

Strathard Community Council
Minutes of meeting 1st September 2016
Kinlochard Village Hall

		Actions
1.	Present:	M Colquhoun, R Dingwall, A Goulancourt, F McEwan, J Quinn, C Smith, D Gallagher (Stirling Council), Cllr. F Wood, R Coleman (RSPB), N Scott (Architect), local residents.
2.	Apologies:	S Stephen, Police, W Ronald.
3.	Planning application Altskeith	Local residents attending the meeting raised concerns regarding a planning application for the Alskeith Country House. This required a decision since the response deadline had been extended to allow the Community Council meeting to consider the matter. The proposals were talked through and concerns raised by those present included: Design issues Sewage issues Flooding risk Road usage, increased anticipated usage of the B829 Light and noise pollution Road and parking issues Number of visitors Residents put forward their views and the architect responded with his professional opinion and changes which could meet specific concerns. A response from SEPA was still pending. It was felt in view of the wider implications (e.g. environmental) and the number of concerns that it would be more appropriate for this application to go to committee and receive full Planning consideration. The community council voted to object to the proposal on several Planning grounds.
4.	Minutes:	Proposed by AG and seconded by JQ.
5.	Matters Arising:	<u>AGM / Co-option of community councillors</u> : Consideration was given to filling vacancies in Aberfoyle and Stronachlachar. <u>Right of Way – Craigmore</u> : Signage still not appropriate, National Park to be contacted for update. <u>Proceeds of sale – Craigmore</u> : DG to investigate. <u>Japanese Knotweed</u> : Now being sprayed by Council. Continuing liaison with River Forth Fisheries, and ongoing vigilance required to identify any infestations missed.
6.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Inversnaid Goats / Contraceptives</u>: Notification received from RSPB in mid-July of an imminent exercise to dart goats with contraceptives. After circulation, various concerns had been raised by community councillors and members of the public including clarification on the longer term impacts on the goats and the impact on continuing numbers. A future meeting had been requested with the RSPB to discuss this and other Inversnaid matters raised by local residents. RC for the RSPB provided further information and took note of various matters raised, including signage at the visitor facility. ▪ Open invite for the Scottish Rural Parliament on 8th October. ▪ Various queries regarding planters etc. received and discussed. The planting being maintained each year by Gartmore Green Routes was considered overall a good solution, although any local initiatives to extend or improve any part of Strathard were always very welcome. Further consideration was given to the repairs and refurbishment previously identified as needed, and the Community Pride Fund would be investigated.

7.	Stirling Council Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns were expressed regarding the revised C11 bus route / timetable and the DRT telephone booking system. DG confirmed this was being examined by the Stirling Council Head of Transport and surveys carried out. Suggested that further lobbying could be necessary in future, possibly a joint effort with others. More feedback would be sought. ▪ The Trossachs Business Partnership was hoping to get funding to carry out an Active Transport Hub initiative. ▪ Signage and lighting at the Manse Road bridge were raised as a concern. 	RD
8.	Planning	<p>Loch Chon There had been extensive communication with the National Park regarding the Loch Chon proposals. Following the public meeting, a community survey was issued to help decide on actions. A small majority was in favour of permitting the campsite, rather than the only option to prevent this which was to opt out of the byelaws completely. The National Park had offered to reduce site size to 26 pitches and make other improvements to change the most unpopular design features such as sleeping platforms and wood cladding instead of di-bond panels. A further bat survey had been carried out. There will be a procedure set up involving local people to allow ongoing review of the campsite's construction, operation and management. At the Loch Chon public meeting plans were also announced for a smaller campsite at Loch Ard. This raised a range of queries and concerns and attracted even more resistance than the Loch Chon plans. Therefore a further community consultation would be arranged, at which the National Park will discuss its plans and get local feedback. The Community Council then decided not to submit an objection to the revised Loch Chon planning submission.</p> <p>Planning lists <u>New applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Altskeith Country House Hotel: See 3. above <p><u>Approved</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overhead line upgrade works Bruach Hydro. ▪ Construction of access track and widening of a section of existing forest road south of north car park Loch Chon. NB Confirmed by FCS this would be reinstated. Also in response to a resident query that no other route possible for this timber extraction. 	
9.	Reports:	<p><u>Finances:</u> No movement.</p> <p><u>Stirling Councillors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The news was welcomed that a Provost's Award would be presented to Katy Lamb at Stirling castle on 21st October. ▪ Chemist shop reported as moving to former Police station. <p><u>Police:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The police had held surgeries but as they had not been attended did not plan to run any more, It was felt these were a worthwhile initiative and perhaps more advertising was needed. ▪ Noted there was an online facility to report any concerns to the police. ▪ Speeding still an issue. <p><u>Kinlochard Broadband Group:</u> Consultation complete and the system was now out to tender.</p> <p><u>Community Trusts:</u> Proceeds from the sale of the Reading Room still to be decided and what priorities required for the hall.</p> <p><u>Meetings attended:</u> Community Action Plan: Survey being sent to community for responses.</p>	

Next meeting 5th October 2016 in Aberfoyle Memorial Hall