

Strathard Community Council

Draft Minutes of meeting: Thursday 5th September 2019 at Kinlochard Village Hall
Community Councillors Trevor Geraghty, Lynda McColl, Stuart Stephen Michelle Colquhoun. Andre Goulancourt, Joyce Kelly. Gillian McEwan. James Quinn

Attending: Cllr Jeremy, Billy Ronald (NP). Roz dingwall
(Aberfoyle flood forum) J Hair (Planning Forestry land Scotland F wood L Dean & D King
Police

Apologies: Toto (Minute Secretary) Michelle Flynn

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening	TG chaired the meeting and welcomed all.	
3. Previous Minutes	Proposed by JK Seconded by MC Slight wording amendment regarding planning / amenity garage	
4. Matt Arising from last meeting		
5. Reports and Correspondence	<p>Stirling Council have announced dates and issued invitations to Community Council's to attend courses for training in Planning. TG urged the councillors to take advantage of the training opportunities to spread capacity within the SCC for dealing with planning issues.</p> <p>Dukes weekender 1 September was deemed to be well planned and supported.</p> <p>There was a Water to Glasgow presentation planned for Kinlochard village hall in October as part of the Loch Ard Local History Group 20th centenary celebrations.</p> <p>You decide funding Stirling to Aberfoyle cycle route looking for other funding Provision for changing facilities within the local toilets</p> <p>Community engagement informed the meeting on the latest forthcoming events one of which, a Community Conversation meeting may be of interest to the councillors and the wider community.</p>	
6. Police report	<p>01/08/2019 to 05/09/2019 Compiled by PC Donald King</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour Concern about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour. During this period there have been no reports regarding antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>Road Safety Concern about speeding, dangerous driving and indiscriminate parking. During this period, there have been no reports regarding speeding, dangerous driving or indiscriminate parking.</p>	

	<p>Between the 03/08/19 – 05/08/2019 a house having building work carried out was broken into with building tools being stolen. Enquiries are continuing.</p> <p>Between the 06/08/19 – 07/08/19 the snack van in the Riverside Car Park, Aberfoyle was broken into. Enquiries are continuing.</p> <p>Members of the public were encouraged to report any suspicious persons or vehicles to Police.</p> <p>Police will continue to carry out periodic vehicle checkpoints in the area with a view to detecting and deterring persons intent on committing crime in our area</p> <p>Constable Donald King has now joined Lorna Deans as part of the Trossachs and Teith Community Policing Team.</p> <p>On Wednesday 04/09/19 Constables King and Deans held a Police Surgery at the Strathard Hub, Aberfoyle. Dates of further meetings have been posted about Aberfoyle.</p> <p>If anyone has any policing issues that they wish to discuss, please contact us at Callander Police Office on 101 or email TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>On the 19/08/19, Police, Mountain Rescue, Ambulance and Coastguard were involved in the rescue of a Dutch walker with a suspected broken ankle who was hillwalking in a remote part of Kinlochard. After being located and stabilised he was airlifted to hospital for treatment.</p> <p>On the morning of 31/08/19 poor weather caused flooding in Aberfoyle and on the B829. Stirling Council were contacted and after assessment a temporary road closure was put in place till the water receded later that evening.</p> <p>Meeting informed that members of the public appeared to be ignoring warning road signs and getting into difficulty after passing the no through signs</p> <p>The meeting requested information/reports regarding any issues with Wild camping especially the island on Loch Ard discussion regarding information signage was discussed and W Ronald would inquire</p> <p>The next Dukes Pass gritting meeting would take place in Callander Library</p>	
<p>7. Planning</p> <p>Vision Plans</p>	<p>JK informed the meeting that the planning application to upgrade/renovate Aberfoyle School had been submitted. No other planning applications had been submitted since the last SCC meeting. There were quite a number of overdue applications and JK took an action to contact the planning officers with responsibility for deciding on the applications to find out what the issues were causing delays with sentencing the status of the application.</p> <p>A follow on Community Life Plan workshop/pub night was planned for 27 September in the Kinlochard Village Hall. The workshop is designed to take forward and action plan in support of the Kinlochard Community Life Plan (CLP).</p> <p>There is a Stronachlachar/Inversnaid CLP workshop planned for 13 September in the Pier Café.</p> <p>Funding decision from the Scottish Governments Investing In Communities (ICF) for the Aberfoyle CLP project was still outstanding and JK had been informed that the decision date had been delayed from the end of Sept to the end of Oct due to the volume of applications.</p>	
<p>8.NHSFV & Surgery Update</p>	<p>No update – no attendance from either member</p>	
<p>9. Flood forum</p>	<p>Paul Laidlaw from the Community Resilience team explained that they work with local authorities and their partners in raising community awareness, promoting self-help and developing community groups.</p> <p>He went on to say that they work with local authorities to establish a recovery support programme after a flood to ensure support is in place for the affected</p>	

	<p>communities for the long term. Aim is to reduce the impacts of flooding on individuals and communities, through providing immediate support and by establishing a network of community resilience groups in flood risk areas to equip communities to cope with the impacts and threat of flooding. He went onto explain that we know what it is like to be affected by flooding – if you are at risk of flooding or have been flooded and want to know what to do – our team will support and advise you – whatever your query or concern. So what do we do? – we provide advice and information to individuals to help protect their home from flooding or, if the worst has happened, to recover from flooding. We do this via our publications and website, via our enquiry line or where necessary, face to face. We help raise awareness and provide education and training to communities and community groups worried about flood risk and can support and advise on the set up and development of a Community.</p> <p>Andrew Faulk initially worked in the construction industry is a member of Aberfoyle Flood Group resilience Group in your area and can be contacted for information and support on flooding issues.</p> <p>The subject of vehicle access and escape from flooded areas was discussed and the recent action by Forestry Land Scotland shutting gates in the forest traditionally used by residents in the event that the main B829 was flooded. J Hair (Forestry land Scotland) informed the meeting that there had not been a change in policy regarding locking gates, however there had an increase in illegal activity, poaching and joy riding which had prompted the permanent closing of the Forestry gates to the public. JK highlighted that this could pose safety risks to residents who needed to exit using the B829 in the event of an emergency. It was pointed out that if the weather was such that it had caused serious flooding of the B829 it was bad enough to stop access by the rescue helicopter. The forestry road in this event was generally safer to use than the B829. It was pointed out that no one would use the forestry road from choice only by necessity. There was no resolution agreed.</p>	
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<p>10. S. C. Issues & Councillors Report</p>	<p>J Macdonald reported on Stirling council issues covering funding for roads, insurance for businesses. Engagement with the Roads team was also discussed and shortfalls in notification of forthcoming road repairs/closures was discussed at length.</p> <p>The need for targeted CCTV cameras in hot spots in Aberfoyle and the opportunity to have access to mobile CCTV cameras and the criteria to utilise locally was discussed. J MacDonald felt that Aberfoyle would not qualify under current guideline and that most of the capacity of mobile CCTV cameras had been allocated to Stirling.</p>	
<p>12. AOCB</p>	<p>Chris Road's from St Mary's church thanked the CC for assistance with funding application for heating for St Mary's – sadly the application had not been successful</p> <p>Councillors were asked to assist with British legion and poppy collection round the doors.</p>	

Next meeting: 7.pm Thursday 3 October 2019 in Aberfoyle Memorial Hall