

Strathard Community Council
Minutes of meeting 7th April 2016
Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

1	Present	M Colquhoun, R Dingwall, A Goulancourt, F McEwan, G Short, C Smith, S Stephen, Cllr. A Hayes, W Ronald, PC L Deans	Actions
2	Apologies	J Quinn, J Clow, S Stephen	
3	Minutes of last meeting	CS reviewed the minutes against his Planning sheet to check main items minuted. Proposed by S Stephen, seconded by M Colquhoun.	
4	Matters Arising	<u>CC Elections:</u> Approach made to Milton resident to join in Community Council meetings after receiving useful feedback regarding road conditions. Stronachlachar still to be checked. <u>B829 Reinstatement:</u> Acknowledgment that there is a lack of funding to do all of the roads that would be desirable, but lobbying would continue where appropriate. Awaiting schedule of works and closures for 2016/17, which was due on 14 April. <u>Community Action Plan:</u> A new community action plan process would now get underway. List to be drawn up of attending groups churches, schools, halls, traders, community groups and clubs and nominated persons to join a steering group to start the process. This would require a meeting in the Memorial Hall which Anne Sobey would attend, therefore her availability to be checked. Potentially 28 April for steering group. Noted that Stronachlachar should be represented.	
5	Correspondence	An inquiry had been received from a member of the community regarding land ownership and access, and advice given as to the relevant agencies and sources of information.	
6	Council Issues	Planned road closure at Cockhill cancelled as funds used for B829.	
7	Planning	<u>New applications:</u> Agreed no action needed on below. Hillcrest, Trossachs Road – erection of decking. 10 Montrose Road – single storey extension at rear <u>Decisions</u> Land between Creag Mhor Cottage and House, Lochard Rd. Erection of dwellinghouse approved. Stronachlachar Aqueduct – renewal of permission for hydro scheme.	
8	Reports	<u>Finances:</u> Administration grant has now been received <u>Police:</u> WPC Lorna Deans reported on anti social behaviour incident. Also that rules on drugs had changed and	

		<p>warnings could now be issued. 2 people arrested for a theft at the Rob Roy motel. Callander having their share of issues too. Arrangements being made to use the Tourist information office for a drop in dates and times to be issued to community council then this information would be passed on to the wider community. Aberfoyle to see an increase in activity from patrols at the local primary school.</p> <p><u>Stirling Councillors:</u> Lighting of the beacon ceremony open invite 21 April. Proposals for a 40mph on the Lochard Road now looking for feedback from the community council since Stirling Council had received objections, so this would need to be investigated. Old churchyard would be given a spruce up and signs with the Trossach trail logo would be available within 10-14 days. Wedding fayre in Aberfoyle well attended with future fayre being planned for next year. Community and events fund available through council budget would be an opportunity for local groups to benefit from this fund by applying to use funding for local events. Memorial Hall to be advised e.g. for New Year event. Rural community funding to be made available, details were awaited.</p> <p><u>National Park:</u> Mr Ronald would have a report for the next meeting. In the meantime he would review the Right of Way issue where a reply was awaited. Also would investigate if planning applications were monitored to oversee that any reinstatement works were carried out in line with approvals.</p> <p><u>Community Trusts:</u> The trust has now accessed the grant to fund an initial investigation on the hydro scheme investment opportunity scheme. There is still not enough information to evaluate this fully. Professional advisers would be the intermediaries for going back to the funders. A community benefit payment would however still be paid, irrespective of that decision.</p> <p><u>Broadband:</u> At broadband meeting on 7 March BT had supplied a free of charge assessment at Forest Hills. Superfast broadband work now apparently completed for Aberfoyle. Government funding was available to access broadband in rural areas.</p>	
9	AOCB	Flooding options from the previous flooding meeting were given to the meeting to peruse over and discussions regarding the proposals offered by Stirling Council. These would be investigated further.	
10	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 5 th May 2016 in Inversnaid Hotel	