

**Strathard Community Council  
Minutes of meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016  
Kinlochard Village Hall**

1.	Present:	M Colquhoun, R Dingwall, A Goulancourt, F McEwan, C Smith, Stuart Stephen Guests: A Sobey, J Stallard	Actions
2.	Apologies:	J Quinn, Police, Councillors (full Council meeting), W Ronald, G Short	
3.	Minutes:	Proposed by AG; seconded by MC.	
4.	Matters Arising:	<u>CC Elections</u> : There were no applications, but we can co-opt for vacancies in Stronachlachar and Aberfoyle. Representation from Milton was suggested as possibly appropriate. AG to check for any interested registered voters in Stronachlachar. <u>B829 road reinstatement work</u> to take place at Baillie Nicol Jarvie 14-18 March, perhaps a bit further as well. Officially this was a timed closure, but traffic lights would be used when possible. Lobbying on grounds of road safety had therefore been an appropriate course of action. <u>Kinlochard noticeboard</u> repaired, thanks to CS for organising. AG advised that perspex on the Stronachlachar board needs replaced.	FM/AG
5.	Guests:	Josh Stallard, Christmas Shop, expressed disappointment that no response had been received from CC regarding e-mails on consultation about road closures. FM apologised but had felt it would be best to wait until CC had received the new schedule for the coming year's programme. We still have not heard anything about this but believe the announcement of the schedule is imminent. All parties interested were encouraged to pass on contact details to FM to allow these to be included in CC mass-mailings. Potential use of social media was considered in addition to the other methods of communication used (emails, Strathard News, consultation meetings) and Josh offered his assistance if this was to be developed. Anne Sobey: Community Partnership. Anne updated on the support that the CP could provide to local people and organisations to deliver a new Community Action Plan. A helpful toolkit was available containing all the information, and also funding was provided. The exercise would be similar to previous Plans. To start the process and get a broad base of input, a selection of volunteers from different groups within the community would be invited to participate. A 'community agent' would then be sought to carry out some of the project work. RD to draw up a list of relevant community group requiring representation. Anne also updated re 'Strathard, a landscape to live work and play. This is a multi-agency initiative to involve the community in future plans aimed at improving land and water management in Strathard. Various public bodies led by SEPA have initiated the project with Forestry, Scottish Water and the National Park all involved. A series of consultations is being held throughout Strathard, and questionnaires distributed. Meetings held so far have been well-attended and very useful. Findings from this will help inform our next Community Action Plan.	RD
6.	Council Issues	Give way sign and lines still needed on Lochard Road. Also 2 deep holes noted at Rose Cottage and reported. Resurfacing work and road closure work scheduled for Cockhill on the A81 to Callander 21-25 March.	
7.	Planning	<u>New applications</u> : Duchray Castle – demolish shed and build new garage. Culgart – erection of double cartlodge with living space upstairs. <u>Decisions</u> : none <u>Other updates</u> : Noted the hydropower scheme at Stronachlachar would reduce water flow significantly, although there would be a few days in the year when full flow would be allowed.	
8.	Reports:	Finances: Scotways subscription renewal agreed. Any other costs incurred were requested before the year-end	

		<p>Police: A worrying robbery by a professional gang had taken place at the PO in Aberfoyle, with incidents at other locations. Information about what happened elsewhere could have been helpful if received in time. Police Surgery drop-ins are to take place at the Tourist Information office – this was welcomed.</p> <p>Broadband: Meeting to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Meetings attended: MC attended Hall AGM. Fees maintained at current level.</p>	
9.	AOCB	<p>RD has received queries regarding the use of drones in public places, as there have been seen locally. After enquiry their use is regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority. There are strict rules prohibiting use near aircraft and guidelines for distance from the public and buildings.</p>	
	Next meeting:	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Aberfoyle.	