

**Strathard Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016**  
**Kinlochard Hotel**

1.	Present:	M Colquhoun; A Goulancourt; F McEwan; J Quinn; S Stephen; Cllr Martin Earl; W. Ronald (National Park); Carlo de Medio (National Park); 15 members of the public.	Actions
2.	Apologies:	J Clow, R Dingwall, C Smith.	
3.	Kinlochard Planning  Loch Chon Proposals          Blairuskin      B829 speed limit   Japanese Knotweed	<p>A proposal for 33 camping pitches, toilets and car parking on Forestry land at Loch Chon had been lodged by the National Park, and this had met with considerable local concern. Several local residents had submitted Planning objections. Carlo de Medio outlined the proposals, explaining these formed part of 300 pitches being created across the Park, which were to be introduced in conjunction with the new byelaws. Local residents and the community had been surprised that despite ample opportunity there had been no dialogue or consultation prior to submission of the planning application. The 33 pitches apparently catered for the highest demand experienced over Loch Chon and the surrounding area in the past, but beyond typical levels. The campsite and its method of operation had been designed to follow the Park's experience at Sallochy on Loch Lomond and pre-booking was intended. Arrangements for use of rangers and how they would operate were described.</p> <p>Concerns expressed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the high number of pitches.</li> <li>- increased traffic and number of people in an area with poor infrastructure.</li> <li>- site design including platforms, toilet appearance and operation.</li> <li>- supervision and operation of the site.</li> <li>- insufficient environmental assessment.</li> </ul> <p>It was stated that the number of pitches was not high because of any need to raise revenue. Councillor Earl undertook to query some issues at the forthcoming National Park Board meeting. It was noted that Planning deadlines required a response by 17<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Planning application for a holiday home at Blairuskin - new build on grazing land. The consensus of residents at the meeting was that the build was inappropriate because of its location and the change of use. Members of the public were asked to lodge any comments they had directly into the National Park Planning. The community council would lodge an objection.</p> <p>Traffic management discussed regarding the Aberfoyle to Kinlochard road and the proposed speed limit. The community council would request detailed feedback from the community to allow it to communicate a decision to Stirling Council.</p> <p>Japanese knotweed has been reported in several locations, The National Park has information on its website and members of the public are encouraged to report to the National Park incidents of any Japanese knotweed and it will attend to these.</p>	
4.	Minutes:	Proposed by AG; seconded by FM.	
5.	Matters Arising:	<p><u>Right of Way at Craigmore</u>: After a long wait it was finally been advised that this route from B829 Lochard Road to A821 Trossachs Road has been accepted as a Right of Way. Appropriate signage will be installed in due course on the gate at the Loch Ard Road end near the school, to confirm that access rights apply to the path. The gates should always be unlocked and passable.</p> <p><u>Police</u>: A Police surgery schedule is required to allow earlier notification to the wider public/community. PC L Deans has been proactive regarding having a trader warning system up and running.</p>	RD
	Correspond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Loch Katrine quarterly update: AG would distribute update to those in local area.</li> <li>▪ Stirling Council: Community Energy forum</li> <li>▪ Forestry Commission: Timber transport management plan for B829 – Milton to Forest</li> </ul>	AG FM

		<p>to Teapot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Memorial Hall trust: Committee update to 8<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the proceeds of the sale of the Reading Room. R Dingwall is the CC representative.</li> <li>▪ Stirling Council Recycling Roadshows - households to get leaflets</li> <li>▪ Stirling Council Broadband Project update</li> <li>▪ Information regarding DRT changes and bus route changes to be reviewed further and any concerns circulated.</li> </ul>	RD
6.	Stirling Council Issues	<p><u>Liaison with Stirling Council</u>: There had been notification from the council on Helen Geddes' retirement, and best wishes had been sent. A representative from the new community engagement team would be invited to the next meeting to discuss new arrangements.</p> <p><u>School Evacuation Plan</u>: It was agreed any discussion or meeting on this must fully involve parents which would be advised to the Council.</p> <p>Information regarding DRT changes information regarding bus route changes information to be discussed and any concerns reported back to the council.</p>	FM FM
7.	Planning	<p><u>New applications</u>: Agreed no issues on below.</p> <p>Duchray Castle - Garage</p> <p><u>Decisions</u>: Hillcrest decking approved, Montrose Road extension approved.</p>	
8.	Reports:	<p><u>Finances</u>: No activity in month.</p> <p><u>Stirling Councillor</u>: A city &amp; rural development framework budget was now available and small funding requests could be directed through councillors. The community action plan could produce areas of funding for a community initiative and Carol Beattie would be the point of contact. New bins – A briefing pack would be available for information and road shows would be held.</p> <p><u>Police</u>: Incident at a passing place on the Inversnaid road, wild camping moved on from the field at the primary school, motorcycles in the forest were again giving cause for concern. Incident of speeding on Lochard Rd at the school, card reader tampering at cash machine and shoplifting both at Co-op, theft from room in Forest Hills. Next surgery 8<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p><u>National Park</u>: W Ronald reported back to the CC that the NP did check on reinstatement work carried out by agencies like the Forestry Commission to ensure that any works required to reinstate to their original state was satisfactory. Stuart Mearns was the responsible Park officer.</p> <p><u>Community Trusts</u>: No reports.</p> <p><u>Meetings attended</u>:</p>	

**Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Aberfoyle Memorial Hall**