

Midton Bowling Club, is looking for more members,
all enquiries welcome..

The clubhouse telephone number is 01505 704784:

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Wind farm development position statement

At the January meeting, Howwood Community Council adopted this statement as a guide for considering planning applications for windfarms. Please feel free to let us know your views, by e-mailing: thewindfarm@mac.com.

“In view of increasing attention to global warming and its consequences for our environment and ourselves, and the contributory role of renewable energy developments in addressing climate change, Howwood Community Council has developed the following position statement on wind farm development to act as a basis for consideration of specific wind farm issues as they arise from time to time. In keeping with our position as statutory consultees, HCC will consider - and may respond to - relevant planning applications. In principle, HCC supports compliance with current planning policy, guidance and considerations. The Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan and the Ayrshire Structure Plan identify preferred and intermediate areas for consideration for wind farm development, and HCC will normally be supportive of applications in these areas, dependent on consideration of relevant local issues. Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park is an important recreational, scenic and natural resource, and includes a number of areas of special environmental importance (of various designations). HCC will normally oppose development within “sensitive” areas, such as Clyde Muirshiel, in keeping with the presumption against development in general of such areas (in the absence of evidence of substantial benefit and inadequate alternatives), as laid out in the Development Plans and the Park's objectives. HCC will endeavour to consider as broad a range of issues and evidence as possible in deciding on any response to a development application.”

Howwood Park: you may

remember the Community Council put in a bid for money to improve paths in the park. As is the way with things now, it was a competition and we lost out to projects that were more popular with the judges. We would like to try again, with a more ambitious project to upgrade the “Teens Area”, plant more trees, rebuild the pavilion, and see if it can become a facility for more people in the village, as well as improve the paths. If you have any ideas for the park yourself, please let us know:

on the Website www.Howwood.com

or the suggestion box in the Post Office.



Howwood Village Fête will be on June 23 2007: Bouncy Castle and Slides for the children, Dog show, Kilbarchan Pipe Band, Swords of Dalriada Battle Re-enactment, plus stalls, food and drink, football competition. Something for just about everyone. Howwood Primary School Semples view, as usual.

Scottish Evening: 7.00pm

Sat.17th February

Howwood Village Hall

It is open to anyone who lives in Howwood and is 60 or over. The programme will be a mixture of Scottish songs, music and dancing: supper and a can or glass, plus dram or two will be served.

Tickets from Post Office 75p:



Vandalism:

It is a pity to give the people who knock holes in bus shelters or destroy rubbish bins any publicity, but these incidents continue. They are crimes and if you witness them, you need to report it to the Police. Otherwise it will keep on happening, and there will be nowhere to put rubbish, or stay dry waiting for the bus!

Spring Clean:

join in making the village tidier, don't let the rubbish get you down, clear it up!

Meet in the "Triangle"

Sat. 24 and Sun. 25 March at 2pm both days Wear old clothes.

