

Strathard Community Council Draft Minutes of meeting: Thursday 5th May 2020 online

Community Councillors Present: Trevor Geraghty, Lynda McColl , Stuart Stephen and Joyce Kelly.

Attending: Cllr Martin Earl, Cllr Jenny MacDonald, Cllr Evelyn Tweed, Isabel Madden and Natashya Sheppard

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening	TG chaired the meeting & welcomed all.	
2. Apologies	Jimmy Quinn. Michelle Flynn (SC)	
3. Minutes	Proposed by TG: Natashya Sheppard to provide minutes cover, on a meeting by meeting basis. Seconded by JK. Previous notes/minutes to be captured and written up.	SS to share via email. NS to be added to Strathard mailing list. TG, JK and SS to report previous meeting minutes.
4. Actions from last meeting	Local signage made and displayed to reiterate stay at home lockdown message. Agreement from locals that footfall seems reduced in Kinlochard since signage displayed.	
5. Police Reports	No new reports currently available. Issue of antisocial behaviour in Kinlochard has been highlight to CC and police are involved. Police and ET are seeking assistance from Stirling council (environmental health) with the matter. Increase in attempted fraud and cyber security attacks highlighted.	ET liaising with Stirling Council on the matter.
6. Treasurer	The CC agreed that they required new signatories for all the accounts in the name of Strathard Community Council. The new signatories would be: Trevor Geraghty Lynda McColl Joyce Kelly Stuart Stephen This was approved unanimously. 2 Minute taker's expenses The CC unanimously agreed to appoint Natashya Shepherd as an interim minute taker for the CC. It was also agreed that a fee of £40 per meeting would be paid and that the payment would be made upon the Chair receiving the draft minutes from the each CC meeting. Currently ex council members are required to sign cheques. SS proposed ex counsellors should be removed	SS to get ex counsellors taken off bank account and TG, JK, LM and SS to be signatories on account.

	from the account and replaced by current SCC members. 2 nd by TG. As this prevents efficient operations.	
7. Strathard Framework	<p>First Strathard Framework workshop held on March 06 2020. 2nd workshop was scheduled to have taken place on 25 March 2020 but no physical events possible due to current restrictions. Current plan is to hold a virtual workshop date to be determined but JK keen to delay agreeing the date for as long as possible to maximise the opportunity for a physical meeting perhaps several in smaller groups if future COVID 19 guidance allows. Jamie McKenzie Hamilton, JK & TG have given directional feedback to the Chair of the Framework Steering Group on labels that had been given to geographical areas and hoped that their suggestions would be incorporated into the Strathard Framework Visions document. There is to be a Strathard Framework Steering group virtual meeting on Wed 20 May 2020 and outcomes will be fed back at the next SCC meeting scheduled for June.</p> <p>Aberfoyle Community Lifeplan on hold until workshop possible. Champions for each area have been identified but all agreed that face to face communications would be required to determine community aspirations however it is hoped that if the Strathard Framework is completed before the Aberfoyle Life Plan is in place that there would be a mechanism built into the Framework Agreement to enable information gathered in the Aberfoyle Community Life Plan workshops to be included retrospectively. It was recognised that the ongoing situation may well change what the community will regard as important to Aberfoyle in the future and this could very well alter what is needed to be in the Framework Agreement also.</p>	
8. Planning	<p><i>Planning application 2020/0070/DET</i></p> <p>JK explained she had been in contact with Caroline Strugnell the planning officer with responsibility for the application to ask for an extension to the response time allowed to the SCC due to current restrictions on the planning process preventing key tenants of the process, namely neighbourhood notifications and site visits being undertaken. An overriding concern in relation to the planning application is that public access to the loch side could be impinged by the large decking area proposed in the application. Also, the size of the proposed Jetty is substantial, rising out of the water with 2 separate ladders required to reach the boats which would have a serious visual impact on the landscape. Joyce further explained that when the householders received approval for a change of use of the ground behind their homes from agricultural to garden use it included a proviso that 15 metres from the edge of the loch outwards must be kept free of any obstruction to allow pedestrians to walk around the loch. In support of this proviso 2 fences erected in 2019 by the previous owner of Shore of Ard and the current owner of the adjoining property Eileen Gorm have had to be removed because they were within</p>	JK to contact Dave Robinson to see if discussions between the Access Committee and the SCC on the merits of taking the creating of an official pathway around the loch side idea forward.

the 15 meter zone. The community councillors present (4) and another by email communication (1) agreed that the proposal was out of keeping with the environment and could have a serious impact on public access to the loch side which provided the required majority required to raise an objection. JK suggested that as Caroline Strugnell had agreed to an extension to the SCC response time allow due process to take place that the SCC held off making an official objection to the application until neighbour notifications and any subsequent site visit had been undertaken and resident views were canvassed. Caroline Strugnell had also undertaken to ask the Agent for the application for clarification on how the public right of access would be maintained. Ideally the SCC would have communicated with the Agent also to request a meeting to discuss the application before coming to a decision on their approach but due to COVID 19 restrictions this was not possible. The decision therefore was to await further developments but should the application progress in its current form the SCC would have no option but to raise a formal objection and had the mandate to do so without reference to a further SCC meeting.

In relation to the same application JK had also contacted Dave Robinson manager of the LLTNP Access Committee and had been assured that all aspects of the application (access, legal and planning) were being looked at by his team. In the course of the communications the previous idea of creating an official pathway around the loch side was discussed. Dave Robison explained that although this idea had not been progressed it was still very much a possibility. This was also discussed during the SCC meeting and again there was a majority in favour of requesting discussions between the Access Committee and the SCC on the merits of taking the idea forward.

Planning Application 2020/079/DET

JK informed the meeting that the above noted application for installation of a Telecommunications site for the Emergency Services Communications Network at Quarry Path, Dukes Pass, Kirkton had been forwarded to her but was not included in the planning lists distributed because of its late arrival. Joyce had previously emailed the SCC councillors to forewarn them that the application would be on the Agenda for discussion. The planning application was extremely detailed and covered everything required to understand the size, location, constraints and impact of the installation. Again by majority decision the SCC agreed that it appeared that the value of the installation outweighed any disadvantages, however Jk asked that all councillors reviewed the documentation for themselves and get back to her within the next few days if there was anything contained in the plan/drawings which gave them cause for concern. The response time for this particular

	<p>application is 25 May which is before the next SCC meeting scheduled for June and agreement was reached that if no one contacted Joyce with concerns the SCC would just allow the application to progress unhindered.</p> <p><i>Planning Application 2019/0293/DET</i></p> <p>JK had received the welcome news that the planning application for Guyana refurbishment into a new Coop building had been approved. The SCC had previously written to Caroline Strugnell, the planning officer with responsibility for the application, citing their support for the development and were therefore extremely pleased it had been given the go ahead. Joyce was tasked with authoring a congratulatory response to the Agents for the application and to ask on timings for the development under the COVID 19 restrictions. She was asked to confirm the importance of the development to the community, particularly in light of the impact COVID 19 was, is and will continue to have on Aberfoyle and the surrounding communities for the foreseeable future.</p>	<p>TG agreed to forward the communication top and tailed with his own sentiments on behalf of the SCC.</p>
9. Covid 19	<p>Thank you to Martin for liaising with Deanstons Distillery ref hand sanitiser. There is currently stock in Aberfoyle with Alison Graham and TSAR have been kindly distributing it.</p> <p>Core messages signs have been displayed. Additional signs to support local business will be displayed when we enter the recovery phase.</p>	
10. Stirling Council	<p>ME – Stirling council are working hard to reinstate normal bin collections. Currently workforce issues due to some staff shielding. Also recycling centres looking to reopen. Stirling area was highlighted as worst for fly tipping. Roads department currently only able to carry out essential works.</p>	
11. CPL Framework	<p>As recovery funds become available CPL will be actioned. Some funds have been identified, but require deliverable elements.</p>	
12. NHS Valley Update	<p>IM – Surgeries currently in no need of help. Aberfoyle medica centre was highlighted to be a Covid-19 Assessment centre – currently nothing is happening. Community had been touched by Covid-19 but not overwhelming local health service.</p>	
13. Stirling Council Town centre development fund	<p>Desired plans for changing places took most of budget. - Community trust have pushed back for re-think on this Riverbank project – fencing Cycle storage rack in Aberfoyle. Cycling project Stirling to Aberfoyle cycle path idea.</p>	

Next meeting AGM in June via video 8 x8 meeting