

TEALING NEWS



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Local people have their say!

Introduction

Thanks to everyone who took part in the recent residents survey issued by the Community Council. Questionnaires were sent out to all 316 households on the electoral register and 92 were returned, which is a fantastic response rate of just under 30%. The winner of the £10 shopping voucher will be pulled (by one of our Angus Council elected representatives) from the names of all of those who participated at the next community council meeting on 25 August.

One of the main suggestions was that we do a village newsletter again. You may remember that we had twice yearly newsletters many years ago, but the problem has always been getting willing volunteers to pull it together on a regular basis. So our thanks go to the website team of Sandra Burke and Kerry Kirkland for also offering to do the newsletter.

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This edition is concentrating on the results of the survey and the upcoming Community Council elections. We hope you welcome the return of Tealing News and find it useful and informative. We'll aim for 2/3 issues per year, so if you have ideas for what you'd like to see included, please do let us know. Contact details are on the back and we look forward to hearing from you!

Graeme Reoch

Editor and Community Council Chairman

Survey Results Summary

71% of respondents knew about the Community Council, with 46% having a good idea what it does. 50% felt part of the community and 50% unfortunately didn't. Reasons *for* feeling part of the community were:

- Involved with children and the school
- Participate in local events and at the hall
- Have friends and good neighbours here

“It's a friendly community”

Reasons for *not* feeling part of the community included:

- Don't know what's going on
- People keeping to themselves
- Live outside main concentration of housing
- Lack of regular news

“We have too much work elsewhere which keeps us fully occupied”

What folk like about living in Tealing

There was lots of agreement on this, with the following themes coming up again and again:

- Quiet rural living
- Lovely scenery and countryside
- Not far from other towns and cities
- Everybody is friendly
- Plenty living space
- Good neighbours
- Birds, wildlife, horses and farm animals
- Great place to bring up children
- Good school, friendly church



Thanks to the Speckled Hen for its ongoing support of the Tealing website and our local community

“We enjoy the peace and quiet of country living, but are also close enough to Dundee to get the advantage of what the city offers”

What folk don't like about living in Tealing

The majority (two thirds of respondents) couldn't think of *anything* they don't like about living in Tealing. In fact, one gutsy resident took exception to this question and said -

“Let me know anyone who said that and I'll sort them out!

The themes for things people *don't* like though were also quite consistent and included –

- Dual carriageway – difficulty crossing on foot, dangers of entering and leaving the junctions, talk of a Dundee city bypass
- No village centre shop or post office
- Speeding cars on the side roads
- Lack of proper footpaths
- Poor public transport, must drive everywhere
- Heavy goods vehicle traffic
- Older people can become isolated
- Horse droppings on the roads



Being realistic, what new or improved facilities would you like to see?

On the whole residents were realistic about the improvements that would make living in Tealing even better. The following list will provide plenty for community councilors, local elected representatives, Angus Council and other decision making bodies to consider over the coming years. It includes –

- 50mph speed limit on a stretch of the A90
- 30mph speed limit on School Road
- Regular village newsletter
- Several times daily bus service covering more of the side roads, more bus stops
- Corner shop or post office
- Shuttle bus to Morrisons
- Outdoor bowling club or tennis courts with clubhouse
- Annual Gala Day or Fete to bring folk together and raise funds
- More pavements and footpaths
- Community use of the school buildings
- Walk way connecting Inveraldie to the Auchterhouse Road
- Roadside improvements to remove eyesore buildings
- Mains gas and mains drainage
- Improved broadband
- Playpark near the school
- Skatepark in Inveraldie
- Speed control on Newbigging Road
- More recycling facilities, refuse skips
- Youth club, badminton, yoga, music classes
- More communication and consultation
- More affordable housing

We can't expect any of these things overnight, but the Community Council will make arrangements to

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consult further with residents to decide on what should be the main priorities for the coming years. The current Community Council term of office ends this Autumn and there will be local elections to form a new Community Council in October. This survey has certainly provided really good information and suggestions for the new Community Council to get their teeth into!

SOME MORE OF YOUR COMMENTS

“I feel safe living here, my area is very quiet. I am a pensioner and being safe is important”

“We love the peace, the people and the fresh air. A perfect place to bring up children, Also a fantastic school and it's very easy to get to Dundee and Forfar”

“There's always something going on at the hall, get involved”

“Our family has been in Tealing for over 100 years and everyone in the family has made a contribution to the community over those years.

“Tealing is too far away from Paisleyto see St Mirren games very often!” (this is a genuine comment - thanks to the contributor for giving us such a good laugh!)

Website update www.tealingvillage.org

The new community website has been up for over six months now and is proving to be a good central source of village news and information. It's also been creating a bit of a stir throughout Angus in other villages and communities as a good example of a lively, fresh and up to date community information website.

"The people of Murroes and Wellbank Community Council are so impressed. You are inspiring other groups to take the plunge!"

Angus Councillor, Jean Lee

Not everyone has access to the worldwide web, but 70% of Scottish households do, especially working adults, children and young people. We also know that these groups often tell their older relatives what they find online and can pass information on to them. We hope that's happening in Tealing too as it's a good way to keep each other informed.

"I've traced my relatives back to Tealing in the 1700s and will keep in touch!"

M Watson, Western Australia

Website Facts & Figures

- 110 pages of reliable information
- Around 350 visitors monthly from all around the world
- 39% of visitors find it on search engines, with the rest knowing the domain name
- 42.5% are first time users of the site
- The most popular sections are News and Events and History
- Tealing Hall activities are featured
- Development plans include a summer 2011 photography competition, a photo archive and discussion groups

Would you make a good Community Councillor?

Angus Council will shortly be announcing the next Community Council Elections, which are likely to take place in October 2010. Community Councillors will be appointed for 4 years. Anyone over the age of 16 years, who has lived in the area for at least one year can apply. It would be especially good to get some more young people involved. Watch out for more information in the public notices in the Courier and on the council website at www.angus.gov.uk



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Useful Contacts

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All community groups are invited to submit articles for the next issue (by 30 Nov 2010) to sandra@tealingvillage.org