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**STRATHARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTE OF MEETING 6TH July 2017**

	Item	Action
1	<p>In attendance: Community Councillors - Trevor Geraghty, Stuart Stephen Colin Smith, Michelle Colquhoun, Meg Wright, Andre Goulancourt, Ros Dingwall</p> <p>Martin Earl - Councillor Michelle Flynn – Stirling Council Billy Ronald - National Park</p> <p>Members of the public: Linda McColl, Fergus Wood</p>	
2	Apologies: Fiona McEwan, Geraint Short, Jimmy Quinn, Police Scotland	
3	Election of Community Council Secretary: Following the AGM the role of secretary has still to be filled. Meg Wright was nominated and accepted the nomination. Proposed by Colin Smith, Seconded by Ros Dingwall.	
4	Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed Ros DIngwall Seconded Colin Smith	
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>I. It was noted that Billy Ronald, National Park, was in attendance at the June Community Council meeting</p> <p>II. Some individuals are not receiving minutes and a new distribution list is needed. It was suggested that the website should be the repository for information and the planning lists. We also agreed that the minute and any relevant information should be put on village notice boards. We all agreed that information and minutes should be distributed as widely as possible</p> <p>III. The police report for this meeting sent to community councillors prior to this meeting</p> <p>IV. Community development trust: Colin intimated that Stewart Mearns, head of planning at the National Park, has been invited to the September meeting of Strathard Community Council</p>	<p>SS to send the list he has to TG and MW MW to find out who has key for Aberfoyle notice board</p>

	<p>V. The meeting discussed the need for wider stakeholder engagement and suggested that community groups should be invited to attend the Community Council meetings on a rota basis to allow for greater understanding of what each group does and how we can all support one another. The Forestry Commission is to be asked to attend on a regular basis as a number of applications have been received about paths and an on-going issue with forestry traffic.</p> <p>VI. There are also issues with the camping by-laws and a number of people camping illegally. Members of the public are encouraged to call the Police on 101 and also contact the national park. Police report highlighted that 7 people charged in relation to camping.</p>	<p>A rota will be developed and published – TG</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Planning: A planning list was sent prior to the meeting. Highlights for discussions included:</p> <p>I. Applications for new paths in the forest are being received. A discussion then took place around the specification of the contract and monitoring of paths as hard-core is being laid in the forestry and old paths are being regenerated. There is a problem with the size of contractor vehicles in the forest. We need more information about the rights, requirements and responsibilities of contractors and the role of the Forestry and National Park</p> <p>II. B829 was highlighted as deteriorating and logging lorries seem to be on the increase on the road. There are rules regarding contracts and times the lorries are allowed on the road. John Hair is to be invited to a future meeting</p> <p>III. Traffic speed at Kinlochard has been identified as a problem. Members of the public are encouraged to contact the Police on 101</p>	<p>MF to send CS the link to the guidance on road standards</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Rural Business Hub Project Update & Briefing:</p> <p>Aberfoyle has fibre optic broadband installed but the rest of the Strathard area does not and we continue to work towards this. Colin advised that there are not sufficient cabinets in the village and we need to discuss this with BT.</p> <p>We had a discussion around the economic regeneration needed in Aberfoyle, the number of people in the whole area working from home and the problems we experience with connectivity. TG has met with the Economic Development Officer at Stirling Council to bring economic development to the area. A discussion took place around the possible use for the space in the Tourist Information Centre going forward as Visit Scotland is looking to downsize the space in Aberfoyle. A number of suggestions were explored including a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Multifunctional space with desks, computer access, printer, copier • The development of a business hub • Video- conferencing, tele-medicine facility <p>We discussed the Callander Partnership and Strathfillan Community Council projects and how they managed to work together for the benefit of their communities.</p> <p>Strathard CC agreed to speak to the other areas and consider a scoping exercise for this area to find out what people want from such an endeavour and link any new initiative to the community action plan.</p>	<p>TG to contact RJ (Callander) to learn from them</p>

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8	<p>Correspondence and upcoming events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kinlochard Gathering is on July 16th 2. Aberfoyle Gala Day is on July 29th <p>A meeting with Scottish Power is to be held in Stronnachlachar on the 24th July to discuss the imminent works on pylons in the area</p> <p>RSPB advised that goat darting is not appropriate at this time in Inversnaid. Billy Ronald will advise on this at the next meeting</p> <p>A response has been sent to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park draft plan consultation</p>	AG and GS to investigate and report back to the meeting
9	<p>Stirling Council Issues including Councillor Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The council is in recess and there will be no committee meetings till the end of August II. The speed limit at Braeval is to be reduced to 40 III. New lighting columns are to be installed in Aberfoyle in September – these will be robust enough to hold the weight of Christmas lights and hanging baskets IV. A site visit and survey is to be conducted at the play park regarding speed of traffic at the area V. RD requested paper copies of the transport survey be made available 	ME to send
10	<p>Finances</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Accounts have been sent to the Council II. Minutes are being sent in a timely manner which will allow our grant to be released III. Information was received about £250 excess on community councillors liability and this needs reviewed 	
11	<p>Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Police report noted 	
12	<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Public toilets in Aberfoyle require upgrading and need to be fully accessible by all. II. Bench in Kinlochard needs attention as the ground it sits on is very muddy III. We agreed the next meeting will be in Aberfoyle to give more people an opportunity to attend to discuss the business hub ideas. All community councillors agreed to encourage members of the public to attend and give their views 	MC and LM to change booking