

## Strathard Community Council

### Draft Minutes of meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at Kinlochard Village Hall

**Community** Trevor Geraghty, Lynda McColl Stuart Stephen.  
**Councillors:** Michelle Colquhoun. Andre Goulancourt Joyce Kelly.

**Attending:** Cllr Martin Earl, Michelle Flynn (SC), Isabel Madden, Alison Boa  
 Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary). 4 members of the public

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Opening</b> <b>2. Apologies</b> <b>3. Prev Min</b>	TG chaired the meeting and welcomed all. Gillian McEwan. Billy Ronald (NP). Proposed by JK, Seconded by MC, 1 amendment: Next meeting was 1 <sup>st</sup> August.	
<b>4. Matt Aris</b>	Agreed to carry forward due to size of agenda.	
<b>5. NHSFV &amp; Surgery Update</b>	IM and AB have attended two meetings: On 12 <sup>th</sup> July with John McDonald, Practice Manager of Aberfoyle & Buchlyvie Medical Practice, and two representatives from Health & Social Care; Ian Denvir, Resource officer and Caroline Cherry, Locality Service Manager. On 15 <sup>th</sup> July a meeting of the Neighbourhood Reference Group was attended with the above and also representatives from Community Councils in the area. Report attached. The following were among the points raised: Update on staffing includes the posting of Dr McPhilly at the Hub. Rotating GP will be in Aberfoyle for a whole day. Footfall at Aberfoyle Surgery has increased due to additional services. Core Clinics will commence in September. The team are willing to extend social care in the community, and are amenable to having a core clinic in Aberfoyle as well as Buchlyvie. It is essential to highlight to people that specific clinics for their needs are available, which will free up GP time, and cut the number of doctor's appointments which ultimately result in referrals to such clinics, with consequent second visit. Receptionists will be trained in triage to direct patients to the correct clinic. Posters have been produced to raise awareness, and an event will be held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September with ID and CC speaking, and with demonstrations of the clinics available. Provision of additional GPs is unlikely, due to a lack of trainees, a situation which can only be resolved by a decision to increase funding for training. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Reference Group will be on 9 <sup>th</sup> September.	
<b>6. Kinlochard Vision Plan</b>	A meeting will be held on 13 <sup>th</sup> September to take the project to the next level. It is hoped that at this point community members will take ownership of the various ideas.	
<b>7. Aberfoyle Vision plan</b>	Application for funding has been lodged with Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Fund. <b>Unanimously</b> agreed to lodge complaint regarding the difficulty of the form, and inform Cllr Earl of the response. The Land Use and Rural Development framework (LURDF) plan is being developed by the Park to support their new 10 year local plan. The SCC has completed Community Life Plans (CLPs) for Kinlochard, Stronachlachar and Inversnaid the contents of which it is hoped will be used as material considerations in the development of the LURDF and the Park has given the SCC until February 2020 to complete the same exercise for Aberfoyle. It is key that we keep to the tight deadline if we want to influence the LURDF to take account of the whole of Strathard residents wishes such that they can be reflected as	Lodge Complaint Inform Cllr Earl

	<p>material considerations in the 10 year local plan.</p> <p>It will be October before the decision on whether the SCC has been successful in its application for the Scottish Government's ICF grant will be known. The Aberfoyle project must start before then if it is to complete by February 2020 therefore it was unanimously agreed, that in addition to the initial grant of £1500 from SCC funds, applications to Stirling Council for a £1500 grant from their Community Pride fund and an application to the Community Trust for a £1500 grant from their Hydro fund would also be made.</p> <p>Vote to approach Strathard Community Council: <b>Unanimous</b>. Vote to approach Strathard Community Trust: <b>Unanimous</b>. Vote to approach Stirling Council: <b>Unanimous</b>.</p>	
<b>8. Treasurer</b>	Balance stands at £7.5k. Accounts were sent to Stirling Council following the AGM. Information Commissioners Office has been paid. SS asked for consideration to be given to forming a separate account for administration funds. The Co-op have been asked to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, which has been booked 9 <sup>th</sup> December.	
<b>9. Planning</b>	<b>Altskeith Hotel:</b> extension to bothy refused. JK will query the two applications outstanding for this property.	
<b>10 Stron-Achlachar Development</b>	<p>Cllr Earl abstained from input on this topic, as he sits on NP Planning Board. Request for an extension has been refused, but comments and objections will be accepted until 9<sup>th</sup> August. A series of objections have been lodged and it was noted that the development proposal takes no account of the express wishes of Stronachlachar residents as expressed in their Life Plan which identified a requirement for affordable homes for workers and families and for development of live and work units enabling year round occupancy leading to a stronger community. The development has been split into 3 different planning applications, making it difficult to structure objections. It was agreed to ask the Park to send a list of the relevant policies applicable to the applications, and also a list of what factors constitute material concerns within these policies.</p> <p>It was noted that the legislation under which this development is considered is in place primarily to protect listed buildings. Given that the existing structure is not listed, the rationale behind this was questioned, and equally, query was raised as to why the Park should insist on retaining the non-listed façade, as this extra cost is cited by the developer as the reason the development must be on a large scale, for costs to balance.</p> <p>It was agreed by a substantial majority of SCC councillors to raise a formal SCC objection to the development application as it stands on the grounds of scale, safety, access and relevance to the community under the relevant policies pertaining to the application. Trevor Geraghty, the SCC Chair, abstained from voting citing a potential conflict of interest in that his property neighbours the proposed development.</p> <p>Concerns expressed included compromise of access to homes immediate to the area, and to the north shore road, noise from heat source pumps, likelihood of large numbers of holidaymakers meeting regularity of waste uplift and capacity of the B829. Significant factors exist on both adopted and unadopted roads to merit input by Stirling Council Roads Department, which will be expected by the community. The Steam Ship Sir Walter Scott will also be made aware of the situation. Provision of LPG tanks is noted in correspondence but does not appear on plans. Mandatory relocation of bats to buildings within 100yds seems unachievable as there are no buildings within this distance to employ.</p> <p>It was agreed that a lack of trust would be engendered if the planning panel ignored the fact that 100% local objection was received to the original plan.</p>	<p>Request</p> <p>SC Roads</p> <p>Inform SSSWS</p>
<b>11. Corresp /Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Scottish Womens' Cycling Event:</b> 10th August. A rolling road closure will pass through Aberfoyle at 11.30 am. <b>HMS Forth:</b> Invitation received to board this off-shore patrol vessel in Edinburgh. <b>Duke's Weekender:</b> Cycle event on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> September.	
<b>12. S. C. Issues &amp;</b>	<b>National Lottery Community Asset Fund:</b> Deadline for initial enquiries is Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> . Cllr Earl will email details. <b>Roads: Duke's Pass:</b> Final surfacing will be completed in one	

<b>Councillors Report</b>	morning, week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> August. <b>School:</b> No details have been received yet on the refurbishment of Aberfoyle Primary, but it was thought that this period would be optimal for roadworks to be carried out. <b>Passing Places:</b> Passing places are to be formed on the B829, financed by FCS Timber Fund. It was agreed to push for these to be done in the school's October break. MF will ask for clarity on this, and date for the work to be undertaken at Blairuskin.	
<b>13. Reports</b>	<b>NP: Planning Training:</b> Planning training is to be made available to Strathard CC in 4 weeks time, venue tbc. JK will approach Christine Cox at SC regarding training, and Planning Democracy may also be a possibility.	
<b>14. Flood Forum</b>	Deferred until next meeting.	
<b>15. Resilience</b>	Deferred until next meeting.	
<b>16.AOCB</b>	<b>TSAR:</b> Trossachs Search & Rescue are to work with the Medical Emergency Contact team. It was stressed that the Ambulance Service must be encouraged to contact TSAR as First Responders. A meeting will be held shortly with both organisations to discuss, Cllr Earl asked to be informed of outcome. <b>Helicopter:</b> it was noted that Air Ambulance helicopters require safe areas to land, this issue will be revisited <b>Emergency:</b> The possibility of an Emergency Box to house Epi-pens etc was discussed, This would incur cost and maintenance, it was agreed to discuss it at a later date under resilience plan. <b>Your Stirling You Decide:</b> Strathard was successful in gaining funding through YSYD, to be spent on a cycle route between Aberfoyle and Stirling, and 'Changing Places' upgrade to accessibility level of Aberfoyle Toilets. <b>Town Centre Developemnt:</b> Suggestion was approved to approach architect for information regarding the upgrade of the Market Square in Tarbet. <b>Broadband:</b> Results from tests at Stronachlachar show that provision of 4G is technically possible. <b>Broadband:</b> FTTC will be available to 35 homes in Kinlochard. <b>Village Entrance:</b> Complaints have been received regarding the unsightly collection of scrap metal at the village entrance. Cllr Earl will write to the National Park, asking for specific reasons as to why this blot on the re-blossoming village cannot be addressed.	Inform Cllr Revisit Discuss  Contact Cllr Earl

**Next meeting: 7.15pm Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Aberfoyle Memorial Hall**