

Strathard Community Council Minutes of meeting: Thursday 6th August 2020 online

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

Attending: Cllr Martin Earl, 3 members of the public

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening	TG chaired the meeting & welcomed all.	
2. Apologies	None.	
3. Minutes	Minutes from previous meeting have been checked and just need slight amendment as GM did attend but due to connectivity issues was unable to stay.	
4. Matters Arising	<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</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>the 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>	
5. Police Reports	<p>Isobel Madden raised a concern passed to her regarding the sighting of 2 vehicles with cloned number plates parked at either end of Aberfoyle to Gartmore cycle track.</p>	<p>TG to attach full report.</p> <p>TG to send note to Lorna at the Police regarding suspicious cars.</p>
6. NHS Forth Valley and Surgery Update	<p>Isobel Madden: Buchlyvie surgery now are utilising Near Me a remote video consultation system. John Mcleod at the practice has said it has been especially beneficial for physiotherapist services. 60% of consults are to be done virtually as believed time saved should allow doctors to see the patients with priority.</p> <p>Staff redeployed in March to covid testing centre are due to return to Buchlyvie site in next few weeks starting part-time then back to full time in October. No word on practice nurse situation.</p> <p>Due to low number of cases in the area Aberfoyle surgery was not required to be used as a Civid-19 assessment centre. Staff members are temporarily based at the Buchlyvie surgery.</p> <p>Current triage system in place allows patient to be directed to correct service and prioritises urgent matters. GP arrange face to face appointment themselves.</p> <p>Currently working on a reduced patient attendance for bloods and cervical screening now has re-started.</p> <p>Both Dr Cox and Dr Morrison have worked through since March and cancelled all annual leave. They send thanks to the community for patience.</p> <p>AG: Doctors, staff and pharmacy have been fantastic. Good feedback from community as a whole. Issue with Near Me is potential for certain</p>	<p>IM to write to John Mcleod explaining support of service and</p>

	<p>commit any funds to the process. The decision on whether to proceed to a Stage 2 SLF application would only be taken if a Stage 1 application was successful and if the outcomes of the Consultancy work indicated there was value to the community to proceed with a Stage 2 Application. She also went on to explain that community purchase would only proceed if the majority of Aberfoyle residents was in favour and that final ideas for repurposing the building/site would be defined by the community informed by the Consultancy work. The forthcoming Aberfoyle Community Life Plan workshops was seen to be the vehicle to mature the community perspective in regard to making a decision on the way forward. In any event it would be May next year earliest before that decision had to be taken. Both Trevor and Joyce commended to the other councillors the advantages of proceeding with a Stage 1 SLF application to ensure all options were left on the table for later decision making. The decision to proceed with a Stage 1 SLF application was passed by majority.</p>	
8. Treasurer's report	<p>See appendix. Bank Signatories have been updated. An online account has been applied for to make banking easier and more efficient. TG: questioned what may be happening with regards to allocated funds for Christmas welfare fun. SS suggested as a hamper is usually sent to those who cannot make the night out this may be a suitable alternative for all. Majority decided if safe then best option would be to safely get everyone together.</p>	<p>TG to send receipts for Covi-19 signage. Numbers required to decide how to progress. SS to check SSE resilience grant application.</p>
9. Community Life Plan Project Updates	<p>JK confirmed that all the funding required to complete the Aberfoyle Life Plan was now in place. She went on to say it was hoped that relaxation COVID 19 regulations post mid Sept would soon enable the required workshops to take place with a plan to complete within this calendar year.</p>	
10. Planning	<p>JK presented the planning lists for June and July as there was no SCC meeting in July. She reported that there was nothing controversial at present and she had checked all the planning applications and none had had objections raised. She went on to explain that there continues to be a sizeable</p>	<p>Planning list to be attached to meeting minutes. JK to email</p>

	<p>extant planning list of overdue applications but explained that the working arrangements for the planning officers during COVID 19 restrictions made it more problematic to contact the individual officers involved with the various applications to ascertain the problems.</p>	<p>each planning officer with outstanding applications for Strathard to enquire as to the individual circumstances causing the delay in decision making</p>
<p>11. Stirling Council</p>	<p>ME discussed spaces for people project launched by the Scottish Government. Now there is consultation on where to spend this funding within the community.</p> <p>AG would like to see 20mph along the main street in Aberfoyle.</p> <p>Discussion on cycle paths to create a local network using a phased approach. ME explained there is £70,000 in council budget to improve cycle links between Aberfoyle and Stirling but this is not enough to create a full link.</p> <p>LM enquired if the toilet improvement were going ahead but TG explained the proposal was using 3 times the budget so its back to the drawing board.</p> <p>Playpark improvements and active seniors outside equipment were highlight as possible causes for some funding.</p> <p>ME spoke about trying to get a motion to allow an online petition against the new Stirling council waste collections to be heard, as the petitions hearing process had been suspended due to Covid-19. This was unsuccessful, so the changes passed on 30th June are still in place and are not being changed.</p> <p>Councillors discussed a need for a Strathard Waste management plan.</p>	<p>TG to engage to see where funding could be utilised.</p> <p>TG to enquire where the cycle link grant and toilet improvement monies are now as no money has been spent.</p>
<p>12. Councillor Report</p>	<p>AGM would have happened in June but due to Lockdown has been postponed. Suggested if possible to hold in Kinlochard in September, as logistics of an online AGM could be tricky to ensure transparency and inclusivity. TG would like an AGM to take place to plan next years programme.</p>	<p>TG to create an online AGM and all council members to share information and link.</p> <p>TG to compile a chairs report. GM to share</p>

		details of AGM to Stirling News
13. AOCB	<p>LM enquired as to where funds for sale of Craigmore went as went ear marked for improvements to benefit all the children of Strathard.</p> <p>Minutes to be put onto Strathard Community Council website. Linda McColl volunteered to update and manage website this was voted upon and unanimously passed. Website www.ccstrathard.org is to be kept factual with minutes, planning list and police reports to be published on there.</p>	<p>TG to contact Lynn Warrington to find where funds are now, as they were transferred to the Aberfoyle School parents group.</p> <p>TG to send LM login in details and LM to start uploading previous minutes to site.</p> <p>TG to send all previous minutes to MF</p>

Next meeting 3rd September via video Zoom meeting

Annex 1 Treasurer Report Annual Accounts

STRATHARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2020

2018-2019		2019-2020
£		£
	RECEIPTS	
429.02	Stirling Council Admin Grant	730.21
180.00	Stirling Council Minuting Support	130.00
-	Stirling Council Community Pride Grant	1,500.00
241.00	Christmas Dinner Raffle	292.00
-	Christmas Dinner Co-op donation	515.50
850.02		3,167.71
	PAYMENTS	
190.00	Meeting Costs – hall hire	162.50
250.00	Minuting Costs	130.00
-	Data Protection Registration	80.00
20.00	Scotways	20.00
354.00	Christmas Dinner Costs	748.86
-	Christmas Gifts	184.67
100.00	Community Day Donation	-
200.00	Green Routes	-
-	Aberfoyle LifePlan	800.00
1,114.00		2,126.03
<u>(263.98)</u>	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>1,041.68</u>

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£		£
2092.47	General Fund Balance in Bank (01.04.19)	2141.49
49.02	Movement in Year	1167.71
	General Fund Balance in Bank (31.03.20)	
591.37	Christmas Fund Balance in Bank (01.04.19)	478.37
(354.00)	Movement in Year	(126.03)
237.37	Christmas Fund Balance in Bank (31.03.20)	352.34
5597.57	Phone Directory Fund Balance in Bank (01.04.19)	5397.57
(200.00)	Movement in Year	-
<u>5397.57</u>	Phone Directory Fund Balance in Bank (31.03.20)	5397.57
<u>7776.43</u>	Total Balance in Bank at 31 March 2020	9059.11

Signed

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Trevor Geraghty (Chair)

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Stuart Stephen (Treasurer)

Report of Independent Examiner

In my opinion this statement of account has been properly prepared and is in accordance with the accounting records.

Signed

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Katy Lamb, Lochard Cottage, Kinlochard, FK8 3TL

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Bank Summaries and Reconciliations 2019/2020

Bank Balance		£
Opening Balance at 1 April 2019 per accounts		8017.43
Income for Year	3167.71	
Payments in Year	(2126.03)	1041.68
Closing Balance at 31 March 2020 per accounts		9059.11
Bank Statements 31 March 2020		
	00895122	4630.04
	00101955	<u>5397.57</u>
		<u>10027.61</u>
Less Outstanding Payments (debtors)		
Aberfoyle hall lets	25.00	
Christmas Parcels	103.50	
Aberfoyle Life Plan	800.00	
ICO fee	<u>40.00</u>	
		(968.50)

Annex 2 Police Report

Police report

Community Council:

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

Reporting Period:

02/06/20 to 05/08/20 Compiled by PC Lorna Deans

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

You are concerned about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour.

On 21/06/20 a person was found to be in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs in the area of Loch Ard. The person was issued with a recorded police warning.

On 10/07/20 two people were found to be in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs within the Riverside car park, Aberfoyle. They were issued with a recorded police warning.

During the reported period 28 people have been charged and reported to the procurator fiscal in relation to various offences under the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park camping byelaws in the Strathard area.

Road Safety

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

Over the reported period police have been dealing with numerous road accidents. There has also been a significant increase in the amount of vehicles coming to rural areas since lockdown restrictions were lifted. Due to the volume of vehicles parked on the verges on the A821 on the weekend of 11th/12th July the road had to be closed for safety issues.

We are aware of the increase in motorcycles using the A81/A821 during the better weather. We are liaising with the road policing department and will continue to patrol the area.

Hand held radar has been carried out in the Strathard area. There were no issues while officers were there. We will continue to carry out speed checks in the area.

Between 4th and 5th August police were assisting with flood water on the roads in the area.

Theft

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

On 3/6/20 a push bike was stolen from outside Co-op, Main Street, Aberfoyle. The bike has been recovered and the person responsible has been charged and reported to the procurator fiscal.

Sometime between 28th & 29th July two pushbikes were stolen from a vehicle parked up on the Three Lochs Forest Drive.

At 0250 hours on 29/07/20 a pushbike was stolen from within a garden at a property on Trossachs Road, Aberfoyle. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to this.

Other Incidents / Activity of note

On 10/07/20 police received a call in relation to a drone being flown over a property in the Kinlochard area. After all enquiries have been carried out – this remains undetected.

During the reported period officers have assisted members of the public in relation to a number of mountain rescues in the area.

There has been an increase in the number of fraud incidents reported to police in the Strathard area. To get more information about 'phishing', how to protect your identity and avoid fraudulent scams whilst online, visit our [Keep Safe Online](#) advice.

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 June and July 2020

Notifications:

Planning Applications:

1. Ref No: 2020/0141/TRE / **Officer:** Simon Franks / **Date Valid:** 25 June 2020 / **Proposal:** Tree works within a conservation area; Large copper beech tree - Pruning tree to remove height and spread by 20 - 30% / **Applicant:** Ms Catherine Cairns / **Location:** 1 Craighuchty Terrace Aberfoyle FK83UH / **Application Type:** Tree Works Type/Advertisement Type
2. Ref No: 2020/0139/HAE / **Officer:** Lorna Gray / **Date Valid:** 8 July 2020 / **Proposal:** Erection of shed / **Applicant:** Mr David van der Walt / **Location:** Riverside Cottage Kinlochard Stirling FK8 / **Application Type:** /Advertisement Type
3. **Ref No:** 2020/0157/LBC / **Officer:** Caroline Strugnell / **Date Valid:** 8 July 2020 / **Proposal:** Insertion of window into existing door opening in south west gable. Amendment to previously approved plans (2019/0350/LBC) / **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Nikita Malikov / **Location:** Duchray Castle Limited Duchray Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle FK8 3XL / **Application Type:** Listed Building Consent / **Advertisement Type:** Listed Building
4. **Ref No:** 2020/0149/HAE / **Officer:** Amy Unitt / **Date Valid:** 17 July 2020 / **Proposal:** Demolition of existing porch and single storey extension and erection of replacement porch and single storey side extension / **Applicant:** The Glassert Lochard Road Aberfoyle / **Location:** The Glassert Lochard Road Aberfoyle FK8 3TJ / **Application Type:** Householder Planning Permission

Withdrawals:

None

Approvals:

1. **Ref No:** 2020/0107/NOT / **Officer:** Lorna Gray / **Date Valid:** / **Proposal:** Construction of 1300 metres of forest track / **Location:** Land North West Of Loch Chon Loch Ard Forest / **Applicant:** Mr Andy Malcolm Forestry and Land Scotland Aberfoyle Office / **Location:** Land North West Of Loch Chon Loch Ard Forest / **Application Type:** Prior Notification / **Date Decision Issued:** 28 May 2020 / **Decision:** Prior approval not required
2. **Ref No:** 2019/0183/DET / **Officer:** Nicola Arnott / **Date Valid:** 5 August 2019 / **Proposal:** 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 Stirling Paisley PA3 3AT / **Application Type:** Detailed Planning Permission / **Date Decision Issued:** 2 June 2020 / **Decision:** Approve

Refusals:

- 1. Ref No:** 2020/0141/TRE / **Officer:** Simon Franks /**Proposal** Tree works within a conservation area; Large copper beech tree - Pruning tree to remove height and spread by 20 - 30%:
/Applicant: Ms Catherine Cairns /**Location:** 1 Craighuchty Terrace Main Street Aberfoyle
/Date Decision Issued: 7 July 2020 /**Decision:** Application Disposed Of

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 2020/0079/DET Development Proposed : Erection of telecoms mast, installation of associated equipment and upgrade of access track Location: Quarry Path Dukes Pass Kirkton Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3SY Applicant: EE Limited Agent's Name: Naomi McAdam Agent's Company Name: Naomi McAdam Agent's Address: Culzean House 36 Renfield Street Glasgow G2 1LU Date Application Valid: 28 April 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 12 June 2020

6. 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