

# CARNOCK AND GOWKHALL

## GAZETTE June 2011

[www.carnockgowkhall.org.uk](http://www.carnockgowkhall.org.uk)



### Carnock and Gowkhall Gig on the Green Saturday 18th June 2011

#### Timings

1230 Gates open  
Admission £5  
under 12 - £2  
under 6 (with an adult) - Free

#### Programme

1300-1345 Absent Tam  
1400-1445 Raw Deal  
1500-1545 Both Barrells  
1600-1645 Catch 22  
1700-1745 Red Rockets  
1800-1845 SOE  
1900-1945 Craig Souter  
2000-2045 Crayons  
2100-2200 Father jack



Photo courtesy of Colin McLeod

2010 was a great start to our community day of music and with fantastic bands, great food and a bar 2011 promises to be even better! Check out the community website [www.carnockgowkhall.org.uk](http://www.carnockgowkhall.org.uk) for details and updates.

### Gig on the Green 2011 is up and Running !

After our success of 2010 we will be organising another afternoon of music on the 18th June 2011. Once again Redpath and McLean have agreed to part sponsor the event, along, this year, with The Inn at Carnock and with your Community Council backing the day as well preparations are well under way. Bands already lined up include: State of Emergency, Red Rockets, Catch-22s, Father Jack, Craig Souter, Both Barrells, Absent Tam, Crayons and Strawberry Fields. The event will follow last year's format, gates open at 12.30, with food and a bar from 1pm and the music running on until 10pm. As a community event we will keep entry costs as low as possible whilst raising much - needed funds for local groups. So if you run a local group and would like to get involved, contact the organiser, Les Johns, as soon as possible.

**We urgently need volunteers to help on the day. Please contact Les Johns if you can spare an hour or so to help.**



Photo courtesy of Colin McLeod

After comments from residents last year the organisers have decided not to allow dogs entry to the event this year. We would also ask you not to bring alcohol to the event. There will be a licensed bar selling alcohol at very reasonable prices on the day.



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\*If you would like to be involved please contact Shona Davidson:\*

\*[shona.davidson@fife.gov.uk](mailto:shona.davidson@fife.gov.uk)\*

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## Come and Play

All Welcome



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running so go check it out

[www.carnockgowkhal.org.uk](http://www.carnockgowkhal.org.uk)



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## Carnock Primary School

As always Carnock Primary continues to be a really busy place. Here are just a few of the things we have taken part in this term.

### Dalguise Outdoor Centre

Immediately after the spring break the children in Primary 6/7 headed off to Dalguise outdoor centre for a week of outdoor education. The weather was very kind to us and we had a fantastic week. Some of the activities were quite challenging (terrifying for the headteacher!) and I was exceptionally proud of the children for having a go even when it was taking them out of their comfort zone.

### Cascarino Cup

The whole school was in an uproar when they heard that the football team had, for the first time ever, won the Cascarino Cup. Their coach commended the boys for the tremendous team spirit they showed as well as their skilful playing.

### National Spring Clean Week

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May all classes took part in a litter pick round the village. The areas we targeted were West Park, the Community Centre and the play park. The children brought all of the rubbish back to school and the Primary ½ class weighed how much litter was collected from each area. 4.8 kg of litter was found in West Park, 3.4 kg in the play park and a whopping 13.4 kg from around the community centre. The children were horrified when they added all of this up and found that it was roughly the same weight as one of our Primary 1 children. Hopefully, this exercise will encourage them to be more responsible about how they dispose of their own litter. Many thanks to the adults who helped out on the day.

### Carnock Eco Community Garden

The garden continues to flourish and at long last we are ready to have our opening ceremony. The children in Primary 4/5/6 have taken responsibility for organising this event and have been full of excellent ideas (we have had to say no to the Red Arrows fly past!) on how we can make this event special. Rain, hail or shine the date is set for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6:30 pm.

### Rag Bag Scheme

Many thanks to those of you who have used our Rag Bag collection point to recycle textiles. We received our first cheque this week and this money will be used by the Eco committee to support our Eco work.

### Summer Fair

The Carnock Fundraising Group is planning to have a Summer Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-12:00 am. There will be the usual stalls eg Tombola, bottle stall, cake and candy, bring and buy toys, games etc. Everyone is welcome. If you have any donations you would like to make to the Fair please contact the school.

### Instructors' Concert

The whole school jumped on a bus and headed off to Glenrothes for the Instructors' Concert. This was a really good opportunity to see a real life orchestra. The instructors played all types of dance music from ceilidh to flamenco. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the common consensus was that the rock band was definitely the best.

Do you have something that you want to see in the Gazette?

Do you want to contribute?

Have you got a business that needs promoting?

Then what are you waiting for - contact the editor to ensure that you make full use of your community gazette.

Remember

“Success is a ladder that cannot be climbed with your hands in your pockets”

### UNWANTED TOYS & BOOKS NEEDED

The ‘Carnock & District Toddlers Group’ is in need of new toys and books, ranging from birth to pre-school age. If anyone has unwanted toys or books, which are still in good condition, that could be donated to the Toddlers, then please contact myself or bring them along to the group which is held at Carnock Community Centre, Thursdays at 9.30-11.30am. Thank You

Michelle Cooper  
Chairperson  
Tel. 01383 850713

The Paul Family at Newbigging Farm have applied for planning permission for one Small to Medium size wind turbine, total height 33meters. The Turbine will be a long term investment for the Paul family over a 20 year period, to make the small family run farm sustainable for the future of their son. The planning application can be viewed on the Council Web Page under postcode KY12 9HW. Liz Paul came to the last CC meeting to explain their application, answer questions and show plans.

## Local Councillor Shadowing Award

This award has been designed to recognise young people's understanding and involvement in local democracy. It has been developed to offer a superb leadership experience for young people. Councillors will benefit from their interaction and learn something new during the process.

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<<http://ui.isend-itineris.co.uk/track/click.aspx?r=b9f2154951&t=00a633bf27&k=057135e813944361a42b>>

Young people are keen to make a real difference in their local communities and councillor shadowing is a great opportunity for them to share their concerns and aspirations with local leaders.

The key component of the award is that young people must spend 10 hours shadowing their local councillors in their communities and evidence their experience in a downloadable log book. This is then submitted to the British Youth Council for moderation and in turn submitted to the examination board - ASDAN.

The cost is per young person log book submitted:

British Youth Council Member's rate: \*£20.00\*

Non member rate: \*£30.00\*

Find Out More

<<http://ui.isend-itineris.co.uk/track/click.aspx?r=b9f2154951&t=00a633bf27&k=057135e813944361a42b>>

To speak to someone about this award please contact Darren on

[Darren.Matthews@byc.org.uk](mailto:Darren.Matthews@byc.org.uk) <<mailto:Darren.Matthews@byc.org.uk>> or 020733 22 646

Residents in close proximity to the narrow one-way entrance (Drumcharty) to Dean Ridge in Gowkhill are extremely concerned that some residents and visitors, despite the potholes, are ignoring the 30mph speed limit. As there are now five infants under six years old living in the nearby homes, and this street is used extensively by residents walking to and from the bus stop, we would urge motorists to take care and please slow down when using the Drumcharty entrance to Dean Ridge.

During the ice and snow it was understandable that motorists used the one-way street as an exit route. However, some residents habitually drive the wrong way out of the one-way street causing clashes with incoming traffic and putting pedestrians and drivers at risk. Keep other people safe ... please use the proper exits out of the village.

Check out your community website

[www.carnockgowkhill.org.uk](http://www.carnockgowkhill.org.uk)

Let us know what you think.

Do you have something that you would like to go on there?



### Josh Kerr's Paper Delivery

I am starting to deliver newspapers in Carnock and Gowkhill on a Saturday morning between 8am and 9am. Contact me on **01383 853505** for details and your choice of newspaper.

- support your local entrepreneur!



### Adam Smith College Student on Course to Achieve High Flying Career

An Adam Smith College HNC Travel student will be digging out her passport this summer after securing a work placement in South Africa courtesy of contacts she has made during her studies.

Emma Muldoon, (19), from Carnock, carried out a research project as part of her HNC Travel course for which she studied venues abroad suitable for weddings and special occasions. During her research, Emma forged a strong relationship with Bellavista Country House, Western Cape in South Africa.

Emma said: "I was really shocked when I got the email back from Bellavista so quickly saying they would be delighted to welcome me on board. I was hoping to go to South Africa later in the year to visit friends and to get this work experience while I am there will be fantastic."

Emma's lecturer, Lindsey Robertson, who is Curriculum Head for Tourism and Events at Adam Smith College, said: "Emma is a great student; she is extremely hard working and conscientious which is apparent in what she has achieved in a relatively short space of time. Emma is a great example to other students of what you can accomplish if you set your mind to it and I'm sure she will go far in the travel industry."

## A buying group is good for your pocket, good for your community and good for everyone's environment.

The Community Council has recently received correspondence from a buying group and have decided to give readers the opportunity to contact Livi Pearce, should they wish to take it further.

My name is Livi and I am working as an intern before I go to University on an amazing community project. I live in a small village in Oxfordshire and nearly two years ago we began a community group buying project aiming to get the best possible price for heating OIL via bulk purchase. It has been incredibly successful, saving families hundreds of pounds per year, whilst reducing CO2 emissions and the number of tanker deliveries into our community. We have a particular emphasis on ensuring that the elderly and fuel poor members of our community are catered for.

We recently featured on the BBC ONE show and you can watch the clip here on you tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W43yr4qU38Y>

The success has gone far beyond the parish boundaries and we have recently been instrumental in raising the issue of the pricing policies employed by the suppliers in the national media and with the Government (we live in David Cameron's constituency), as well as being asked to submit a report on the issue to the OFT. This has resulted in numerous contacts with other buying groups and with people wanting to either set up such groups or to be able to benefit from membership of a group.

Our conclusion is that whilst many people can see why they should be a member of an oil buying group, not many people know how to go about setting up such a group and so we willingly offer others the opportunity to adopt our model and come under our broader group. However, to do so we need to get in contact with communities who could benefit, and given the information needed is not freely available, the obvious place to start is with the Parish Councils. Therefore, I would be grateful if you would answer a few very key questions:

Do members of your community buy Heating OIL? Does your community have: mains gas no mains gas at all a mixture of services available? Is there a community buying group already operational within your community buying: Heating OIL Solar and other renewable energy anything? Is there an environmental group in the community?

When we first launched this it was meant to be just a tiny community project, however, we quickly realised that it generates a very positive financial, social and environmental outcome for the community and really can become a very important community uniting scheme. I have no doubt that you are very busy, but I would be extremely grateful if you would take a few minutes to return the information to us and help us in our attempts to build a network of community buying groups right across the UK.

Thank you in anticipation.

Livi Pearce - [livi@oilbuying.co.uk](mailto:livi@oilbuying.co.uk)



Celebrations are in order for Councillor, now MSP, Bill Walker after the May elections.

"I was very pleased and honoured to be elected as the first SNP MSP for the Dunfermline Constituency on May 5th in the Scottish Parliamentary Elections. Whether you voted for me or not, I can promise that I shall do my very best for West Fife and Scotland.

"My local councillor duties will continue for another year until the full Fife Council elections in May next year. I shall be withdrawing from some Council committees and other bodies due to workload and the possibility of conflict of interest but I should be able to maintain my local community council contacts, especially as my Council ward lies wholly within my new Constituency.

"To help me, I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Kate Stewart, a community councillor resident in Newmills, has agreed to act as my Ward Assistant during this transition year.

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The Gala committee would like to thank the generosity of the residents of Carnock & Gowkhall for the donations collected from the door to door collection to help support and fund the gala which, this year, will be on August 20. In total over £860 has been collected.



Zumba Charity Gala Fundraising Class being held in Carnock Community Centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10 – 11 am

Tickets priced £4, please call Nina on 851166 or 07877791493 to purchase your ticket in advance.

We will also be holding a raffle with some excellent prizes, including a personal training session and free zumba classes.

**DITCH THE WORK OUT AND JOIN THE PARTY – IT'S THE MOST FUN EXERCISE CAN BE!**

Check out your community website [www.carnockgowkhall.org.uk](http://www.carnockgowkhall.org.uk)



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## Kirk Korner -

Reverend Maggie Roderick, 01383 850327 [carnockandoakley@dunfermlinespresbytery.org.uk](mailto:carnockandoakley@dunfermlinespresbytery.org.uk)

### Kirk Corner

Carnock and Oakley Parish Church serves the villages of Gowkhal, Carnock, Oakley and Comrie and the surrounding area.

### Service Times

We have two services on most Sundays with the early Service being in Oakley. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, our Sunday Services at Oakley will start at 9.30 am. During July until 21<sup>st</sup> August, the Carnock Services will be at 10.45 am. On 28<sup>th</sup> August, we will have one Service only at Oakley at 9.30 am to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church at Oakley. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will be preaching at that Service. In September, our second Sunday Service will revert back to the usual time of 11.30 am at Carnock. On the first Sunday of September, October, November and December, we will have an all age/family Service at Oakley at 9.30 for half an hour.

There's a lot going on in the parish just now – with more lined up for the autumn.

The Town Band Concert on 8<sup>th</sup> May was a great evening, listening to music from films. The Band are back for their Christmas Concert on 18<sup>th</sup> December at Carnock Church at 6.30 pm – a date to be put in the diary.

We're also enjoying time together with community coffee mornings. The next one will be at Oakley Church on 11<sup>th</sup> June from 10-12. There's lots of home baking with tea/coffee for £2.50. Kids eat free and also have a kids' craft corner.

Whats on:

Sat 28 May - May Fayre - Oakley 2pm

Tue 7 June - Walking Group - meet at Carnock Church 1.30pm or the Glen 1.45pm

Sat 11 June - Community Coffee Morning with Kids' Craft

Tue 21 June - Walking group - Carnock Community Centre 7 pm

Wed 29 June - Bowling and Burgers for teenagers - Bowlplex 6.30pm

15 Sept/ 17 Oct/ 15 Nov Messy Church

Fri 25 Aug - Readathon - Oakley 1.00pm

Fri 18 Nov - Ceilidh - Oakley 7 pm

Sat 26 Nov - Autumn Fayre - Oakley 2.00pm

If you would like more details about any of these events or anything else to do with your local church, please contact the minister, Reverend Maggie

Roderick on 01383850327  
[carnockandoakley@dunfermlinespresbytery.org.uk](mailto:carnockandoakley@dunfermlinespresbytery.org.uk)

visit us at

<http://www.carnockandoakley.org.uk/>

### What's Messy Church?

Messy Church is a fun time for adults and children. There are games, crafts and activities, all based around a short bible story, a short time of worship and food. all after school and before the evening activities. Oakley Church 3.30 pm 15th September, 13th October, 17th November, 15th December

**Ceilidh 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 Oakley Church**

Tickets will be available from the Minister, Reverend Maggie Roderick  
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# Carnock and Gowkhal Community Council News

## Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council

### Schedule of Meetings 2010-2011

**Carnock & Gowkhal Community Centre**  
**Camps Road Carnock**  
**14th June**  
**19th July**  
**16th August**

Meetings start at 7pm and are typically 60 to 90 minutes long.

*Please send agenda items for discussion by one week prior to the next meeting to the secretary*

*C&GCC committee meetings are open to the public.*

*We invite local residents to attend and raise matters of concern and bring local issues to the attention of their Community Council. Residents may contribute to discussions of agenda items.*

*As well as local committee members and elected officers, those present typically include representatives from Fife Councillors and Fife Council Administrative Services*

### Community Council Officers 2010-11

Chairman: **David A Lord** - 851 934

[david.carnockcc@yahoo.com](mailto:david.carnockcc@yahoo.com)

Vice-Chairman: **Les Johns** - 851468

Treasurer: **Gillian Docherty** - 851 515

Secretary: **Margaret Daniels** - 853267

[margaretjd.carnockcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:margaretjd.carnockcc@yahoo.co.uk)

## You – we – us

That's what the community is all about.

But what do *you* want in and for *your* community? And what should *we*, the community (and your community council), be doing to achieve these objectives?

That's what we, in Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council, would like you to tell us. But how will you do that?

Firstly, we would like to see – and hear from – more residents at our (actually, your) monthly community council meetings.

- Come and tell *us* what *you* want.
- Come and hear what we are doing for you
- Come and tell *us* what *you* would like to help with for the community.

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### C&GCC meetings

Tuesdays 7pm

14 June; 19 July, 16 August 2011

**Carnock Community Centre**

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Alternatively, simply write to us at [enquiries.carnockcc@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.carnockcc@gmail.com).

Finally, later in the year, we hope to survey all residents to obtain a clearer picture of what everyone would like in the years ahead. Recently Saline and Culross have successfully done this to find what is needed in their localities.

When we approach Fife Council or other organisations for project funding, we have to show that we have properly consulted the community – that's *you* and your family.

So, come on, please help *us* to help *you* so that *we* can improve things for all of *us*.

## Community Policing Meeting

04/05/2011

Community Centre CARNOCK.

Attendance: 14

The following subjects were discussed at length.

1.ASOB

2. Speeding and Parking in local villages.

3.Youth Disorder.

No incidents of any of the above have been reported from Carnock / Gowkhal.

It was agreed that Community Policing would continue looking into all the concerns with a view to improvement All those present agree it was obvious the Police had a very difficult Job but were doing good work for the Community as statistics quoted proved.

The Meetings are open to all Residents.

Next Meeting:06/06/2011 . 7pm. Carnock Community Centre.

## One way – the right way

A few words of 'caution' to residents and visitors to Gowkhal.

- Residents, visitors, drivers of delivery vehicles are exiting the Drumcharty entrance to Dean Ridge onto the A907 contrary to the one-way sign.

Traffic is not supposed to exit here: the visibility splays there are insufficient for this.

- Dangerously excessive speed in the narrow, single-track section that has no pavements

*Anyone observing bad driving there should report vehicle numbers to Sgt Darren Stewart, Fife Constabulary 0845 600 5702, or in person at Oakley Police Station, Station Road 9am-5pm Mon-Fri.*

**Stop Press - Opening of our Community Garden will now take place on 2nd June at 6.30pm - just next to the school. All welcome.**



Carnock & Gowkhal Community Council are very happy to announce that we have been successful one of our Fund applications, Fife Environment Trust (F E T) [www.fifeenvironmenttrust.org.uk](http://www.fifeenvironmenttrust.org.uk) for the upgrade of the Carnock Play park. We were awarded the full amount of £30,000. We are extremely happy to have been awarded the full amount and this will help us achieve our end figure of roughly £145,000. Our other big Funder is LEADER in Fife [www.leaderinfife.org](http://www.leaderinfife.org) is our main funder and we are hoping to hear the outcome of this application in the coming weeks. We still have a long way to go to try and match-fund all our monies so there is still more hard work to do !

You will see that I have attached a small questionnaire with the gazette this month and I would ask that you complete this for me and return it to either Margaret at the community centre, Carnock school, or at my address Clare Kerr, 40 Main Street Carnock.

The questionnaire applies to all ages not just for the children, so please take a few minutes to complete this as this is a very important part of our funding applications.

The information from the questionnaire will help me design a consultation meeting with the whole community at Carnock community centre where we will finalize design and choose play equipment for the new play park.

If you have any experience with funding applications and feel that you have some time to spare help us, please contact a member of the community council.

**OUR CONSULTATION MEETING WILL BE ON Saturday 11th June 2011 at 11am in the Community Centre.**

### **Core Path Plan**

Improving access to the countryside is one of both Fife Council's and the Scottish Government's key objectives in encouraging everyone to a healthier lifestyle.

Around the end of May, the Scottish Government's Reporter will be presenting his opinions regarding recommendations for establishing a core footpath structure throughout Fife.

C&GCC hope to work with Fife Council's access officer and with other community councils in improving, upgrading and establishing better paths between Carnock, Gowkhal and neighbouring villages. We hope to update you on this in more detail in our autumn issue.

### **Industrial weeds or climate saviours?**

Whatever your opinion is of them, wind turbines always attract debate and controversy. Now, with an increasing number of individual planning applications reaching Fife Council, this debate is no mere philosophical discussion.

There's one proposed close to our two villages, and several others close by.

Some farmers say they need these, not simply to help meet Fife Council's and the government's targets for production of electricity from renewable sources, but because traditional use of farm land no longer provides an economic, profitable income for them.

On the other hand, many of those opposing local turbines on the Fife hills say that the increasing tall turbines are inappropriately sited close to twisting, already dangerous roads; too close to dwellings; being planned on sites contrary to local and national plans, policies, and guidelines.

One of the problems for most local residents is that the first they learn of one close to them, or possibly inappropriately sited is a planning application. This then gives those wishing to comment a mere 21 days to lodge their views. Yet the developers, working with the site owners, may have spent several years preparing their plans; obtaining multi-page environmental impact assessments; and even discussing their plans with council planning officers.

One local group opposing many west Fife turbine planning applications is SPOT Fife (Stop proliferation of turbines in Fife). <http://spotfife.blogspot.com/>

They have been meeting at Steelend each Tuesday recently to share ideas and plan opposition if appropriate.

If you want to learn details of what is planned near you, take a look at <http://planning.fife.gov.uk/online/> Here's a selection of recent applications:

#### **11/02545/SCR**

Cowdens Farm, Roscobie Site, Dunduff, KY12 0SF  
Erection of three wind turbines (approx 87m to tip of blade) each 800 kw

#### **11/02043/FULL**

Newbigging Farm, Carnock, KY12 9HW  
Erection of wind turbine (33m to blade tip), meter housing and access track

#### **11/01615/FULL**

Lynnside, Dunduff, (North of Wellwood), KY12 0SF  
Erection of one wind turbine (67m to blade tip) and associated infrastructure

#### **11/02047/FULL**

Erection of 6 wind turbines (12.1kW and 19.36m high to blade tip) on land to the south of Steelend Farm. at Steelend Farm, KY12 9LP

And some others if Fife further afield:

#### **11/02529/SCR**

Erection of 91m high wind turbine at Demperston Farmhouse, Cupar, KY14 7EA

**11/02179/FULL** Erection of wind turbine (34m to blade tip) at Newton of Kingsdale Farmhouse, Leven, KY8 5SD

#### **11/01147/FULL**

Burnside Kirkton Barns Tayport Fife DD6 9PD

Erection of 22.8m high (to blade tip), 10kw wind turbine for the generation

(Application Permitted with Conditions)



### **Carnock flashers**

Otherwise known as interactive vehicle activated signs: that's what Fife Council has recently installed in Carnock.

Residents and careful drivers alike hope to benefit from:

- Reduced vehicle speeds
- Reduced accidents
- Improved driver awareness

C&GCC, as part of their efforts to improve the safety of the A907, pressed the Council hard this past year to upgrade from the older-style 'SLOW DOWN' signs.

Interactive signs, which respond to individual drivers, help gain motorist's attention, making them more attentive to their actual speed and encourage them to slow down, in contrast to fixed signs, which often go unnoticed.

We hope that all road users will now keep well with the speed limits through the village's twisty main street.

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*Note: Should you wish to report problems with roads, pavements or signs, phone 08451 55 00 11 between 8 am and 8 pm or, in emergency, call 08451 55 00 99. Report it online at <https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/doitonline/>*

### **Sun, sand and ...**

Sweeping – yes, it happened eventually, once the sunny weather was back with us.

Although the snow and ice of this past winter are now well behind us, it did take some time before our pavements were cleared of all that sand that Fife Council spread throughout Fife. Some 20,000 tonnes we learn.

Many residents may feel, as did C&GCC, that Fife Council were not too sharp in tidying up the footways. Here's what we heard from FC Environmental Services at the end of March '... our teams have been systematically working their way across all West Fife in the task of removal of grit/sand which was spread during the severe weather. As a result some towns/villages have been fortunate to be serviced earlier than others, unfortunately however others have had to wait, hence the delay in getting to your area of Carnock/Gowkhall.'

That message came from John O'Neil, Operations Officer, Fife Council Environmental Services, Elgin St, Dunfermline (08451 55 55 55 x 493 605). It is his teams who keep our roads clean, amongst other duties

When C&GCC chairman, David Lord contacted Stuart Nichol, Executive Director - Environment & Development Services back in March to complain about the absence of any response on this matter, it was John Nichol who called back immediately to apologise and to discuss the issues in detail. He was genuinely concerned that residents had received no feedback on where we were in their queue. John assures us that in future follow-up on environmental matters will be better, now that we have direct contact between his office and C&GCC.

Carnock & Gowkhall Community

Council

Small Grants Scheme 2011-12

for local voluntary organisations

Carnock & Gowkhall Community Council have introduced a small grants scheme for 2011-12.

This is to provide financial assistance to local voluntary organisations to support them in delivering:

- small projects
- special initiatives
- capital purchases

Typical examples of such projects and initiatives might be:

- assistance with travel costs
- assistance with any purchases to help deliver a community benefit initiative
- a small capital purchase

We expect grants will be in the range of £25 to £50, and will not normally represent more than 50% of the total cost.

For details and an application form, please contact the secretary:

Mrs Margaret J Daniels

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01383 853 267

and finally... Do you like a moan? Have an eye for what's gone wrong? Nobody listens? Then I have a job for you! Grumpy old man / woman wanted to put in a regular column in the gazette - anonymity guaranteed - pick your subject-

C'mon you know that you're out there get in touch with the editor - this is your chance.

