

Strathard Community Council
Minutes of meeting 17th November 2016
Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

1.	Present:	John Clow, Ros Dingwall, Trevor Geraghty, Jimmy Quinn, Geraint Short, Stuart Stephen, Fiona McEwan, Pam Campbell (Stirling Council)	Actions
2.	Apologies	Michelle Colquhoun, Andre Goulancourt, Colin Smith	
3.	Co-option of new member	Trevor Geraghty from Stronachlachar was welcomed to the meeting. He had offered to fill the vacant place for Stronachlachar ward and his co-option as a community councillor was proposed by John Clow, seconded by Ros Dingwall and agreed.	
4.	Seniors Christmas Dinner	Details discussed and agreed for the dinner at Forest Hills Hotel on 5 th December, 6.30 for 7pm.	RD
5.	New Bin System	Discussion on new bin system as it relates to Strathard. Update with information from Stirling Council to go into Strathard News. Clarification needed as to which of the remoter areas will get a Sunday collection, instead of Saturday.	PC
6.	Minutes	October draft minutes reviewed and agreed that some tidying and corrections required. These would be presented for approval at the next meeting in two weeks.	
7.	Matters Arising	<p>NB Only more pressing matters requiring action in November being considered at this meeting.</p> <p><u>Bus routes:</u> Discussion highlighted the lack of a service to Glasgow, and that the journey to Stirling via Cambusbarron was too long, especially for the elderly. DRT: Pam will send feedback internally especially regarding a possible DRT link to Buchlyvie surgery.</p> <p><u>Phone boxes:</u> Aberfoyle under threat of closure as part of the BT plan to remove many boxes, and it was agreed that a case would be made for retention. Noted that this now involves a submission to LLTNP by 23 November which was a new process. It had been found that Stronachlachar telephone box now houses a defibrillator, and the removal of this payphone had not been similarly notified. Cobleland phonebox was not in Strathard but support to prevent its removal was expressed also and should be communicated.</p> <p><u>A81 closure at Ballat:</u> Scottish Water has been asked to improve signage to Aberfoyle. A closure for several months was expected for repair but no work had been started yet. This would require further action.</p> <p><u>Flooding:</u> Update report newly received from Stirling Council Flooding Team. No submission had been made for funding approval in November as previously advised and funding was expected to be applied for internally within the Council from the City Development Fund monies expected.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>FM</p>
8.	Stirling Council Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A possible application to the Community Council Connect Fund was discussed and Pam indicated that any application should be low in value. Sponsorship of a Strathard News edition would be eligible. The Community Pride Fund could be used to refurbish benches, planters and noticeboards. Stirling Council benches in Aberfoyle had gradually disappeared and Pam agreed to query this with Council staff. ▪ Colin Smith had offered to go to the forthcoming Balfron PBB meeting. Pam indicated the process was different this year e.g. 'options' were not being offered. Feedback that times of meetings were too early for those working. 	<p>FM</p> <p>PC</p> <p>CS</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarification would be sought on November road repair works in Aberfoyle to ensure no road closures. ▪ A full report on the recent local area meeting with Stirling Council Chief Executive would be discussed at the next meeting when minutes were available – he had however not attended. 	PC/ RD
9.	Planning	<p><u>New applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forestry: Upgrade / widening of access near Gartnerichneich ▪ Forestry: Harvesting access tracks at slate quarry Query re. flooding risk and whether there had been the agreed liaison with Stirling Council. ▪ Bridge of Chon: enlargement of dormers. No issues. <p><u>Approved</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 34 Queens Crescent rear extension 	FM

Next meeting 1st December 2016 in Kinlochard Village Hall