

**Strathard Community Council
Minutes of meeting 5th January 2017
Aberfoyle Memorial Hall**

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| 1. | Present: | J Clow , R Dingwall, T Geraghty, A Goulancourt, F McEwan, J Quinn, G Short, C Smith, M Wright plus 4 members of public | Actions |
| 2. | Apologies | Michelle Colquhoun, Stuart Stephen, Police. | |
| 3. | Minutes | December minutes approved J Quinn, seconded C Smith. | |
| 4. | Matters Arising | <p>Christmas: Sincere thanks to Forest Hills Hotel for another very successful senior citizens dinner, and to Kinlochard Ceilidh band and Callander Pipe Band for the entertainment, to Stuart Hall and John Buchanan for providing transport, and to all friends and businesses who provided raffle prizes. Thanks also to the Forestry Commission for providing Christmas trees in Aberfoyle and Kinlochard.</p> <p>Bus routes: new system. Still issues with 24hr notice for booking DRT. Also concerns re accessing surgeries, particularly open surgeries in Buchlyvie. Both Medical centre and transport access need to be addressed. It was suggested that community transport should be explored. Strathard News will ask about car share participation in Strathard. Fiona will collect a list of transport issues with a view to inviting David Brown or Derek Parry to a meeting.</p> <p>Closure at Ballat: Caused by damage to aqueduct bridge: meeting 19th January now arranged in Balfron. All affected CC's attending plus Councillors and Scottish Water. Aims could be to shorten time of closure, possibly open for holidays, work longer hours and improve signage. Ideally MSP Bruce Crawford to be involved.</p> <p>Flooding: Still unclear as to current situation regarding Strathard flooding scheme, and awaiting plans which will be presented to a Stirling Council committee. Recent rain caused flooding from Altskeith to Tigh-na-Traigh, a combination of leaves plus snow melt causing water to be held back on the road. This followed Council improvements to the wall. To be followed up.</p> <p>Refuse collection: Outlying areas still not being cleared on time. Wait to see if it improves now Xmas holidays are over.</p> <p>Resilience event: Organised by Stirling Council to be held on 21st January. Details to be circulated and school representatives contacted.</p> <p>Stirling LCCT Workshop / Aberfoyle Hub: In relation to the Stirling event on 15th December, it was confirmed by J Fifield that similar project work was ongoing in Aberfoyle to introduce a low carbon transport hub, with a deadline of the end of January. £500k of funding was available from Transport Scotland. Other details were not yet clear and more information would be welcomed once available.. Economic plans were normally expected to link to the Community Action Plan, currently at draft stage.</p> | <p>SN/FM</p> <p>FM</p> <p>RD/FM</p> <p>RD</p> |
| 5. | Correspondence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stirling Council: Loch Chon roadworks at end of January, to form a bell mouth - times of access to be checked and publicised. ▪ Stirling Council: Stirling City branding event in Kinlochard on 9th January, noted details had been circulated locally. ▪ Scottish Fire & Rescue: Plans for it to assume role to assist with advice on resilience for flooding and supplying protection. To come to a future meeting. ▪ Stirling Council website: Care Village plans approved, with elderly provision including respite and convalescence to be on site of SRI. ▪ Harlequin Group: Proposed CTIL mobile phone mast at Bowling Green. It was decided not to pre-empt the planning application. since | |

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| | | <p>a wide range of community views were to be expected and would need consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Park: Awaiting date for community update meeting for the ongoing project at Loch Chon. Report received that construction was underway since mid-November and would require road closures at end-January (above). ▪ Community news sheet. Funding application deadlines noted. ▪ Dean Lockhart, MSP: Now starting surgeries in Callander, 13th January then 10th March. | |
| 6. | Stirling Council Issues | Covered in 4. and 5. above. | |
| 7. | Planning | <p><u>New applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fabric Gallery, Aberfoyle: Change of use from retail (class 1) and alterations to form 3 residential flats. ▪ Land To West Of Gartnerichnich B829: Construction of access for forestry purposes. <p><u>Approved</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Heatherwood, Lochard Road, Aberfoyle: Erection of side and rear extensions. ▪ Kennel Cottage, Drumlean: Modification of planning obligation relating to planning permission R/94/044/REM to remove the restriction on use. | |
| 8. | Reports | <p>Police: New surgery times announced, for a further three month trial period, which was welcomed. 1-2pm on 15/2, 15/3, 12/4, in TIC.</p> <p>Broadband group: Kinlochard residents would be surveyed to find interest in uptake. This was not the situation in Aberfoyle and there was some concern that a single cabinet there would be insufficient. Agreed to get advice from the broadband adviser at Stirling Council on this issue, including approaching BT.</p> | CS FM |
| 9. | AOCB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was hoped the Pier cafe at Stronachlachar would be available after February as a venue for the meeting agreed with RSPB on goats and other issues. <p>At this point it was intended to hold an AGM, but following discussion on procedural issues, this was postponed until the next meeting.</p> | TG |

Next meeting 2nd February 2017 in Aberfoyle Memorial Hall