

Strathard Community Council Minutes of meeting: Thursday 3rd September 2020 online

Community Councillors Present: Trevor Geraghty, Lynda McColl, Gillian McEwan, Stuart Stephen, Michelle Colquhoun, Andre Goulancourt and Joyce Kelly.

Attending: Cllr Martin Earl, 3 members of the public

| Topic | Discussion | Action |
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| <p>1. Opening</p> <p>2. Apologies</p> | <p>TG chaired the meeting & welcomed all. TG delivered the chairman's report – please see the Appendix for full details.</p> <p>Evelyn Tweed, John Hair and Gillian.</p> | |
| <p>3. Minutes</p> | <p>June and August meeting minutes do not require any amendments so proposed by JK and seconded by SS</p> | |
| <p>4. Covid Fund update</p> | <p>TG suggested identifying local charities which help elderly community members and send a donation in recognition of these community members who may need assistance. LM suggested working with a local charity to deliver a hot Christmas meal to the 60 years old plus community members doors.</p> | <p>LM and GM to investigate alternatives to the seniors Christmas meal. TG advised SS to earmark funds for this.</p> |
| <p>5. Effective community Engagement</p> | <p>LM discussed the need for more members and the need for SCC to promote who they are and what they do. SS explained Christopher Roads has agreed to do an article about The Strathard Community Trust, could SCC do the same, TG chairman's report would be a good starting article. TG explained there are 11 Community Councillor's allowed in Strathard and as many associate members as needed or required dependant on projects. only elected members can vote on Comunity Council issues. If members do not regularly attend meetings or send apologies they can then be asked if they wish to remain or leave. There are 8 meetings a year JK explained only 2 more members can be co-opted.</p> | <p>GM to put notice in the Stirling Observer, post office and notice board. A list of active members of other community groups to be compiled so they can be invited to be active within the SCC.</p> |

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| | AG asked if there are any restrictions on which ward members are from. TG explained no restrictions. | |
| 6. Strathard Trust Update | 4 new board members have been co-opted. Meeting on 26 th August socially distanced outside Walter and Betty. 5 members attended. The Co-op development fund was discussed. Christopher Roads would be doing an article for Strathard Life about the Strathard Community Trust. The Trust AGM is due on 21 st October, possibly virtual. Hydro-fund applications are every 2 to 3 months but due to Covid may change to asand when the applications come in. Some controversy over new Aberfoyle signs – do not seem well received by residents. Consultants employed by the Trust did speak to local businesses for opinions on designs. | SS to find out where the old signs are. |
| 7. Collaboration with other Community councils | <p>TG keen to collaborate and open dialogue with other community councils. JK reminded the committee that in February she had tabled an item for approval to contact other Community Councils in the area who came under Stirling Council to look at creating a forum for the individual Community Councils to collaborate to promote common areas of interest both to the LLTNP and Stirling Community Council. A recent invitation from Kilmarnock CC to join a Zoom meeting to establish a forum of Community Councils to engage with the LLTNP brought the original agenda item back to the committee. JK asked for approval to contact Gerry McGarvie from Gartmore CC to see if there would be a desire to recreate the Trossachs forum which existed to satisfy the requirement. The Trossachs forum had initially functioned quite well but had fallen into disuse. There was unanimous agreement for this action.</p> <p>TG updated the council on the outcomes from the Zoom meeting with Kilmarnock CC which several CC's had participated in. The main outcome being that there was considerable interest</p> | JK to make contact with Gerry McGarvie. |

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| | expressed from the attendees but that further work was required to establish the way forward. Gavin McLellan took an action to distribute notes with suggestions. | |
| 8. Matters Arising | | |
| 9. NHS Forth Valley and Surgery Update | <p>IM discussed importance of getting message out to the community regarding flu vaccinations. This will enable the NHS by reducing flu cases this year. Plus will enable NHS to direct patients with potential covid-19 symptoms easier, as those who have had the flu vaccination and present with symptoms can have the flu ruled out and be treated accordingly. Department of health have extended criteria to make more eligible. If not eligible there is an option to pay for the vaccination. Not yet known when flu vaccinations will be available. TG reminded all that last year the Aberfoyle pharmacy provided flu vaccinations. AG asked if this year flu vaccinations will be drop in system?</p> <p>IM explained health board are still to decide as now logistically would be difficult due to Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Telephone consultations at the doctors surgery has been working well and feedback so far has been positive.</p> <p>Video consultations not yet as popular as the telephone consults yet.</p> | |
| 10. Update community purchase of the Coop building and site | <p>JK informed the meeting that the SLF Stage 1 application for funds to pay for the Technical Assistance required to pursue a Stage 2 application to fund a community purchase of the Coop had been submitted on Tuesday Sept 01 2020. Prompted by TG she stressed however that it was very early days stating that even if the application was successful there was no guarantee that the SCC would go forward with a community purchase of the building. The outcomes from the Technical Assistance work would have to be known and this will not be available until the end of March 2021 and comprehensive community engagement would have to</p> | |

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| | <p>be undertaken to establish whether there was an appetite within the community to move forward with the project. The aim of pursuing a Stage 1 SLF funding application was to keep all options open to the community until further information was available.</p> | |
| <p>11. Community Life Plan Project Updates</p> | <p>JK briefed that activities on the work streams generated by the Kinlochard Community Life Plan workshop had stalled due to the COVID 19 restrictions and were unlikely to resume meaningfully until restrictions were eased such that face to face meeting could be reconvened. In regard to the Aberfoyle Community Life Plan she went on to say that the decision had been taken to commence the Champion workshops via 3 2 hour virtual workshops. While this forum is not deemed suitable for the community wide workshops it was felt that due to the on going COVID 19 restrictions preventing face to face gatherings it was important that a method was found to take forward the Champion workshops. Because this is a defined group of participants it was felt that virtual meetings would accomplish the requirements from this part of the exercise.</p> | |
| <p>12. Treasurers Report – Balances</p> | <p>Please see Appendix</p> | |
| <p>13. Planning</p> | <p>JK reported that planning activities for the SCC area had been extremely quiet in the past month with nothing important or controversial to discuss. She said however that there was to be a change in how the planning lists would be uploaded onto the SCC web site. They would now appear along with the Police Reports as an annex at the end of the minutes. This would mean that</p> | |

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| | <p>anyone reading the minutes would have the detail to refer to if desired. There were still several outstanding application which were well overdue. She reported that she had emailed the planning officers responsible for the various applications for an update and was awaiting responses. Planning list for August can be found as an annex at the end of the minutes.</p> | |
| <p>14. Correspondence and upcoming events- AGM decision</p> | <p>LM advised any official SCC emails MUST come from the hello@strathard email address and for members to remember to sign off if responding to anything from their personal email.</p> <p>TG advised as it stands there cannot be an AGM as no organisations are currently able to offer them due to COvid-19 restrictions.</p> | <p>JK to publish email processes.</p> |
| <p>15. Stirling Council Issues inc. Councillor Report</p> | <p>ME explained Stirling council are currently in recess. In September a special council meeting for the revision of capital budget as Covid has created a hole in revenue. Papers to be published a week before the meeting.</p> | |
| <p>16. Police Report</p> | <p>Please see appendix.</p> <p>Any antisocial behaviour should be reported the police on 101 and Stirling Council on 01786 404040.</p> <p>The Police and National Park will deploy resources to where they have the data for so its vital incidents are reported.</p> <p>3 charges had not appeared on the report as the police felt due to the small area in which they occurred it would be obvious who the charged person was.</p> | |
| <p>17. AOCB</p> | <p>LM explained her personal opinion was the SCC should not take ownership of the planters in Aberfoyle they could be adopted by Stirling Council.</p> <p>SS explained there are funds available for planting the planters up by Greenroutes. But Greenroutes would not take ownership of them if they did this.</p> | <p>LM to send plans for planters to ME so he can raise the matter with Land Services at Stirling Council. To</p> |

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| | <p>TG has sent Stirling Council photos of the broken benches and highlighted the need for repair. Covid funds to possibly be allocated for 4 x pram accessible metal picnic benches, to replace the wooden ones in the area which suffers flooding. Plus to look at viable outside handwashing facilities.</p> <p>TG – positive feedback has been received on the new signposts around Aberfoyle which replaced the old rotten ones.</p> <p>AG advised in Inversnaid SNH money has been allocated to eradicate rhododendrons in the area. SNH due to start work on this project before Christmas.</p> | <p>see if they can take on the ongoing maintenance.</p> |
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Next meeting 1st October via Zoom

Appendix 1

Chairmans report

June 2019 to September

The CC has been active in development /planning discussions in Aberfoyle COOP Project, Stronachlachar New Housing Development and Kinlochard Access to Loch Ard amongst many other standard planning applications.

August 2019 saw extreme weather cause massive damage in Stronachlachar particularly to the Loch Katrine Shore road following major landslides and the Community Council continue to lobby for the road to be re opened as it is a key lifeline route for businesses and residents alike. I would like to commend Scottish Water and their contractors George Leslie Limited for the huge works undertaken to date and put on record how important it is for this work to be completed and the road re opened as soon a possible.

Major damage was also caused to the Old Military Road at Inversnaid which falls under the auspices of Forestry and Land Scotland and again lobbying continues to ensure that the work required to open a key walking route will be done. At the time of writing this report £15,000 has been allocated by FLS for interim works.

Plans for the creation of a viewing point and landscaping by Scottish Power Energy Networks are in progress.

One of the key asks from the Stronachlachar/Inversnaid Life Plans was the improvement in Communications and to that and in Conjunction with Stirling Council and the Community Trust £50,000 was secured and works are underway subject to COVID restrictions with the objective that new high speed connectivity arrives in Autumn 2020.

COVID -19

“All has changed , changed utterly a terrible beauty is born” , the impact on our society,

communities and economy has been huge . Every decision we are taking as individuals and as a Council is being shaped by the pandemic , we have seen great individual responses from a wide cross section of individuals in the various Strathard villages and I commend all of these.

I would like to thank my colleagues on this community council for their selfless voluntary commitment to the place we live ie Strathard. I would like to specifically thank Joyce Kelly for putting in a phenomenal shift around complex matters including the COOP Project, Stronachlachar development and an unstinting commitment to the crucial foundational Community Life Plan Initiatives .

Thanks also to the Community Council team behind the Strathard Seniors. Christmas Party held again very successfully at the Rob Roy Hotel in 2019.

Several associate community councillors Isobel Madden , Alison Boa and Jamie McKenzie Hamilton have contributed hugely to the projects and I am genuinely thankful.

Thanks to our elected representatives for their support often unseen to our community notably Bruce Crawford MSP , Evelyn Tweed Councillor, Martin Earl Councillor and Jeremy MacDonald.

I would also like to thank Strathard Community Trust convener Katinka Dalglish and Treasurer Stuart Stephen for immense support in the last year.

The next phase

As the next year and beyond will require a major commitment to grow our community positively I have identified a series of themes around which our mission for 2020/21 should be focussed.

1. COVID response/recovery and building resilience
2. Climate change tactical/strategic decisions to improve Strathard
3. Foundations for the Future , building capacity in Community Organisations such as the Community Council and the relationships the National Park, Trust, Stirling Council and business.
4. The Community Life Plan Process , consultation at the widest possible level to ensure that the residents and stakeholders in Strathard are deeply engaged in improving their place.

Appendix 2 - Treasurer's Report

Strathard Community Council – Bank account balance at 3 September 2020

| | £ | £ |
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| General Fund opening Bank balance | 6511.54 | |
| SC Aberfoyle LifePlan | 1750.00 | |
| SCT Aberfoyle LifePlan | 1500.00 | |
| Aberfoyle LifePlan | (800.00) | |
| Scotways | (20.00) | |
| Minute Secretary | (80.00) | |
| General Fund closing Bank balance | | 8861.54 |
| Kinlochard Village Hall | | (40.00) |
| Aberfoyle notice board | | (167.00) |
| Village signage (SC Covid Community SG) | | (248.08) |
| Minute Secretary | | (40.00) |
| General Fund closing Balance | | 8366.46 |
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| Phone Directory Fund opening Balance | 5397.57 | |
| <u>Phone Directory Fund closing Balance</u> | | <u>5397.57</u> |
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| Total Balance | | <u>13764.03</u> |
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| Less Commitments | | |
| Aberfoyle Life Plan | 5450.00 | |
| Christmas Fund | 352.34 | |
| SC Covid Community Support Grant | 251.92 | |
| SSE Resilience Fund Grant | 1550.00 | |
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| General Fund closing Balance | 8366.46 |
| Less commitments | 7604.26 |
| General Fund closing Balance less commitments | <u>762.20</u> |

Commitments

- Aberfoyle LifePlan**

Monies in

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| SC Community Pride Grant | £1500.00 | |
| Strathard Community Council | £1500,00 | |
| National Park | £1750.00 | committed |
| Strathard Community Trust | £1500.00 | |
| Stirling Council | £1750.00 | |

Monies out

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| CNN | £ 800.00 |
| Funds in Bank account | £5450.00 |
| Monies committed but not received | £1750.00 |

- Christmas Fund**

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| Funds in Bank account | £ 352.34 |
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- SC Covid Community Support Grant**

Monies out

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| Village signage (SC Covid Community SG) | (£ 248.08) |
| Funds in Bank account | £ 251.92 |

- SSE Resilience Fund Grant**

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| Funds in Bank account | £1550.00 |
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Appendix 3 Police Report

Community Council:

Trossachs and Teith Ward,
Strathard Community Council
hello@ccstrathard.org

Reporting Period:

03/09/20 to 30/09/20 Compiled by PC Donald King

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

You are concerned about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour.

No reports of antisocial behaviour were received during this time.

Road Safety

You are concerned about speeding, dangerous driving and indiscriminate parking.

No reports concerning Road Safety during this time.

Officers have continued to carry out speed detection duties in the area of Aberfoyle.

Theft

You are concerned about homes being broken into and travelling criminals.

No reports of Theft during this time.

Other Incidents / Activity of note

About 2045hrs on the 12th September, 2020, Police and Lomond Mountain Rescue were called out in relation to two walkers descending Ben Venue who had left the path and got lost in the area of Ledard Glen. The walkers were traced and safely brought off the hill with the rescue going on till after midnight.

Issues raised

**Community
Council
Feedback**

The Community Officers for your area are: PC Donald King and PC Lorna Deans, based at Callander Police Office.

The Community Sergeant for the area is PS Grant MacDonald, based at Dunblane Office.

They can be contacted via the email address TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by phoning 101

We regularly publish information on the 'Forth Valley Police' Facebook page and tweet using @StirlingPol

Strathard Community Council

Weekly Planning Lists for August 2020

Notifications:

Planning Applications:

1. Ref No 2020/0188/LAW: Officer Lorna Gray Date Valid 25 August 2020 Proposal: Lawfulness of alterations to existing property, including the alteration and extension of dwellinghouse, replacement of an existing lean-to extension and refurbishment of the existing cottage, including the installation of windows, doors and rooflights Location: Gartnerichnich Aberfoyle Stirling Applicant Mr & Mrs James & Luisa Bradshaw Fotheringhay Oundle Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE8 5HU Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 244550 E 702774 N Advertisement Type
2. Ref No 2020/0195/NOT: Officer Lorna Gray Date Valid 25 August 2020 Proposal: Construction of 3100 meters of ATV access track on two sites Location Little Bruach And Bruach Bridge, Corrigrennan, Loch Ard Forest Applicant: Andy Malcolm Forestry and Land Scotland Central Region (west) Aberfoyle FK8 3XF Agent Application Type Prior Notification Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 4 (south east Loch Lomond) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 241348 E 700277 N Advertisement Type

Withdrawals:

None

Approvals:

1. Ref No 2020/0079/DET: Officer Lorna Gray Date Valid 28 April 2020 Proposal: Erection of telecoms mast, installation of associated equipment and upgrade of access track Location: Quarry Path Dukes Pass Kirkton Applicant: EE Limited Trident Place Mosquito Way Hatfield Hertfordshire AL10 9BW Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid Co-ordinates 251525 E 702175 N Date Decision Issued 14 August 2020 Decision Approve Ref No 2020/0085/DET O

Refusals:

Enforcement Matters:

None

Appeals:

None

Overdue Applications:

1. Application Number 2018/0113/DET Development Proposed : Erection of extension to provide additional function room, bar, kitchen and roof terrace (amendment to planning permission ref. 2016/0234/DET) Location: Altskeith Country House Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TL. Expiry Date 5 May 2018.
2. Application Number 2019/0183/DET Development Proposed : Formation of telecommunications compound to include erection of telecoms mast, installation of associated equipment and construction of hardstanding and access track Location: Land At Tom Nan Saighdearan Aberfoyle . Date Application Valid: 5 August 2019 Date of expiry of period for representations: 6 September 2019
3. Application Number 2019/0305/DET. Development Proposed: Change of use and extension of 1 no. existing building to dwellinghouse and erection of 5 no. terraced dwellinghouses and 1no. detached dwellinghouse Location: Stronachlachar Cottage Stronachlachar Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TY Date Application Valid: 28 November 2019 Date of expiry of period for representations: 3 January 2020
4. Application Number 2019/0325/DET Development Proposed : Erection of telecoms mast, installation of associated equipment and upgrade of existing ATV track Location: Land At Tom An T-Seallaidh West Of Dukes Pass Aberfoyle Applicant: Secretary Of State For The Home Department Agent's Name: Ginny Hall Agent's Company Name: Mono Consultants Limited Agent's Address: Culzean House 36 Renfield Street Glasgow G2 1LU Date Application Valid: 10 January 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 14 February 2020
5. Application Number 2020/0111/DET Development Proposed : Formation of footpath and installation of viewing structure Location: Land North Of Stronachlachar Pier Stronachlachar Applicant: Mr Denis O'Kane Date Application Valid: 22 May 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 10 Jul 2020