

**Strathard Community Council Draft Minutes of meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 online**

**Community Councillors Present:** Trevor Geraghty, Lynda McColl, Andre' Gloulancourt, Stuart Stephen and Joyce Kelly.

**Attending:** Cllr Martin Earl, Cllr Jenny MacDonald, 3 members of the public

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p><b>1. Opening</b></p> <p><b>2. Apologies</b></p>	<p>TG chaired the meeting &amp; welcomed all.</p> <p>Jimmy Quinn. , Cllr Evelyn Tweed . Michelle Flynn (SC)</p> <p>Michelle Colquhoun: Community Councillor tried to join but had connectivity issues.</p> <p>Gillian McEwan had joined meeting but due to connectively issues was unable to remain present.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes from previous meeting have been checked and are fine to be adopted and approved. Proposed by SS and second by JK.</p> <p>All SCC meeting minutes are available via Stirling Council website.</p> <p>Facebook has been considered as a platform upon which to share SCC minutes but potential issues with page moderation. JK explained they need to be easily accessed by public. Meeting minutes to be updated on SCC website <a href="http://www.ccstrathard.org">www.ccstrathard.org</a>.</p>	<p>TG to get minutes from SCC call in March and Aprils Meetings to be published.</p> <p>LM to publish SCC meeting minutes on Strathard Community Council website. <a href="http://www.ccstrathard.org">www.ccstrathard.org</a></p>
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p>All actions from last meeting have started to take shape:</p> <p>SS now has completed forms for changing of signatories on SCC bank account.</p> <p>JK and TG organised a congratulatory response to the Agents for the successful application of the development of the new Co-op site and to ask on timings for the development under the COVID 19 restrictions.</p> <p>ME explained the Environmental health are now involved in anti social behaviour issues in Kinlochard.</p> <p>First weekend of Lockdown restrictions easing saw an influx of visitors to Strathard flouting 5 mile rule. There has been an increase in littering, parking issues and due to no public toilets being available human excrement is now being found in public green spaces.</p> <p>ME explained that the Woodland Trust and Steamship on Loch Katherine opened up their car parks which helped eased the parking in the immediately surrounding. It was felt that the opening of carparks in Strathard would not help as those who have been coming are already not following guidelines so the danger is by opening up the</p>	<p>SS to hand deliver signed forms for transfer of signatories on account to bank.</p> <p>TG to write to National Park and Forestry Commission explaining rangers presence and visibility is vitally required.</p>

	<p>carparks it would encourage more to area, resulting in greater issues and anxiety for those who live in the area, especially the many who are shielding. Lack of Forestry and National Park presence is felt to be unacceptable as there is no one enforcing bylaws and restrictions, or helping the community deal with these issues.</p> <p>ME pointed out this is only the start of the summer season so issue needs addressing asap.</p> <p>LM asked if portaloos might ab a solution to the human wate issues. ME explained due to COVID-19 the regular cleaning and health and safety issues, this would not be possible.</p>	
<p><b>5. Police Reports</b></p>	<p>On 20/05/20 police were called in relation to a group of people on trail/dirt bikes within the forest at David Marshall Lodge. Police attended however there was no trace.</p> <p>On 20/05/20 whilst police were patrolling the area of Loch Chon, a person was found to be in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs. They were issued with a recorded police warning.</p> <p>On 25/5/20 there was an incident on Main Street, Aberfoyle between a cyclist and a driver, which ended in the cyclist being assailed. This remains undetected.</p> <p>On 28/05/20 whilst police were carrying out patrols in the area of Kinlochard a group of campers were traced. They are being reported to the Procurator Fiscal for breaching the LL&amp;TNP camping byelaws.</p> <p>On 16/05/20 a vehicle came off the road on the A821 about a mile from Aberfoyle.</p> <p>On 19/5/20 a vehicle came off the road on the A821. The road was closed for a period of time to allow enquiries to be carried out and for the recovery of the vehicle.</p> <p>On 22/5/20 a vehicle parked on Main Street, Aberfoyle was damaged by another vehicle. Unfortunately, the driver of the vehicle who caused the damage did not stop to leave any details.</p> <p>TG has written to police regarding issues with antisocial behaviour in Kinlochard, issues with vehicles parking in passing places, littering and the challenges these bring to the local community.</p> <p>Police have been visible carrying out drive checks in Strathard.</p>	
<p><b>6. Treasurer</b></p>	<p>Total balance £12,500. Confirmed commitments - £6000. SS ready for audit, just waiting for invoices for end of March to be able finalise accounts.</p>	

<p><b>7. Strathard Framework</b></p>	<p>JK informed the meeting that enquiries to the LLTNP, Stirling Council and the Community Trust regarding the promised funding for the Aberfoyle Community Life Plan project had resulted in assurances from all three organisations that the funding was secure and would be actioned imminently. The Community Trust funding had now arrived in the SCC bank account. Work on the project was still on hold due to COVID 19 restrictions on meetings but now that the funding appeared to be secured JK said she would discuss with Jamie and Roland – the Consultants for the project – what could be achieved in the interim which could help the project be ready to re-instate immediately current restrictions allowed.</p>	
<p><b>8. Planning</b></p>	<p>JK briefed the meeting that there was nothing controversial in planning applications submitted for May. However, Planning Application 2018/0068/DET requesting permission to install a removable canopy at the Altskeith Country House Hotel had been refused. She advised that she had not received feedback from anyone concerning the refusal. Planning Application 2020/0070/DET for installation of a Jetty at the bottom of Shore of Ard house had been withdrawn. She did not have information on the reason for the withdrawal. She noted that Planning Application 2018/0113/DET for the erection of an extension to provide additional function room, bar, kitchen and roof terrace at the Altskeith Country House was still overdue awaiting a decision.</p> <p><b>Post Meeting Note:</b></p> <p>JK omitted to brief the meeting on the outcome of a virtual meeting between herself and Dave Robinson, the LLTNP Access Manager to discuss the advantages/disadvantages of creating a core path from the Village Green across the 15 meter exclusion zone at the bottom of Shore of Ard and Eillean Gorm properties and up the field owned by Mr Strang to the right of the properties to create a circular route along the edge of Loch Ard. Both concluded that as Planning Application 2020/0070/DET, which would have restricted public access to the Loch shore, had been withdrawn the need for a core path was reduced and could cause more issues than it resolved. It was agreed to maintain the status quo for present but to keep a watching brief into the future.</p>	
<p><b>9. Covid 19</b></p>	<p>Issues with visitors to the area parking on double yellow lines in Aberfoyle, blocking passing places in the whole of Strathard, illegal camping, litter, human excrement and urinating in residents gardens.</p> <p>ME explained Stirling council are not currently able to safely open public toilets due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	<p>TG to contact National Park and Forestry to request visible signage advising people of what they should be doing.</p>
<p><b>10. Stirling Council</b></p>	<p>LM thanked Stirling Council for filling in pot holes up to and including Kinlochard. TG raised the issue of significant section of large pot holes between Stronachlachar and Inversnaid.</p> <p>Special thanks was noted to Michelle Flynn for being a fantastic help as community liaison officer and who clearly cares about her job and the community.</p>	<p>TG to send a thank you note to the road team at Stirling council.</p>

<p><b>11. Councillor Report</b></p>	<p>Application for SSE grant included welfare packs, sanitation packs and communication to visitors in how to behave in order to ensure the safety and well being of the community. TG mentioned also family and or seed packs to help with the mental health in the area during lockdown.</p> <p>Now shift of use of funding will be for Covid response and recovery within the community.</p> <p>National Park has a £15,000 Tree planting scheme available. Specific ideas can be put forward to obtain funding. The National Park tree planting grant covers up to £ 1500 per grant of costs.</p>	
<p><b>12. NHS Valley Update</b></p>	<p>No current update. Tests are now available, to be booked online. Sites on rotation bet ween McLaren High School, Balfron and Stirling.</p>	
<p><b>13. AOCB</b></p>	<p>AG explained a Community Garden at Aberfoyle Memorial hall idea. She has approached the council as looking at a facility for allotment and or growing a community larder. Also, a tool library for garden tools.</p> <p>Fully funded Rhododendron removal in area by National park. TG has asked Simon Franks that the plans be shared with SCC.</p> <p>No cost to household and another plant will be put in place of the Rhododendron cleared. TG requested that specific options were provided. Letters going out to the area. TG suggested that the National Park might look at how this could be combined with a community tidy up, as wants to ensure area is to be left in a good state.</p> <p>TG has approached Scottish water regarding grant support of a community orchard in Stronachlachar.</p>	<p>Request to discuss at next SCC meeting funding available community garden idea.</p>

**Next meeting 6th August via video Zoom meeting**