

Minutes of Strathard Community Council Meeting 6th Aug 2015 In Inversnaid Hotel

Sederunt: Ros Dingwall, Fiona McEwan, Jimmy Quinn, Geraint Short, Colin Smith, Councillor Fergus Wood, Toto McLellan (Minute secretary), one member of the public.

Apologies: Michelle Colquhoun, John Clow, Andre Goulancourt, Owen McKee, Stuart Stephen.

Previous Minutes: Proposed by RD, seconded by GS.

Matters Arising: ResiliencePlan: A comprehensive list of requirements was supplied by CS, which was agreed to be very good progress. GS is happy to compile a similar list for Aberfoyle, and AG will be approached to do the same for Inversnaid. It was felt that inviting Stirling Council to a future discussion would be advantageous.

Kinlochard Broadband: Minutes of the recent meeting were made available. The issue of securing a connection for Kinlochard through Briskona was discussed. It was noted that fewer than half of Kippen residents were able to access high speeds due to the distance from the exchange, so perhaps a request for more cabinets would be appropriate for when works commence here. **Flooding:** A report has been received from the flooding team. Groundworks have been completed, and a public meeting will be held in September. **DRT:** Crescent Cabs have not renewed their licence to be a transport provider. Checks will be carried out to ensure that residents are not missing out on DRT services, particularly the elderly and students. **Debris in Loch:** This has cleared, possibly due to high water. Any recurrence of the situation will be monitored. **Crossing Attendant:** No movement. RD will pursue. **Access Riverwalk:** No movement. **Creagh Mhor Right of Way:** No movement. RD will contact Kenny Auld. **Rubbish Collection:** It was noted that the clearing of rubbish around Loch Chon should be the responsibility of FCS. **Defibrillators:** The Forth Inn have kindly agreed to have the defibrillator positioned on its wall.

Correspondence: Aberfoyle Memorial Hall: Fees have increased very significantly, taking the annual total to well over a third of the community council's funding. After consideration by the Hall committee, fees for our meetings would be reduced from £35 to £25 per night. The hall committee will be contacted with our thanks.

Stirling Council: Roadworks: A pending road closure in August at Malling has drawn complaints due to the holiday season still being in force. Councillor Wood will pursue the possibility of a date change. The problem of the detrimental effect of road closures on local businesses was discussed at length, with input from a local trader attending the meeting. Points raised included the following: Stirling Council could be asked to utilise smaller machines on rural roads, which do not necessitate complete closure of the road due to width of machinery; Closure date notifications for the 2015/16 year had not been received by the community council for prior

consideration; Business owners should be more involved in roadworks planning procedures as had previously been agreed with the Council, either via the Traders Association or another equivalent organisation. **Electric Car Charger:** This machine has been moved from its original location, and left elsewhere with no progress on re-installation. Concerns were raised about the machine being situated in the flood plain, and in such a busy area. Councillor Wood will query. It was noted that this is part of a central scheme from Scottish Government, not run by Stirling Council. **Cleaning:** A request will be made to have the pavements on the school route cleaned before classes resume. Drains and hedges around the playing field should also be addressed. **White Lines:** No movement. This will be pursued.

Planning: FCS: Application for access roads and car parking areas in the forest. **Braeval Farm:** Change of use approved. **Glengyle:** Application for a bridge, borrow pit and 2 year access. More information will be requested. **Scottish Power.** Application for a pole near Loch Arklet. Also temporary access, location unspecified. **FCS:** Notification of multiple turning places and access ramps within the forest. These types of work would hopefully be discussed at a future meeting with FCS. **Couligarten:** Change of use approved. **Inversnaid School:** Approved. **Stronachlachar:** Councillor Wood and local residents attended the recent Planning Committee meeting, and the decision had been pended until the Committee will be came out to visit the area. The question of road safety issues for the three houses was discussed.

Reports: Police: Two persons in possession of drugs. Vehicle broken into at DML. Operation Ironworks ongoing. Person lost on West Highland Way, found in the Inversnaid Hotel. **Finances:** No movement. **Councillors:** No report, other than matters discussed above. **LLTNP:** No report. **Trusts:** Kinlochard Village Hall raised c.£3K for Hall funds at the recent Games. **Meetings:** None.

AOCB: Theft: A memorial tree has been stolen from Kinlochard,. **Police:** Query was made concerning the possibility of having signage / a letterbox installed for contacting the police in Aberfoyle. It was however noted that at present there is a push-button telephone connection to Police Scotland at the Fire Station. **Tree for Scotland:** The Poker Tree has been entered into this competition, run by the Woodland Trust. **House Folk Festival:** This will be held on 11,12 & 13 November in Kinlochard, and on an additional date at the Bunkhouse. **Appreciation:** Appreciation was expressed for Owen McKee, who has resigned from LLTNP, for his unerring attendance and support at our Community Council meetings over the years. His vast knowledge and kindly advice will be greatly missed.

Next meeting Thursday 3rd September 2015 in Kinlochard Village Hall.