

. Strathard Community Council

Minutes of meeting: Thursday 7th February 2019 Memorial Hall Aberfoyle

Community. Trevor Geraghty, Michelle Colquhoun Andre Goulancourt Joyce Kennedy **Councillors.**
Lynda McColl Gillian McEwan. Jimmy Quinn

Attending: Cllr Martin Earl, Michelle Flynn (SC), Police Scotland, Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary).

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| <p>1. Opening</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> <p>3. Prev Min</p> | <p>T. Geraghty chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone</p> <p>Stuart Stephen .</p> <p>Proposed: JQ Seconded; GM</p> | |
| <p>4. Matt Aris</p> | <p>Gritting: Cllr Earl recommended that SCC should write to the council regarding the Duke's Pass, and have David Crichton, all three local Councillors and possibly FCS sit down or discuss the possibility of a policy review regarding gritting of the Duke's Pass and re-opening procedures following closure. Tourists to the area, summer and winter, all wish to travel the Duke's Pass, and coach tours in particular are committed to this stunning route. Report was heard that Gordon Allan of Steam Ship Sir Walter Scott sent out his own gritter in an effort to accommodate the coach parties on which his business depends and was sent back by Stirling Council. It is therefore held that the current policy based on traffic volume alone are not reasonable and should be changed.</p> <p>.</p> | |
| <p>5. Transport Update: Bus Changes & Ride-share Scheme</p> | <p>DRT: Same-day bookings are now available with the new online booking system, which is reported to be working well. C11 Service: This service is much improved following removal of Cambusbarron from the route, reducing journey time by 20mins. Footfall has not increased greatly, which is of concern with a view to future statistics, a push to raise awareness of the changes to the service will be undertaken. It was noted that there is no charge for DRT if attending doctor's surgery. Glasgow Route: A campaign to have the bus service from Aberfoyle to Glasgow reinstated is being considered. MF advised talking to David Brown (SC) re changes afoot. Car-share: It was confirmed that as long as no hire for profit is involved, insurance cover is not affected by car sharing. A National Car-Share scheme exists, which will be looked into. Retirement: David Brown, head of Stirling Council's Transport Department, is retiring. A letter of appreciation will be sent for his greatly valued support and assistance over the years.</p> | |

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| 6.NHSFV & Surgery Update | <p>Part-time GP positions are being advertised and a new mental health nurse is in place. Regrettably, other avenues which could have been addressed by now show no evidence of progress, neither from FVHB nor from Aberfoyle & Buchlyvie Medical Practice, and responses to enquiries regarding location base of new personnel and web-based procedure have been opaque at best. Anger was expressed at FVHB's projection that it will take a year to identify internet speeds and feasibility of implementing video conferences. Internet speeds can be identified in seconds. It was stressed again that the requested location of the proposed service hub in Aberfoyle is vital to the sustainability of the business, but FVHB are avoiding direct answers on the</p> | |
| | <p>subject. At present Friends of Aberfoyle& Buchlyvie Medical Practice is leaderless, and forums being set up by FVHB lack community input. It was agreed to look into the option of Community Councils acting together to set up cluster forums of their own to mirror the present structure, to identify what the community requires towards increase and enhancement of services, and to appraise FVHB accordingly. TG will approach Isabel Madden and Alison McGilverly to discuss. Rural Surgery Sustainability: It was noted that receipt of funds from this source would guard against sale of the building.</p> | |
| 7. Broadband Available | <p>Wayleave:BT have excused their lack of progress by a wait for grant of wayleave at the Wee Blether Tearoom in Kinlochard. The owners however confirm that they signed the wayleave agreement six months ago. Stephen McDonald and Sean Marley will be contacted, and a quick response requested. FTCC: Only 50 of 140 premises will get FTCC, those who don't will still be eligible for BT's R100 scheme. FTCC connection is good in Aberfoyle. Ledard: The mast at Ledard has been adopted, significant mobile connectivity is expected. Inversnaid/Stronachlachar: There are no plans by any providers to increase connectivity in Inversnaid and Stronachlachar, due to lack of capacity. The Inversnaid and Trossachs exchanges are the oldest in Scotland. Not chargeable: It was noted that capacity of half a megabyte or less is not chargeable.</p> | |

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| 8. Kinlochard Vision Plan Update | <p>A 3rd and final workshop has been held, all were successful with many online responses, and a Community Life Plan will be published at the end of March. Businesses and landlords outside Kinlochard have not yet been approached. The National Park wish to be responsible for this, but opinion was expressed that it would be better left to the community. A meeting with Fiona Jackson will take place on 20th Feb. Joe Gribbons of SC Housing Community met with JK and JM and pending sight of plan, he feels that appropriate procedure has been followed. Stronachlachar and Inversnaid will now be approached, as the Park is keen that the three areas should be approached as one.</p> <p>Comment was made that this format may not work within the different community structure of Aberfoyle, and perhaps businesses should be approached first.</p> | |
| 9. Treasurers Report | <p>Treasurer not present- no balances. Admin Grant: An admin grant of £690 has been received. Community Pride: Community Pride application for Funds towards next year's Christmas Dinner is with SS, to submit for March application slot.</p> | |

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| 10. Planning | Avon Dubh Falls: A large extension has been applied for, no objections have been raised. The application will be put on hold to accommodate any objections. Altskeith: Licencing application lodged for 11am-2pm, and off-sales. 28 th Feb deadline for objections. Tillshill Forestry: Harvesting re-commenced on 1 st February, with completion by mid-May. Bruce Spalding was not approached in time to attend this meeting but will come to the next one. Suggestion was made to approach David Millar also. | |
| 11. Correspondence | No additional correspondence. | |
| 12. S. C. Issues & Councillors Report | CCTV: CCTV cameras are to be installed to monitor fly tipping. The cameras can be moved to different locations, and the committee was asked to have a think about where they would be most beneficial. | |
| 13. Reports | Police: | |
| | <p>Police: Full report provided, including multiple break-ins, minor collisions, and sheep-worrying. The Safer Community Department are exploring the possibility of adopting local post-offices in which officers can be accessible to the public. The Business Hub was offered as a location for this new initiative. Funding has been withdrawn from the Rural Accident ‘Safe Drive Stay Alive’ campaign, as policy no longer supports high impact presentations.</p> <p>Amendment from 7 March</p> <p>: Police: Break-ins reported were not multiple. Nine sheep were lost to a dog attack at Kirkton Farm.</p> <p>Duke’s Pass: Cllr Tweed and PC McKerracher have both also raised the topic of the Duke’s Pass with Stirling Council.</p> | |
| 14. Flood Forum | A volunteer is needed to be point of contact for flood issues, as members of the present Forum don’t communicate. MC volunteered and will pass on details. | |
| 15. AOCB | <p>Christmas Dinner: It was agreed to hold next year’s dinner on the first Monday of December, as the Rob Roy can accommodate Mondays or Tuesdays, and to move the time forward to 6pm. Neighbourhoods of Care: It was agreed to ask Ian Denvir of Stirling Council’s Health & Social Care Partnership to the March meeting, to impress upon him the necessity of having the hub for multidisciplinary medical staff in Aberfoyle. Events: Michelle Flynn asked that Sc be informed if events are planned by SCC, as they have a duty to keep the public safe, and licences must be in place. Stronachlachar: Report was heard of potential development of 12 houses in Stronachlachar.. Noticeboard: The noticeboard in Aberfoyle is difficult to close. TM will check.</p> | |

Next meeting: Thursday 7th March 2019 at Kinlochard Village Hall

