

**Strathard Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Inversnaid Hotel at 8.15pm**

1.	Present:	J Clow, R Dingwall, T Geraghty, A Goulancourt, F McEwan, C Smith, S Stephen, M Wright, G Short, Michelle Flynn (SC), 12 members of the public.	<b>Actions</b>
2.	Apologies	M Colquhoun, J Quinn, Billy Ronald (NP), Police Scotland.	
3.	Minutes	Confirmation of April minutes carried forward to next meeting. Job specification has been prepared in order to advertise for a permanent minutes secretary. As this might take a few months, proposal in the meantime for temporary assistance in the role from previous minutes secretary A McLellan. Agreed.	
4.	Matters arising	<p><b>Road closure at Ballat:</b> Invitation to meeting with Scottish Water re. A81 on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Balfron Campus. GS would attend.</p> <p><b>Loch Chon &amp; Camping Byelaws:</b> A meeting will be held soon with community councillors and others, possibly on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This would allow for a progress report and discussion of issues relating to the campsite identified by the local community. Final arrangements would be made shortly.</p> <p><b>RSPB- Inversnaid/goats:</b> A meeting will be held at Stronachlachar Pier cafe, which had offered accommodation. Date tbc.</p> <p><b>Road re-surfacing, surgery to Forestry offices:</b> Last week in October proposed. CC has asked for responses and possible issues to be sent to it. We will negotiate with SC re. total closure, which is their proposal. Suggestions made at the meeting included using Rob Roy as a car park and walking to village, or using forest track at edge of golf course. Need also to be aware that SW has delayed work on Loch Katrine road until September, which might affect any diversion via Dukes Pass.</p> <p><b>Broadband:</b> with reference to Kinlochard only, ongoing work with Community Broadband Scotland means a tender is being prepared. Since this is a very small group, and Brig o' Turk is at a similar stage, possibility the two will join forces. Colin Smith would wish to be able to confirm our agreement for the arrangement to proceed. Wireless link will not stretch to Glengyle, but there is a possibility that the Brig O' Turk connection might.</p>	GS
5.	Planning	<p><b>Ledard Farm Campsite proposal:</b> Since members of public were present regarding this application, CS asked applicant Fergus Wood to explain the detail of his plans: Land would change from current grazing use to mixed camping facilities: includes a 2-storey building for manager's use, plus toilets. National Park is encouraging more campsites and farmers have to diversify to survive. Sited at that side of road due to current misuse and rubbish being left. Pre-application meeting with NP planners has not yet taken place, hopefully within next week, but he might suggest reducing size of road and number of wigwams on site. A sewage plant, not septic tank, will be built so only water will be released into Loch. Toilets would be open to public. It will be primarily a seasonal facility. Tree, wildlife and environmental surveys all done.</p> <p>Questions from floor: Shouldn't wild camping ban reduce impact on affected parts of Ledard? When will it go live? (Within 3 years.) Can number of tents be limited? (Office will be on site so yes). Are there disabled facilities? (Yes, including a wigwam). Is this needed with new site at Loch Chon? (This is 'glamping'). Is there provision for limiting future development? (no intention to expand size later). Is there landscaping? Light pollution concern (Curtains on</p>	

		<p>units, and the wildlife report has many recommendations on lighting restrictions). Concerns on bats and otters. Noise also a factor. Can it be screened?</p> <p>Colin Smith: felt that since he became Planning correspondent this is the most concern he has ever received regarding an application. Worried that Fergus, having done so much for the community over many years, was now in danger of ruining his 'legacy'. He hoped that the Community Council would be allowed to participate in pre-planning discussions. Fergus is willing to delay the final application to allow CC time to re-consider it. He is also willing to consider downsizing the building and the number of wigwams.</p> <p>Comments were all noted and CS would liaise with the National Park and the applicant as the application proceeded, including any deadlines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anduin extension: Approved.</li> <li>• Access track at Duchray Rd for Forestry: Approved</li> <li>• New application: 15m telecomms mast at Aberfoyle Bowling Club. The Hall would benefit from the revenue. Colin to ask for a review of deadline. Meg and Ros to sound out local opinion.</li> </ul>	CS
6.	Correspondence	<p>SSE: 'View and Vista'. Willing to come to a meeting or community event and will listen to comments.</p> <p>Ledard Hydro scheme: awaiting the final draft of the traffic management plan. Will be several months of HGV's on the B829 at certain times. 5 pinch points identified.</p> <p>Local Outcome Improvement Plan Sounding Board meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> May. Key strand of community empowerment. To request minutes.</p> <p>Trustees insurance liability: topic arose following an issue for Port of Menteith CC, when it became apparent that Council-arranged insurance did not cover individual members for legal action taken against them, following a planning objection. We are awaiting Council response as to whether our cover is sufficient.</p> <p>Branding: A meeting would be arranged with Stirling Council</p>	RD/ MW
			FM
			FM (CS)
			SS
			TG/ MW
7.	Stirling Council issues plus reports	Complaint received again about graveyard maintenance. Road slippage at Loch Ard appears worse again. To follow up both.	RD
8	Finances	Stuart researching interest bearing accounts, though none available with a Bank of Scotland Treasurers account. He is looking at setting up an online account. Current expenditure ongoing on bench and planters re-furbishment.	
9.	Reports	Police: Report had been circulated and was noted. Councillors: election due so councillors 'in purdah'	
10	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM: due next month on 1 June as previously agreed. Noticeboard notices are out.</li> <li>• Stronachlachar noticeboard needs maintenance – already arranged via Community Pride and these works have started.</li> <li>• Traffic hub funding: query as to progress. Stirling Council missed application deadline so not progressed.</li> <li>• Michelle Flynn, SC: are there any minuted changes from CC's informal pre-meeting discussion. Meeting was informal so decisions or minutes. Also requested that we notify Council if changing time of meeting. Public notices had advised of change.</li> <li>• Since this is 'AGM season', Michelle handed out documentation on format. When asked she admitted Council still have no copies of guidance for new Community Councillors.</li> </ul>	

**Next meeting , including AGM, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 in 7.30pm in Kinlochard Village Hall**