the Maxwells.

## **Cowdenbeath Foodbank**

The Foodbank officially opened at the Fountain Rooms, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

If you're interested in volunteering at the Foodbank – It's not too late. The organisers will be pleased to hear from you.

## **Street Pastors**

The Street Pastors initiative was launched in Oct 2014. They are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community

They will normally be on 'patrol' from 7.00 pm to Midnight, on alternate Friday & Saturday nights. Their aim is to care for, listen and to help people who are out on the streets to get home safely.

They are led by a Management Team and they have support from local churches in partnership with the police, local council and other strategic agencies.

Check out their website and facebook page

## **4WindsTrust**

Are you looking for funding for your group. Have you tried approaching the 4winds development trust.

The 4 Winds Trust is a charitable organisation and was created to administer the distribution of funds which will be provided via the Little Raith Windfarm.

The Trust are looking to support groups within the Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly, Lumphinnans and Auchtertool areas that will have a direct benefit within their areas.

More details are available on their website.

## **Cowdenbeath wins the Silver Gilt Award**

All the hard work and efforts of the Cowdenbeath Environmental Group and their volunteers paid off when our town was awarded the Silver Gilt award in the Beautiful Fife Competition.

The Environmental Group and their volunteers along with Fife Council staff from the Parks, Environmental Services and Community Services departments have been working hard throughout the year and were delighted when Cowdenbeath was given the award. This is the second year the town has been awarded Silver Gilt. There are still improvements which could be made to enhance our town and make it more attractive and the group could do with more help. If you are interested:

**Phone 01383 515408**

## **Night and Day**

The Night and Day Challenge Group was set up last year when Fife Council announced they had a budget of £50,000 to spend trying to increase the footfall in the Town Centre and encourage people to use the shops in the High Street.

This is an ongoing group and 2 of the proposed initiatives implemented in 2014, were:

- 1) Free canvas shopping bags bearing the name of our town. Approx 2500 bags distributed
- 2) The Community Cinema burst into action on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov with an 8 week programme of films. An average of 40 people attended each week with the exception of the Sunday when Frozen was screened – there were over 100 in attendance.

More initiatives coming in 2015

## **Peat Extraction at Mossmorran**

Reference No:)  
(14/01287/SCR )

Plans have been put forward to resume peat extraction on land at Mossmorran. A public event was held in August to supply locals with details of the proposed plans – two people turned up

The Community Councillors also canvassed opinion and most peoples' thoughts were along the lines that there was peat extraction at the moss before so it shouldn't be that much of a problem now.

However since the submission of the plans, the Scottish Wildlife Trust and the RSPB have lodged objections to the plans.

## **ALDI's Supermarket**

Aldi's have been granted permission to open the doors of a new supermarket. Work has begun at the site in Stenhouse Street. The expected date for opening is **Autumn 2015**.

## **TESCO's Supermarket**

TESCO have announced that they are to pull out of building a store at North End Park, in Cowdenbeath

We believe that Tesco have sold the site and we just have to wait and see what the new owners will be doing with the site

*NB: You can comment on an application by going on to Fife Councils' planning website:*

<http://planning.fife.gov.uk/online>



## Wind Turbines

**Little Raith** (Ref: 14/02444)

In mid 2014, a planning application proposing to extend Little Raith by a further 6 turbines was submitted by Kennedy Renewables.

Community Councillors canvassed approx 400 residents. Some 37% of those canvassed did not support the proposed extension. A minority of 16% said they would happily support the proposed extension and the remainder of those canvassed were not fussy.

Consequently after a lengthy discussion, the community councillors voted NOT to support the proposed

application and the outcome was relayed to our locally elected councillors and Fife Council planners.

People were also able to share their views directly with Fife Council via their planning website. According to the website over 350 people have contacted Fife Council themselves – approx 90% of those people objected to the planning application.

The developers – also canvassed approx 800 households within Auchtertool, Lochgelly, Lumphinnans & Cowdenbeath.

Their canvassing showed that approx 45% of the houses canvassed supported the proposed extension with only 17% objecting.

***NB: Applicant lodged appeal in Dec 2014 with Scottish Ministers on grounds of non-determination. Fife Council planning committees have recommended to Ministers the application be refused. Awaiting their decision.***

## Wind Turbines proposed by Fife Council

As part of **Fife Council's Energy Programme**, the potential for windpower development is being investigated right across the councils' estate.

Over 100 parcels of land owned by Fife Council are being considered for wind turbines.

There are a few sites in and around Cowdenbeath under investigation for turbines and the proposed sites are:-

**Dora Golf Course  
Leuchatsbeath  
Halbeath Park and  
Ride**

The above proposed turbines are not as high as the ones at Little Raith.

(Ref Nos	
Golf Course	14/02128
	14/02129
Leuchatsbeath	14/02132

## Turbines approved

**Air Volution Energy Ltd** have plans approved to erect 2 turbines on land to the west of mossmorran

(Ref No: 11/01807)

**And finally** a scoping application was recently submitted by **AMEC Wind Developments** for 6 Turbines at Hilton of Beath Farm to the east of Kelty.

The developers have been attending local community councils to discuss the application.

(Ref No: 15/00243)