

**Strathard Community Council Minutes of meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Online via zoom**

**Community Councillors Present:** Trevor Geraghty (Chair), Joyce Kelly, Lynda McColl, Andre Goulancourt, Stuart Stephen (treasurer), Natasha Shepherd

**Minute Secretary:** Kate Bovill

**Attending:** SC Counsellors Evelyn Tweed & Jeremy McDonald

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening	Trevor Geraghty (TG) chaired the meeting & welcomed all	
2. Apologies	Gillian McEwan, Alison Boa (SDT)	
3. Minutes	Minutes from last meeting proposed TG Seconded Joyce Kelly (JK)	
4. Matters arising	<p>Evelyn Tweed (ET) asks if SCC knows whether meeting with Scottish Water/Stirling Council, JK believes meeting organised for today. Will be discussed in depth</p> <p>Vinyls at Coop – used heavily, concerns raised by Kinlochard residents as contain misleading information. Sponsors will be updating vinyls to correct this.</p> <p>Senior citizen events – no movement forward. Both funding application process &amp; hospitality concerns over rising Covid infection rates are causing delays.</p> <p>20mph limit has not resolved speeding issues, police aware. Suggestion to have a ‘your speed’ sign even temporarily to raise awareness. ET to contact Carolyn Fraser SC to find out what is happening/possible</p>	<p>ET contact Carolyn Fraser at SC</p>
5. Covid/FV/Health Centre updates	Jamie McConnacher (Pharmacist) reports has plenty of Lateral flow tests available. Can we communicate to community the importance of following guidance re self isolating as he sees increasing numbers of people with symptoms coming into Pharmacy	

	<p>risking infection of staff &amp; therefore closure of the Pharmacy in the short term</p>	
<p><b>6 Police Report See Appendix 1</b></p>	<p>TG read through Police report – attached. Anti social behaviour &amp; issues with camping in Strathard, vehicle damage &amp; road accident mentioned. Speed monitoring will take place in area asap. Police running open surgery Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Sept at hub.</p>	
<p><b>7 Planning – Appendix 2</b></p>	<p>JK reported that there was not much of concern in the planning applications for August. There were 5 new applications, one to demolish a listed building at Duchray Castle, which was previously approved to renovate. While not raising an official objection Historic Scotland advised that close attention should be paid into whether or not the advice on the state of the current building was accurate and offered their assistance to determine whether or not it could be saved and renovated rather than demolished. She reported that there were no public comments listed against any of the 5 applications and no one had approached the SCC with concerns. There were 3 approvals which had reduced the overdue application to 7 for the Strathard area</p> <p>JK asked if anyone had concerns with information in the report.</p>	
<p><b>8 Aberfoyle Life Plan/All CLPs</b></p>	<p>Aberfoyle</p> <p>JK briefed that progress on the Aberfoyle CLP and said that the plan is to organize a work shop for end of Sept to gather the community together and agree the final outputs before completing the ACLP however given the fluid state of COVID numbers and</p>	

	<p>recent Govt announcements on potential re-introduction of restrictions the decision on the workshop had been delayed until w/c 6 Sept. Post Meeting Note: Given the high level numbers of COVID it was agreed to postpone the decision on timing of the workshop for a few weeks. The target is now October.</p> <p>Completed CLPs</p> <p>JK said that plans to hold workshops to confirm status of plans and agree changes which may need to be made are on hold until the COVID situation is more certain. KVH is still out of commission which makes holding the workshop more problematic but the Kinlochard CLP Steering Group would be meeting in the next few weeks to start to plan the way ahead in regards to organizing the workshop.</p>	
<p><b>9 Local Place Plans</b></p>	<p>TG briefed that he, JK and LM had attended a Local Place Plan seminar run by the LLTNP. TG's thoughts were that we needed to keep involved and take and take active part in order to ensure community aspirations were a key consideration alongside those of developers. LM expressed some reservations on how much influence communities would be able to have. JK said she was happy remain as rep on steering group to try and help realise community gains and to support other CCS still to develop LPPs for their areas. JK briefed that the workshop had attracted a large attendance from other CCs and CTs. 37 attendees in all. A Steering Group meeting is scheduled for 7 Oct to</p>	

	<p>determine next steps. Future workshops are expected.</p>	
<p><b>10. FLS Local Management Plans</b></p>	<p>FLS Engagement</p> <p>JK reported that the community engagement groups for FLS LMPs had been agreed and finalization was waiting confirmation from FLS re the Terms of Reference for the groups.</p> <p>In addition she had confirmation from John Hair that he was happy to discuss creation of a community engagement team to liaise with FLS on policy matters, which sit outside the remit of the LMPs. She made the point that that these policy decisions had the potential to have a far bigger impact on communities than those concerned with planting and harvesting the forest. A meeting is scheduled for 15 Sept and Andrew Faulk from the SCT has agreed also. The meeting should establish if there is merit in taking the initiative forward and if so the frequency of the meetings and structure of the engagement and make up of the community engagement team.</p> <p>JK asked Lynda McColl (LM)/Andre Goulancourt (AG) if they wish to be involved in a potential FLS Community engagement group for Strathard. Could be useful if set up to be effective and address the communities needs.</p>	
<p><b>11. Strathard Framework Document</b></p>	<p>There is a Steering Group meeting scheduled for Friday 10 Sept to agree final outputs for the Framework document. Final comments are expected to be received by Friday Sep 3rd to allow time for reflection before we meet. Post Meeting Note: Timing for completion of the Strathard Framework has been delayed until nearer the end of the year to allow</p>	

	sufficient time to deal with all issues arising from the comments.	
<b>12 Kinlochard Resilience Group</b>	JK reported that not much progress had been made since last meeting. The SCC was awaiting feedback from a meeting between Stirling Council and FLS. It was decided to await this response before formulating next steps. TG – <b>To look at</b> the legal options SC/Community have if no progress has been made	ET to find out where SC have got to, will email Maria Lucey to ensure we receive mins of any meeting
<b>13. Treasurers Report – Appendix 3</b>	Stuart Stephen (SS) transactions this month - Payment to minute secretary & Grant received from Stirling Council for admin & activity support (eg hall lets/expenses)  SS – welcomes questions, any Community Councillors welcome to contact for clarification about the report.  Accounts done & audited in prep for AGM	
<b>14. Stirling Council report – Cllr Evelyn Tweed MSP</b>	Following up on reported subsidence of road at Milton – Chased a number of times but heard today that roads department hope to be in touch within 5days.  LM – roads teams all self isolating  Aberfoyle Milton footpath – no response from SC as yet  Public Bins issue in Aberfoyle car park – LM made the point that bins need to be located together to avoid mixed waste dumping. Agreement about placing at rear of Visit Scotland building – space & convenience. ET will go back to SC & get them to sort it out.  TG waste issue at Stronachlachar – will forward information from SC to	

	<p>ET. SC have communicated they will not collect waste from Stronachlachar. ET will investigate further.</p>	
<p><b>15. AOCB</b></p>	<p>Discussion of the impact of potential Scot Gov legislation around planning requirements for Air bnbs/holiday accommodation.</p> <p>TG/SS discuss funding for Senior citizens events. Gillian McEwan reports delay to funding &amp; issues with venues uncertain about taking bookings due to covid rates increasing. SS to speak to Alison Boa at SDC for an idea of costs to enable funding &amp; applications to progress.</p> <p>JK propose an extraneous SCC only meet in order to prep for AGM, discuss Christmas funding &amp; address admin issues, as next public meeting is not due until November. Date set for Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm at Hub</p> <p>Plan to attempt AGM at December meeting where hopefully SCC permitted by SC to meet face to face.</p> <p>New Rector at Scottish Episcopalian Church, Rev John Connell &amp; family.</p> <p>Memorial Hall has taken giant steps in progressing towards net Zero as has the Church &amp; Manse which has been significantly upgraded &amp; insulated.</p> <p>LM – Strathard News to be discussed. TG - SCC keen to support the community magazine in its latest format. Many questions around content &amp; distribution to achieve shared goals.</p> <p>SS – SDT has around 50 members including 8 directors. They will be</p>	<p>TG to share info about this with SCC.</p> <p>SS to clarify with Alison Boa</p> <p>LM to explore details with Strathard News.</p>

	<p>having their AGM at the end of October.</p> <p>Strathard Community Development Trust update attached Appendix 4</p> <p>TG thanks all for attending</p>	
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Next Public meeting Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> November on Zoom

## Appendix 1 – Police Report

**Community Council:**

Trossachs and Teith Ward,  
Strathard Community Council  
[hello@ccstrathard.org](mailto:hello@ccstrathard.org)

**Reporting Period:**

05/08/21 to 30/08/21 Compiled by PC Lorna Deans

**Ward Plan Priorities**

**Antisocial Behaviour**  
**You are concerned about antisocial behaviour including drunken behaviour.**

On 7/8/21 a minor incident occurred outside the Co-op, Aberfoyle. The person responsible was issued with a recorded police warning.

Officers have been assisting Loch Lomond and National Park Rangers with campers in the Strathard area.

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

During the day on 07/08/21 a vehicle parked up in Riverside car park was damaged by another vehicle. The offending vehicle failed to report this incident. After enquiry, this remains undetected.

On 19/08/21 there was a collision involving 2 vehicles on BA29 between Aberfoyle and Kinlochard. Police attended and carried out road traffic procedures. Officers remained with the vehicles until they were recovered.

PC's Deans and King have been made aware that drivers are not adhering to the 20mph speed limit on Main Street and Lochard Road, Aberfoyle. Speed monitoring will be carried out in the area when calls permit.

**Theft**

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

There have been no reported thefts in the Strathard area.

**Community Engagement and Reassurance**

It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems.

If anyone has any policing issues that they wish to discuss, please contact us at

**Other  
Incidents /  
Activity of  
note**

PC's Deans and King will be holding a police surgery at the Hub, Main Street, Aberfoyle on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September between 7pm and 8pm. This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak to us regarding any concerns/issues or be provided with information regarding subjects such as rural crime and doorstep crime.

**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](mailto: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

## Strathard Community Council

### Weekly Planning Lists for August 2021

#### Planning Applications:

1. Ref No 2021/0283/LAW Officer Lorna Gray Date Valid: 22 August 2021 Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) for biomass boilerhouse and fuel store hopper Location Lendrick Cottage Aberfoyle Callander Applicant: Mr Hamish Thomson Woodland Trust Scotland Lendrick Steading Brig O'Turk Callander FK17 8HR Type: Certificate of Lawfulness Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC
2. Ref No 2021/0270/DET Officer Caroline Strugnell Date Valid 2 August 2021 Proposal: Complete demolition of existing stone bothy and erection of tourist accommodation Location Duchray Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nikita Malikov Duchray Castle Limited Duchray Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle FK8 3XL 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
3. Ref No 2021/0271/LBC Officer Caroline Strugnell Date Valid 2 August 2021 Proposal: Complete demolition of existing stone bothy and erection of tourist accommodation Location Duchray Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr & Mrs Nikita Malikov Duchray Castle Limited Duchray Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle FK8 3XL Application Type: Listed Building Consent Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC Advertisement Type: Listed Building
4. Ref No 2021/0277/HAE Officer Scott Brown Date Valid: 9 August 2021 Proposal: Erection of single storey garage Location Braeval House Port Of Menteith Stirling Applicant: Mr Paul Raeburn Braeval House Braeval Aberfoyle FK8 3UY Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Expected: Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC
5. Ref No 2021/0294/NOT Officer Scott Brown Date Valid: 17 August 2021 Proposal: Construction of a 70 meter section of harvesting access track and a 60 meter by 8 meter roadside stacking area Location Land North West Of Loch Chon Loch Ard Forest Applicant: Mr Andy Malcolm Forestry and Land Scotland Central Region (west) Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XF Application Type: Prior Notification Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC

#### Withdrawals:

1. Ref No 2020/0202/DET Officer Vivien Emery Date Valid: 8 September 2020 Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse Location Land Between Creag Mhor Cottage And Creag Mhor

House Lochard Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr And Mrs Russell McKeand Kenmore Ballaich By Aberfoyle FK8 3XG Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC Date Decision Issued 11 August 2021 Decision Withdrawn Application Type Detailed Planning Permission

**Approvals:**

1. Ref No 2020/0214/DET Officer Amy Unitt: Date Valid: 22 October 2020 Proposal: Erection of replacement garage with flatted dwelling (ancillary accommodation) Location Hazelbank Manse Road Aberfoyle Applicant: Mr Kenny McNeil Hazelbank Manse Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XF Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC Date Decision Issued: 16 August 2021 Decision: Approve
2. Ref No 2021/0261/NOT Officer Scott Brown Date Valid: 20 July 2021 Proposal: Construction of up to 1050 metres of ATV access track Location Land West And South Of Loch Dubh Loch Ard Forest Kinlochard Applicant: Mr Andy Malcolm Forestry and Land Scotland Aberfoyle Office Aberfoyle FK8 3UX Application Type: Prior Notification National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC Date Decision Issued 12 August 2021 Decision: Prior approval not required
3. Ref No 2020/0337/DET Officer Amy Unitt Date Valid: 2 February 2021 Proposal: Subdivision of guesthouse to form 4no. flatted dwellings (for use as holiday lets and 1no. for staff accommodation) Location: Craigmore Guest House Lochard Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr Andrew Malcolm Doonhill Manse Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XF Application Type Detailed Planning Permission National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC Date Decision Issued 16 August 2021 Decision: Approve

**Enforcement Matters:**

None

**Appeals:**

None

**Access Exemption**

None

**Overdue Applications:**

1. 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

2. 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
3. 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
4. Application Number 2020/0202/DET Development Proposed : Erection of dwellinghouse Location: Land Between Creag Mhor Cottage And Creag Mhor House Lochard Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TD Applicant: Mr And Mrs Russell McKeand : Date Application Valid: 8 September 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 16 October 2020
5. Application Number 2020/0231/DET Development Proposed : Partial change of use of ancillary building to use class 1 (retail) Location: Hill Cottage Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3SY Applicant: Mrs Cindy McLoughlin Agent's Name: 12 October 2020 Date of expiry of period for representations: 13 November 2020
6. Application Number 2020/0304/DET Development Proposed : Erection of dwelling house Location: Balanton Yard Montrose Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3UL Applicant: Ms L Briggs Agent's Name: Nicholas Goward Agent's Company Name: studioEAST Chartered Architects Agent's Address: King James VI Business Centre Friarton Road Perth PH2 8DY Date Application Valid: 4 January 2021 Date of expiry of period for representations: 12 February 2021
7. Application Number 2020/0304/DET Development Proposed : Erection of dwelling house Location: Balanton Yard Montrose Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3UL Applicant: Ms L Briggs Agent's Name: Nicholas Goward Agent's Company Name: Nicholas Goward Agent's Address: King James VI Business Centre Friarton Road Perth PH2 8DY Date Application Valid: 4 January 2021 Date of expiry of period for representations: 12 February 2021

## **Appendix 3**

### **SCC Treasurers Report**

**Strathard Community Council – Bank account balance at 2 September 2021**

	£	£
<b>General Fund opening Bank balance 28.5.21</b>		<b>11985.10</b>

<b>Monies out</b>		
Minute Secretary	( 40.00)	
CCN (ALP)	(1850.00)	
Scotways	( 20.00)	
<b>Total monies out</b>		<b>(1910.00)</b>
<b>Monies in</b>		
<b>Total monies in</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>General Fund closing Bank balance 30.6.21</b>		<b>10075.10</b>
<b>Subsequent income/expenditure</b>		
<b>Monies out</b>		
Minute Secretary	( 40.00)	
<b>Monies in</b>		
SC Admin Grant	795.61	
<b>Monies in</b>		<b>755.61</b>
<b>General Fund closing Balance 5.8.21</b>		<b>10830.71</b>
<b>Less Commitments</b>		
Aberfoyle Life Plan	2300.00	
Community Events Fund	20.94	
SSE Resilience Fund Grant	1521.93	
		<b>3842.87</b>
<b>Available Funds</b>		<b><u>6987.84</u></b>

**Commitments**

1 Aberfoyle LifePlan

Monies in

SC Community Pride Grant £1500.00

	<b>Strathard Community Council</b>	<b>£1500,00</b>	
	<b>National Park</b>	<b>£1750.00</b>	<b>committed</b>
	<b>Strathard Community Trust</b>	<b>£1500.00</b>	
	<b>Stirling Council</b>	<b>£1750.00</b>	
	<b>Monies out</b>		
	<b>CCN</b>	<b>£ 800.00</b>	
	<b>CCN</b>	<b>£1300.00</b>	
	<b>CCN</b>	<b>£1850.00</b>	
	<b>Available funds in Bank account</b>	<b>£2300.00</b>	
	<b>Monies committed but not received</b>	<b>£1750.00</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Community Events Fund</b>		
	<b>Funds in Bank account</b>	<b>£ 20.94</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>SSE Resilience Fund Grant</b>		
	<b>Funds in Bank account</b>	<b>£1521.93</b>	

## Notes

**July Bank statement not received by 30 August but known adjustments are allowed for in the overall balance.**

## Appendix 4

Strathard Community Trust update – 25 August 2021

- 1 Meeting was held in person for the first time since lockdown
- 2 Treasurer to write to the various grant holders to let them know of any account balances held on their behalf
- 3 The Trust has approx 50 members (including Directors)
- 4 Provisional date for AGM set as 20 October and will (hopefully) be held in person. A venue is being looked at.
- 5 Access to the Hub and numbers using the facility is under review

- 6 An exercise to monitor transport going through the village is being considered by SC
- 7 Update on most recent ALP meeting was given