



Placecheck Information

Happy New Year to all the residents of Dunning and may 2009 be a peaceful year ahead to all!

Since our last event in November, Council Officers have been assessing the priorities identified including estimated costs so we can confirm what will be undertaken and when. Any significant works in the village will be subject to further engagement with residents.

The event held in the new school in November, according to the evaluations, was on the whole very positive, but we also received some mixed feedback about the noise level and the lack of time for discussion. We appreciate these concerns and have taken them on board for future events.

On the day you also expressed concern about the difficulty of accessing the web-sites. We have rectified this and it can now be accessed through:

www.pkc.gov.uk/dunningplacecheck

Update on Placecheck Priorities

The following sections give a brief update on what has been done to date on the short term actions and which medium and long term actions we are taking forward,

Short term actions completed:

- Dog bin bag dispenser added in Rollo Park, increased patrols by officers and dog fouling in Auchterarder Road cleared
- Bin moved at Square
- Drains cleaned on Station Road
- Graffiti cleaned off fountain
- Litter pick on Saturday 17th January by local youth group and Litter Officer
- Chain around war memorial repaired
- Hedge cut back on path at Bowling Club
- Drains cleaned on Station Road

Medium & long term actions being taken forward:

Paths & Streets

- Improvements to Square area including a possible relocation of the information sign, new black grit bin, footway repairs, possible bicycle rack and a new socket for the Christmas tree
- Resurfacing of Kirk Wynd (subject to agreement and part funding)
- Review of signage throughout Dunning



Dates for the Diary

- **Provisional Date:**

22 April 2009

We hope to hold a drop in session on Wednesday 22nd April to update everyone on progress made so far on the issues that were identified at previous Placecheck events. It would be great if you could drop in to let us know what you think. We will confirm the date and venue as soon as possible.

Residents will also be invited to take a walk with the Dunning Parish Historical Society.

A summary of all the issues identified in August will be made available locally and on the web-site.

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- School / bowling green path to be upgraded
- Road improvements at Circus Street

Litter Actions

- Kerbside recycling collections for all residents to start in 12—14 months
- Cardboard recycling skip to be added to recycling point in next two months

Parks & Greenspace Actions

- Refurbishment of Rollo Park Play Area including new signs, surfacing of the carpark at Rollo Park and Purchase of multi purpose goal posts
- Seat / viewpoint up the Muckart Road to be considered
- Removal of fencing on south side of Bridge of Earn Road
- Removal of fence around war memorial to be investigated
- Clear paving and sow grass at top of Croft Ave, Croft Place & connecting lanes
- New timber fence at sub station and plant around site at Croft Place/Bridge of Earn Road
- Move seat at Golf Club

Burn Actions

- Repairs to flood damaged path from Rose Cottage to Penny Cottage
- Repairs to retaining wall at Thimblelow
- Engineers to develop proposals for bridges, ford & retaining walls and make recommendations

All these works will be progressed over the next 6 –12 months subject to final costs being within budgets available, any further consultation with the community and agreement of landowners.

Outstanding Actions:

- Unadopted footpaths—this will be looked at as a long term action due to issues such as land ownership and funding which need to be resolved
- Options to solve HGV issues to be discussed this month
- Car park resurfacing and demolition of old toilet block—further discussion needed

Issues for the Community:

- Paint & repair guttering on old phone exchange
- Possible community garden between tennis courts & exchange
- Location of satellite dishes

Capacity building workers will work with the community on these issues. Information on satellite dishes is on the following page.





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Litter Picking By Dunning Tuesday Club

Following the Placecheck walkabouts in August a number of areas were identified by members of the community and by the children of Dunning, as being consistently littered.

The Dunning Tuesday Club volunteered to participate in a litter pick of these areas which include; Roman-gate/Lower Granco, Croft Place/Avenue etc, on Saturday 17 January at 10am. They started at Dunning Parish Church, in the Perth Road. Litterpicks/bags were provided by the Council and the Councils Litter Officer attended to give health and safety advice and a 'helping hand'. 15 children and 6 adults took part in the pick-up and they picked up record amounts of litter helping to make Dunning a tidier place! Thank you to all who participated.

Dunning Satellite Dishes

One issue of concern raised by the community is the impact of satellite dishes on the village. Inappropriately sited or multiple dishes can detract from attractive buildings and views around the Dunning Conservation Area.

It is primarily the responsibility of individual residents to ensure their own dish is sensitively sited. This is in everyone's interest as it helps to protect the special character of your own village.

The planning position relating to satellite dishes is complex however planning permission is required where dishes face onto a road in a conservation area. Dishes on listed buildings also require listed building consent.

The Council has enforcement powers under the Planning and Listed Building Acts to require property owners to obtain permission where required or to move or remove dishes which are causing visual harm.

However it would be preferable, and in the spirit of the Placecheck process, to improve the appearance of satellite dishes in the village through co-operation and advice, rather than formal action.

We recommend that dishes on the public elevations or roofs of properties are moved to more discreet locations. Dishes can be moved from prominent locations to, for example, more private side or rear elevations, concealed behind chimneys or even fixed onto walls or posts in the rear garden. If your building has multiple dishes, you may wish to consider sharing a dish with your neighbours so that redundant ones can be removed.

If you would like to move your dish please speak to Rachel Haworth, Conservation Officer for the Dunning area, to ensure your new proposed location is appropriate. If you move your dish to an agreed location which improves the appearance of your building and the conservation area, you will not be required to make an application for listed building consent or planning permission.

If however you leave your dish in a location which continues to detract from the special character of the area, you may be liable to enforcement action in the future.

Contact: Rachel Haworth, Conservation Officer, **01738 475357** or **RLHaworth@pkc.gov.uk**



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New Community Pavilion for Rollo Park moves forward!!



For the past ten years, there has been much discussion about replacing the existing Golf Club Pavilion within Rollo Park with a new building that would serve the needs of the golf and tennis club but also be of benefit to community groups in and around Dunning.

During 2008 the Rollo Trust, Dunning Golf Club and Dunning Tennis Club began work to take this community project forward. A written partnership agreement between these three organisations has been put in place and a project group established which includes representation from Dunning Community Council.

The plans for the new community pavilion will comprise male, female and disabled changing facilities and a meeting space including kitchen which would be made available to other community groups in the area.

It is estimated that the project will cost around £300,000 and fundraising and attraction of grants will be vital to its success. Significant progress has already been made, and work to secure funding got underway during the summer of 2008. Over £63,000 of funding has been secured so far. The biggest award so far has come from Perth & Kinross Council's Financial Assistance Panel who agreed in December 2008 to provide £44,000 of financial support towards the project, subject to further funding being secured.

Ongoing assistance from Council officers with funding application development and submission is proving invaluable and although further decisions are still being eagerly awaited, the correspondence and discussion to date with funders is encouraging.

Planning permission for the demolition and rebuild of the pavilion was granted in October. The building warrant is currently being applied for and the builder appointed to do the work is standing by. The project group hope that work will get underway in the late Spring of 2009, but it will still be business as usual at the Golf and Tennis Club as a local business has kindly agreed to supply portacabins free of charge as their contribution to the project. The portacabins will house the golf starter's office, toilet and changing facilities during the construction period and ensure there is minimum disruption to normal operations.

Support for Placecheck

I would like to introduce myself as Diane Cassidy the new Senior Community Capacity Building Worker employed to help support Placecheck and other community engagement activities within The Environment Service. I hope to work alongside Jacqueline Walsh in Dunning to help take the issues forward that have been identified by the community, so look out for me in the village. I am looking forward to meeting you all. You can contact me on **01738 475396** or **dcassidy@pkc.gov.uk**

