

Strathard Community Council Minutes of meeting: Thursday 5th November 2020. online via zoom

Community Councillors Present: Trevor Geraghty (Chair), Gillian McEwan, Stuart Stephen (treasurer), Andre Goulancourt and Joyce Kelly.

Minute Secretary: Kate Bovill

Attending: Cllrs Martin Earl, Jeremy McDonald & Evelyn Tweed. Isobel Madden (Medical Centre)
1 member of the public

legend:STFF - STIRLING

LLTNFP - LOCH LOMOND TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK

FLS - FORESTRY LAND SCOTLAND

CC - COMMUNITY COUNCL

SCT - STRATHARD COMMUNITY TRUST

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening	TG chaired the meeting & welcomed all. Introduced KB as new minute secretary	
2. Apologies	Lynda McColl, Michelle Colquhoun	
3. Minutes	Update to minutes had just been circulated. TG checked all had received this update	
4. Covid Fund update	Laptop has been purchased. J McD queried whether Microsoft 365 represents an ongoing cost burden.	unsure if anyone responded to the query
5. Stirling Council update #1 ET	SEPA will shortly be launching their new flood warning system (intended 10/11/2020) there will be corresponding press releases and social media promotions Level 3 Covid meeting update. Hope expressed within Stirling Council that we could be moved to tier 2 due to our low Covid infection rate but pressure to remain tier 3 is largely due to high rates in adjoining areas. Perceived risk of influx from these areas if we moved to tier 2. Discussion with TG around Stirling Council significantly increasing rent for Strathard Business Hub. TG is challenging this with Stirling Council & will approach Bruce Crawford if necessary. ET willing to follow up if not resolved. JK asked for confirmation that Stirling Council Roads dept had lodged a grant application with Forestry Land Scotland for financial support for continuing works on B829 as this work urgently needs completing. ET & ME have no info but said that that they would follow up. ME advised that the best contact within Stirling Council is David	Action TG TG took action to contact David Corsar Post Meeting Note: David Corsar responded and promised to get back when discussions on

	Corsar as he deals with all Timber extraction related works.	the STTF discussions were completed.
6. Matters arising	<p>October minutes accepted proposed SS, seconded TG</p> <p>Centred around Collaboration with other CCs see below</p>	
7. Collaboration with other Community councils	<p>TG considers there are 2 potential routes</p> <p>1. with all CC's within LLTNP</p> <p>2' revitalise Trossachs area network (LLTNP/SC crossover)</p> <p>JK - only 4 responses from suggestion 2. groups, suggests need 10. Discussion around historical 'talking shop' result in the past. TG points to value of collective strength. JK will wait a couple of weeks to see if any more interest before dismissing option 2</p> <p>Unanimous vote to follow up Option 1</p>	<p>TG to follow up on option 1.</p> <p>JK option 2.</p>
8. NHS Forth Valley and Surgery Update	<p>IM - Work has continued to try to get all those entitled to the flu vaccine treated (over 65 or underlying health conditions) stated vital nature of this within Covid risk environment. Awaiting go ahead from Scottish Gov about rolling out a 2nd phase for those under 65. In the meantime, anyone who hasn't had the vaccine & feels they should please get in touch with the surgery asap.</p> <p>Covid update as per ET about low rates but risk to our area from outside. JMCD pointed out SG message strong on restricting travel. TG highlights impact on businesses and the reduced facilities for visitors due to temp business closures.</p>	
9. Police report (see appendix)	<p>Car stopped on B829, driver possession of controlled drugs, issued with police warning.</p> <p>enquiries ongoing in relation to altercation in aberfoyle main street between 2 males.</p> <p>2 Road accidents on the Dukes Pass, one resulting in a short term road closure.</p> <p>Stuck vehicle on B829 removed before police could attend</p> <p>2 arrests made of persons from outwith area</p>	

	<p>for crimes committed elsewhere.</p> <p>GMc - perceived risk of dog nappers in local area at present, tying cable ties near to targetted properties</p>	
10. Community Life Plan Project Updates	<p>Aberfoyle Life Plan Champion meetings have been held and went very well. Information now needs to be verified by the wider local community. Very good at teasing out ideas. Suggestion for Strathard CC to sponsor 500 copies of next Strathard News to enable it to be put through doors of all in community. Would support publication as well as connect people that may not usually buy it. SS to speak to SCT to see if they would contribute. TG no costs available at present, need these before taking any further. Would need volunteers to deliver round the doors. SS suggested donations box. TG visitors would buy, keep present outlets. this would be a one off to include a supplement that would promote SCC and encourage community connectivity. GMc suggested article in Parklife. TG too broad for SCC focus area.</p>	
11. Treasurers report	<p>see appendix</p> <p>Includes insurance for planters. Laptop for SCC</p> <p>Can support Strathard Life idea</p> <p>Christmas Card to be sent out with all local community information and groups to help connect people during the winter period. Photo kindly donated by Phil Crowder. This will be funded by the resilience fund.</p>	
12. Planning	<p>Planning list attached at annex 3.</p> <p>JK noted that there was nothing controversial in October's Planning List. However there was an extremely short date on one of planning applications & she had lodged a query as to why the notification was released so late. Additionally TG revealed that in regard to that particular application it appeared that there had been insufficient neighbour notification and there was some</p>	<p>JK to forward info to ME</p>

	<p>discussion that this could be because the nearest property did not have a dwelling situated within 20 mtrs of the property. ME asked to have info forwarded as planning rules are rigid & would like to check this info for LLTNP planning against the Stirling Council info.</p> <p>JK said that there were 7 overdue applications from last month plus 2 new although 1 may be out with SCC area. ME to send details on to TCC in case it for their area and been missed as the address given was Aberfoyle.</p> <p>Although the proposed mast at Ledard had planning granted the Scottish Govt are seeking companies to join the mast to make it affordable therefore plans for installation are on hold. The SCC is outstanding a decision on whether to support the installation of an Antenna on a telegraph pole outside the Kinlochard Village Hall. This delay in installing the Ledard Farm mast means that the Antenna may be required to ensure on going 2G and 4G connectivity when Vodaphone stops supporting the 3G solution currently in place. Although the mast is the better solution without knowing if and when it will be installed there is no other option available to Kinlochard in the short term. Fergus Woods notified the meeting that an application had been made to LLTNP on behalf of Ledard farm to provide pop up parking & toilet facilities at lochside on Loch Ard. The hope is this would take pressure off Kinlochard village and is a strategy being looked at park-wide. JK said that the application would be reviewed when it became available.</p>	
<p>13. Stirling Council</p>	<p>Term dates consultation with parents completed. Stirling Schools will take a 6 week summer break</p>	<p>JK to publish email processes.</p>

<p>report #2 ME</p>	<p>& a 2 week October break beginning in 2022. This years 2 week October break due to Covid, schools will therefore have 7 week summer & 1 week October break in 2021 for the last time.</p> <p>New document around Consulting Communities Engagment Strategy - very good document will hopefully lead to improvements.</p> <p>Public Toilets - If they can be locked by someone then there is no need for them to be closed before 6pm. No training necessary from SC perspective. Any problems let ME know.</p> <p>Concern about primary school meal quality. limited menu, hot only 3/5 poor nutritional quality. Other Local Authorities are providing full menus.</p> <p>LLTNP - stakeholder meetings to be held into new year around this years visitor season & into next years. Looking at low impact, pop up facilities, increased patrolling including enforcement, council staffing at weekends.</p>	
<p>14. Community Asset/Transfer</p>	<p>JK - re existing Coop building and possibility of initiating a Community purchase. Ongoing works by SKS consultancy looking at feasibility. Findings not due until 31/3/21.</p> <p>JMcD - Callander CC projects to transfer car park to community ownership not going ahead . JK requested more info.</p>	
<p>16. Police Report</p>	<p>Please see appendix</p>	
<p>17. AOCB</p>	<p>AGM will need to go ahead SCC will have a meeting in Dec as usually this would be replaced by senior citizens meal which is now not going ahead.</p> <p>Sewage infrastructure in Kinochard has become a major issue. It was indicated that Scottish Water originally planned to then renege upon upgrading the works there. This has resulted in leakage into Lochard. ME to take forward with SCC go ahead.</p> <p>KB recruited as minute secretary Natasha Shepherd applied as coopted member TG proposed, JK, GMcE & SS all supported</p> <p>Rachel Millar accepted as associate coopted member regarding road speed and safety in</p>	<p>TG to action advertising</p> <p>ME</p>

	<p>Kinlochard. Single issue membership.</p> <p>New Aberfoyle signs - originally were going to be themed for all villages in LLTNP but project stopped. TG reiterated that consultation conducted but SCC happy to support community lead on a process to replace if this is felt necessary.</p> <p>Previous budget outstanding 'Your Stirling, You Decide' which indicated Changing Places (toileting) & cycleway to Stirling as local priorities. Delays in delivering the projects now means that they must be decided and funds committed. Full Changing places facility would rely on an additional £35k which would have to be fundraised by local community or the available balance could be used to improve accessibility to existing facilities. Community input needed as the funding priorities were voted for in the first instance. Questions raised as to what was needed and how much high spec facilities are used and accessed elsewhere. Also questions re ongoing maintenance and servicing. TG to forward email to ME identifying issues which needed to be addressed before the SCC could take a view. ME questioned the legitimacy of changing the purpose for funding which was voted on for specific actions. Email notifying of the options was forwarded by TG to ME during the meeting.</p>	
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Next Meeting Thurs 3rd December 2020?!

Appendix 1

Community Council:

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

Reporting Period:

30/09/20 to 03/11/20 Compiled by PC Lorna Deans

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

You are concerned about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour.

On 28/10/20 police had reason to stop a vehicle on B829. The driver was found to be in possession of a small quantity of controlled drugs. The person was issued with a recorded police warning.

On 29/10/20 an incident occurred on Main street, Aberfoyle involving 2 males. Police were called and enquiries are currently being carried out in relation to the males conducting themselves in a threatening manner.

Road Safety

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

On 10/10/20 police were called to a road accident on the A821 Duke's Pass. Officers attended and assisted in the recovery of the vehicle and carried out the necessary road traffic procedures.

On 11/10/20 police were called regarding a vehicle having got stuck in a ditch on the B829 somewhere between Kinlochard and Inversnaid. Police attended however there was no trace of the vehicle.

On 24/10/20 a vehicle was involved in a collision on A821 Duke's Pass. Police assisted with a road closure for a short time whilst the vehicle was recovered.

Theft

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

On 28/10/20 police were called to a business premise in the area due to a possible attempt fraud incident involving 2 people from out with the area. As a result, both were arrested in relation to crimes committed in other areas.

Other Incidents / Activity of

Police Scotland have been made aware of a scam involving a Facebook advertisement for a "Drive Thru" type event labelled as Winter Wonderland Stirling. We understand that the details have been copied from a legitimate website and appeared genuine. We are urging people to stay extra vigilant for online/social media type

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scams, especially over the festive period where a large portion of transactions will occur online.

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

Appendix 2 treasurers report

	£	£
General Fund opening Bank balance		8861.54
Transfer from Phone Directory a/c	5397.57	
SC Admin Grant	657.18	
Aberfoyle notice board	(167.00)	
Village signage (SC Covid Community SG)	(248.08)	
Minute Secretary	(40.00)	
General Fund closing Bank balance		14461.21
Minute Secretary		(40.00)
Insurance top-up premium		(16.80)
Microsoft 365 subscription (SC Covid Community SG)		(79.99)
Laptop for CC use (SC Covid Community SG)		(200.00)
Aberfoyle LifePlan - CCN		(1300.00)
General Fund closing Balance		12824.42

Strathard Community Council

Weekly Planning Lists for October 2020

Notifications:

Planning Applications:

- Ref No 2020/0229/DET Officer Craig Jardine Date Valid 8 October 2020: Proposal Erection of replacement dwellinghouse Location The Old Manse Inversnaid Aberfoyle: Applicant Ms Kirsten Douglas The Old Manse Inversnaid Aberfoyle: Application Type Detailed Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC : Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification
- Ref No 2020/0268/LBC Officer Lorna Gray Date Valid 21 October 2020: Proposal Creation of accessible ramp at main entrance Location The Lodge Forest Visitor Centre Trossachs Road Aberfoyle: Applicant Sue Morris Forestry and Land Scotland Aberfoyle Office Aberfoyle: Application Type Listed Building Consent Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area: Advertisement Type Listed Building
- Ref No 2020/0231/DET Officer Amy Unitt Date Valid 12 October 2020: Proposal Partial change of use of ancillary building to use class 1 (retail) Location Hill Cottage Aberfoyle Stirling Applicant Mrs Cindy McLoughlin Hill Cottage Dukes Pass Trossachs Road Aberfoyle: Application Type Detailed Planning Permission: Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC: Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification
- Ref No 2020/0228/DET Officer Craig Jardine Date Valid 8 October: Proposal External alterations and part change of use of agricultural shed to temporary residential accommodation (in retrospect) Location Aberfoyle Farm Aberfoyle Stirling: Applicant Mr Craig Johnston Aberfoyle Farm Aberfoyle Stirling: Application Type Detailed Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC : Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification

Withdrawals:

None

Approvals:

- 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 with a flat roofed 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 National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC: Date Decision Issued 22 October 2020 Decision Certificate Issued

Enforcement Matters:

None

Appeals:

None

Overdue Applications:

- 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.
- 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
- 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
- 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

- 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
- Application Number 2020/0149/HAE Development Proposed : Demolition of existing porch and single storey extension and erection of replacement porch and single storey side extension Location: The Glassert Lochard Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TJ Applicant: Mr James Cowderoy : Date Application Valid: 17 July 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 14 August 2020
- Application Number 2020/0154/DET Development Proposed : Demolition of shed and erection of dwelling (for holiday use) and installation of private sewage treatment plant Location: Land North West Of Carsaig Aberfoyle Stirling FK17 8HP Applicant: Mr Dene Happell : Date Application Valid: 17 July 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 3 September 2020

Application still to come to list

Application Number 2020/0214/DET Development Proposed : Erection of replacement garage with flatted dwelling (holiday accommodation) Location: Hazelbank Manse Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XF Applicant: Mr Kenny McNeil Agent's Name: Mr John White Agent's Company Name: John H White Architects Agent's Address: Ballat Crossroads Balfron Station G63 0SE Date Application Valid: 22 October 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 4 December 2020