

What's On?

In the absence of a community building, Holm Primary school acts as a great meeting place for the local residents with lots of excellent community groups gathering there throughout the week! If you are part of a group in Holm that's not mentioned below then let us know by calling 248280 or email admin@holmcommunitycouncil.org.uk so we can include your details in future newsletters.

Holm Parent & Toddlers.

Mondays 10-12. Contact: lynnemaclennan@btinternet.com (waiting list in operation)

Inverness Choral Society.

Mondays 7.45pm.
To join contact Mary Thomson 230440
www.invernesschoral.org.uk

Highland Youth Theatre.

Weds 3pm - 4.15pm
Drama class for primary aged children. Contact Shayne Cameron 01667 461868
highlandyouththeatre.com

St. Columba Church of

Scotland. Sundays 11am
Contact Murray McCheyne
info@stcolumbainverness.org
www.stcolumbainverness.org

Good News Club.

Weds 6-7pm during school term time Winter - Spring.
Crafts, games & Bible Stories for Primary age. Contact allan.dunbar@tiscali.co.uk

SWRI. Friendship & activity for Women, meets 3rd Thursday of each month 7.30pm
www.swri.org.uk

Holm Social Club.

Badminton and table tennis for adults. Weds 8-9pm.
More info contact badminton@scottburke.com

Beavers/Cubs/Rainbows & Brownies. All meet at the school at various points throughout the week. If you are interested in joining one of these groups contact the Community Council Secretary and we'll put you in touch with the appropriate leader.

All of the above groups take place in Holm Primary School

Dates of Community Council Meetings

7th June 2011

6th September 2011

4th October 2011

1st November 2011

6th December 2011

7th February 2012

6th March 2012

1st May 2012

5th June 2012

All meetings take place at 7pm at Holm Primary School

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Holm Community Council Newsletter

Summer 2011

Welcome to our current newsletter which we hope will give you an update of what's happening in and around the Holm area.

Community Councils play an important role by linking local communities, Councillors and the Highland Council. Amongst other things we are here to be a means whereby people of the area can voice their opinion on any matter relating to their lives, welfare, environment and it's development and amenity.

It is important to note that all our meetings are open meetings **and any members of the public are welcome.** If you have an issue you would like to be raised you are welcome to get in touch through our website or by using the contact details listed on the right.

There are a few local issues we are keeping abreast of and which will form the basis of upcoming meetings including current planning issues, the local bus service and the future needs and development of schools in the area. Details of these and other issues will be found on our webpage and local notice boards.

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Tesco

You don't have to be eagle-eyed to have noticed that the Tesco site on Dores Road is now well under way. The building works are running to schedule and it is anticipated that the new store will be open on the 12th July 2011.

The store's opening hours are expected to be from 6am until midnight.

In line with the conditions laid out by the Highland Council, Tesco have agreed to subsidise an improved bus service running to this end of town. It is proposed that once the new store is in place an increased bus service will run until midnight.

Tesco have also allocated a section of land for community use which is in the process of being transferred to the Highland Council. The Council are looking to hear from any community organisation who would be interested in developing the site for community use - Holm Community Council have registered their interest.

Ness-side

Phase 1 of the development has been submitted by GH Johnston on behalf of Academy St. Restorations limited. The application is for 36 flats within 3 blocks and for the demolition of a ruin which will be incorporated as far as possible into a stone wall feature. Our concerns regarding this development (which related mainly to sewage capacity and adequate road access for the construction traffic) have been acknowledged by the Council. Anyone wishing to keep track of planning developments including this one can do so at the Highland Council's new e-planning website: <http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/planning/eplanning>

Holm School Extension Plans

A unit is to be built in the grounds of Holm Primary School to accommodate Nursery and Playgroup children. The original plans for a gated path to run along the back of Ardholm Place were revisited after concerns from local residents and there will now only be one access point from the front of the school area. Work is expected to commence between October and December 2011

Your Councillors

Your Councillors are elected to make decisions affecting the whole Highland area, there are eighty in total, four of which represent our Ward (Ward 16, Ness-side). Contacts for our local councillors are:

Cllr Norrie Donald	E: norrie.donald.cllr@highland.gov.uk	T: 01463 751396
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Community Police Report

Community Beat Officer PC Gary Dunlop reports:

At the present time bicycle thefts are on the increase within the city of Inverness. In an effort to combat this it is proposed that the Community Beats team within Inverness will run a scheme locally where the owners of bicycles will be offered the opportunity to have them security marked with the details being recorded; anyone wishing to have their bikes security marked should contact me in the first instance by e mail or telephone number below, (This is a free service).

It has once again been highlighted that there is a safety issue regarding parents dropping their children off at Holm Primary School. May I remind everyone to observe the speed limit signs, drivers should be over cautious when children are making their way to and from school. I would like to remind parents that it is an offence to park your vehicle on a road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. This means parking at junctions or on the kerbs and obstructing other road users or pedestrians by parking across driveways etc has to stop. It will be our intention to issue drivers with Fixed Penalty Notices should any of these offences be seen by police or traffic wardens, who will be carrying out extra patrols of the area. Whilst I understand the desire to drop children as close to the school as possible and collect, the practice of obstructing the road is dangerous and may lead to a serious incident.

Residents should be aware that sneak in thefts in the city are on the rise, residents are advised to lock their properties at all times and with the better weather here don't be tempted to leave a window open while you "pop out." If any resident requires security advice please contact me on the e mail or telephone number below.

PC Gary Dunlop is your Community Beat Officer, and can be contacted on 01463 228485 or by e-mail gary.dunlop@northern.pnn.police.uk, I look forward to hearing from you.



Community Council local funding

Holm Community Council has a small fund from which it can provide small grants towards community projects or initiatives. Any group applying should be able to demonstrate that the purpose is for the benefit of the local community and that they as a group are also contributing towards costs. Each application will be taken on merit with no obligation from the Community Council. If you are interested please submit your request in writing to our chairperson (address on front page).

On the World Wide Web

We have recently got our Community Council website back up and running - we hope to perhaps give it a bit of a re-vamp in the near future but this is the place to keep in touch with the latest issues and where you can view recent minutes etc.

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If you're the social networking type you can keep up to speed with what's going on by joining our facebook page. This is also a place where you can have your say about living in Holm and let us know what matters to you!