

**Strathard Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016**  
**Kinlochard Village Hall**

1.	Present:	Michelle Colquhoun, Fiona McEwan, Jimmy Quinn, Colin Smith, Meg Wright, Cllr. Martin Earl, Pam Campbell (Stirling Council), six members of the public.	Actions
2.	Apologies	John Clow, Ros Dingwall, Trevor Geraghty, Andre Goulancourt, Geraint Short, Stuart Stephen, Police (prevented by incident).	
3.	Minutes	Corrected October minutes proposed Colin Smith, seconded Fiona McEwan and approved. November minutes proposed Jimmy Quinn, seconded Fiona McEwan and approved.	
4.	New member	Meg Wright was welcomed to her first meeting as a community councilor for Aberfoyle.	
5.	2017 Meeting Dates	It was agreed that the February meeting would be held in Aberfoyle rather than Inversnaid, and other months / locations would be as in 2016.	
6.	Matters Arising	<p><u>Seniors Christmas Dinner</u>: Final arrangements agreed for the dinner at Forest Hills Hotel on 5<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><u>DRT / Bus routes</u>: News from Martin Earl was welcomed that there would be changes as had been sought to improve access to Buchlyvie surgery and Stirling. This would be achieved by including Buchlyvie in Fintry DRT area, and by introducing DRT to Blairdrummond to allow access to Stirling without going through Cambusbarron.</p> <p><u>A81 closure at Ballat</u>: While a temporary re-opening from early December had helped the situation, there was concern over the potential 3 month closure being proposed from mid-February until May. It was agreed to try to work with other community councils to lobby Scottish Water and enlist political help if possible, to try to minimise the major impact such a closure would have in the spring months.</p> <p><u>Flooding</u>: Although advised that funding was expected to be applied for internally within the Council from the City Development Fund monies, this appeared now not to be the case. However it was still anticipated that the Council Flooding team would request monies for a scheme to resolve the repeated flooding issues in Aberfoyle, to offer a higher level of flooding protection than originally expected. Final plans were still not available for local discussion, although there had been consideration given by Stirling Council to all the local input and ideas raised re. flooding to date. This important issue would remain under review as regards funding and proposals to address the ongoing problems.</p> <p><u>Refuse Collection</u>: The new system appeared to be operating satisfactorily now, and any feedback would be monitored.</p>	PC/FM
7.	Correspondence	<p><u>Stirling Council</u>: Low Carbon Travel &amp; Transport Hubs Workshop 15 December. Noted that there was also a local project on this topic.</p> <p><u>Stirling Council</u>: Resilience event on 21 January 2017.</p> <p><u>Stirling Council</u>: Community News Sheet .</p> <p><u>Forestry Commission</u>: Loch Katrine activities report November to January.</p> <p><u>LLTNP</u> – Your Park Camping Development Strategy. Also an update on the Loch Chon campsite. Agreed another public community meeting in Kinlochard would be more appropriate than a community council visit when the Park wished to update residents, given the developments at Loch Chon and Loch Ard.</p>	FM

8.	Stirling Council Issues	<p><u>Cllr. Hayes' City Development Fund meeting:</u> This had been attended by several community councilors despite being held at short notice. Reassurance had been sought and given from Stirling Council that there would be another opportunity for local input on this matter. It was considered important that there was a co-ordinated local approach to any approaches or plans to access this fund.</p>	
9.	Planning	<p><u>New applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Forestry access tracks Lime Hill &amp; Slate Quarry (approval not required). Noted that policy on monitoring reinstatement of such tracks had been queried with the Park via Billy Ronald.</li> <li>▪ Erection of rear extension – Broomknowe. No planning issues.</li> </ul> <p><u>Approved</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bridge of Chon dormer extension.</li> <li>▪ Change of use from police station to pharmacy.</li> </ul>	
10	Reports	<p><u>Finance:</u> It had been agreed accounts would be submitted to Stirling Council after an AGM in January.</p> <p><u>Police:</u> Reports for October and November were reviewed. Other than an incident involving an explosion and vandalism in Aberfoyle incidents were minor in nature. A check on behaviour in licensed premises had found nothing antisocial.</p> <p><u>Broadband:</u> Kinlochard was progressing with Community Broadband Scotland, and CS queried the availability of funding from Stirling Council, which was investing in broadband infrastructure elsewhere. It was likely that satellite broadband supported by a voucher scheme would be the only way for residents in Inversnaid and Stronachlachar to be upgraded. Aberfoyle's fast broadband was now likely to be deferred by a further year, due to technical issues.</p>	CS
11	AOCB	<p>JQ raised two issues which were addressed, and thanks were given for his continuing service to ensuring a public toilets provision in Aberfoyle.</p>	

**Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Aberfoyle Memorial Hall**