

Strathard Community Council Minutes of meeting: Thursday 4th November 2021. Hybrid meeting at Strathard Business hub with Zoom participation.

Community Councillors Present: Trevor Geraghty (Chair), Joyce Kelly, Lynda McColl, Stuart Stephen (treasurer), Natasha Shepherd, Gillian McEwan, Michelle Colquhoun.

Minute Secretary: Kate Bovill

Attending: SC Counsellors Jeremy McDonald, Martin Earl, 3 members of public

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening	Trevor Geraghty (TG) chaired the meeting & welcomed all. Meeting had been intended to be entirely face to face but spike in Covid Cases in area necessitated hybrid meeting	
2. Apologies	Isabel Madden (associate councillor link to NHS)	
3. Minutes	Minutes from last meeting proposed Joyce Kelly (JK) Seconded TG	
4. Matters arising	20mph sign has stopped working, this needs to be raised with Stirling Council	TG
5. Covid/FV/Health Centre updates	Flu vaccinations are going strong at both the Aberfoyle Pharmacy & via Aberfoyle & Buchlyvie Medical Centre. The NHS strongly recommends having both Covid Boosters & a Flu vaccination for all those who are eligible.	
6 Police Report See Appendix 1	TG unaware if speed detection has taken place as planned along Lochard Road. Martin Earl indicated that rural police resources have been heavily drawn on for COP26 event & there will not be full service at present. TG has found police responsive despite this staffing situation.	
7 Aberfoyle Life Plan/All CLPs	<p>Aberfoyle</p> <p>TG gave a short brief on the recent Aberfoyle CLP face-to-face workshops. There were 2 workshops held on Sunday 24 Oct and Wed 27 Oct respectively. He said that he had attended the Sunday workshop and while the attendance was not huge it was broadly representative of the Aberfoyle community. It was a similar experience for the Wednesday workshop. Outputs from the workshops taken along with the very comprehensive online workshops had generated sufficient material to complete the Aberfoyle CLP. JK informed the meeting that this was close to completion.</p> <p>JK said that Kinlochard CLP Steering Group had a meeting on the evening of Friday 29 Oct and that agreement had been reached to hold a KCLP workshop on 14 January providing the hall KVH hall is available and the situation re COVID allows. The workshop aims would be to confirm the ongoing validity of the</p>	

	<p>KCLP identify any areas which need to be changed and areas such as water and visitor management which need to be covered in more depth. Nick Lester-Davis has now joined the Kinlochard steering group</p> <p>She went on to say that similar work needed to be undertaken on the Stronachlachar/Inversnaid CLP but efforts will have to be made to identify a Steering Group to take this forward.</p>	
<p>8. Treasurers Report – Appendix 2</p>	<p>Stuart Stephen (SS) Admin grant confirmed from Stirling Council, yet to be evidenced in account – expected in next statement. LLTNP funding of £1750 also expected in next statement. Balance includes £3800 committed for Aberfoyle Life Plan as well as events funding & SSE resilience grant which could be rolled together to support local events.</p> <p>JK queried whether grant funding covered Zoom & Office 365 subscriptions. SS confirmed it does</p>	
<p>9. Planning – Appendix 3</p>	<p>JK informed the meeting that there had been 6 new applications in this period. Planning application 2021/0322 had been withdrawn due to flooding issues with the site. She went onto say that because the period spanned 2 months 2 of the new applications had already moved to the overdue list but that currently the only application giving cause for concern is 2021/0194/DET.</p> <p>JK went onto explain that 2021/0194/DET to date had generated 6 objections from the public expressing concerns on safety, flooding and environmental concerns. The other statutory bodies still had to report back including the critical Stirling Council Roads and Flooding depts. She said that this was unfortunate, as the SCC would have to make a decision on how to treat this application without being informed by these bodies. She said that the information so far to hand pointed to serious road safety issues, flooding issues supported by historical evidence that a previous temporary road erected by the developers caused flooding and adverse environmental impacts. She said that in addition consideration would have to be given to loss of neighbour amenity i.e. the impact the road will have on existing properties. Lochard Cottage will be severely impacted by development of the access road in terms of noise and air pollution as well as the siting of a bin store directly adjacent the conservatory of Lochard Cottage. She said that consideration should also be given to the fact that the original planning permission for the houses was granted on the premise that the access to the site would be between Ledard Farm and Forest Hills and there had been no explanation offered by the Developers on why they had chosen to pursue a different access road.</p>	

	<p>At this point JK handed over to TG who requested the SCC councillors to vote on whether the SCC should, on this occasion, raise an official objection to the application. The vote by the SCC councillors present was unanimous in favour of raising an objection. JK agreed to try and get more information on why the Developer had chosen to alter the access road to the development. Post Meeting Note: Caroline Strugnell (CS) the LLTNP Delegated Officer for the application informed JK that the LLTNP had received no information from the developers on why they chose to change the access road to the development site.</p> <p>JK also informed that there was an issue with LLTNP Planning where an extension had been granted to SCC to enable necessary investigation and consultation but that Statutory bodies had been given longer to respond. This meant that SCC needed to respond with potentially incomplete information as we rely on all bodies' detail to inform SCC decision-making process. ME asked to be kept informed if this happens again. Post Meeting Note: CS also informed JK that the application was now on hold as the Roads Dept had asked for a Road Safety Audit to be provided and that she has sent out a prompt to the SC Flooding to provide their response. In the light of these developments CS told JK that the SCC could wait until both Statutory Bodies had reported back before submitting the SCC response.</p> <p>Coop Project - JK told the meeting that Paul Aylmer has been in touch to confirm that the closing date for offer for the Coop was Nov 4th. He said they had 4/5 serious offers and would be in touch at the earliest opportunity provide the SCC with an update on progress. JK said she would keep up the communication with the Coop to find out details of the purchase so that the SCC could make contact at the earliest opportunity to establish intentions for the building.</p>	
<p>10. Kinlochard Resilience/FLS/SC</p>	<p>FLS Community Engagement Groups - JK said that work was ongoing to finalise the process for how these groups will operate with FLS. The next meeting was scheduled for November 16.</p> <p>Kinlochard Resilience JK also said that resolution to the outstanding issue on defining an adequate process for enabling access and egress via forest roads when the B829 is blocked was still ongoing. She said that the recent meeting between FLS and Stirling Council did not seem to have resolved anything. While the hope was that the issue could be resolved locally she said that it may be necessary to escalate this in order to get a resolution that is satisfactory to all parties.</p> <p>ME advised the meeting that Stirling Council as owners of the B829 also had a role to play in ensuring the safety of residents</p>	<p>Action ME/SC</p>

	in the event that the road was closed. ME will be checking the response with SC Risk and Resilience Team	Risk & Resilience
11. Strathard Community Trust – Appendix 4	<p>Successful Recruitment of Pilot Development Officer. AGM will be held on 24/11 & the Trust are looking for nominations for additional directors – there are 8 at present but can have up to 12.</p> <p>TG has been in touch with Stirling Council to seek stronger support for the business hub. There is a pressure to increase the cost to the community for the facility, which does not recognise the value, & importance for residents and visitors of this well used venue. At present, SCT are supporting the extra cleaning, SC have stopped providing this. Covid protocols have meant capacity is strictly limited with impact on income.</p> <p>TG would like to see it included by Stirling Council in their “Invest in Stirling” scheme. ME – could be included in a Covid recovery plan.</p>	TG to email Stephen McDonald (SC) & copy ME/JM in
12. LLTNP	Communication with the LLTNP authority is largely positive. Lynda McColl (LM) queries who owns large trailer sign at FLS offices as query had been raised at CLP meetings about changing the wording. SC denies ownership. ME suspects this may belong to LLTNP who can be approached to change wording/adjust location if required.	
13. Stirling Council report	<p>ME reports national crisis in Care provision with large numbers of carers leaving the profession. Multiple factors are contributing despite efforts to increase capacity. Third sector/church/faith groups increasingly depended on. Those in receipt of services may have their packages reduced or stopped altogether. Also impacts on delays around hospital discharge.</p> <p>ME requests we pass on information regarding any cases where this is happening or where residents are unable to secure any necessary care provision. TG points out there is no information about careers in care or active recruitment apparent in the community. ME will raise with head of the Health & Social Care partnership.</p> <p>Roads – B829 gullies & non return valves are scheduled to be checked in November, please inform if not delivered.</p> <p>Natashya Sheppard (NS) thanks ME for action on bin collection</p> <p>For Aberfoyle Car Park waste & recycling, SCC need to request waste supervisor meeting on site to discuss & agree siting of bins. TG – there needs to be a different plan in place for the summer months. ME/JM both willing to attend a meeting.</p>	<p>ALL – to gather info & notify ME/JM of relevant cases</p> <p>ME to raise advertising of roles in locality</p>

	<p>JM – Stirling City of Culture bid – positive, potential opportunity to connect local activities to as well as being a potential source of funding.</p>	
<p>14. AOCB</p>	<p>Gillian McEwan (GM) reported that in planning the Senior Citizens Christmas event – costs of catering very high. Intended event 6th Dec with slide show, raffle, music, tea & coffee, cake & snacks. Local catering will provide once numbers are confirmed. LM designing flyer to be handed out to community to complete & return confirming attendance. Raffle prizes.</p> <p>Discussion around budget, SCC agreed to provide £750 towards costs of event.</p> <p>Safe routes to school, GM thanked council for their support. Lochard Road now has painted 20mph signs on surface. New head teacher at APS facilitating meetings.</p> <p>Appendix 5 – FLS update</p>	

Next Public meeting Thurs 2nd December AVH/Zoom hybrid. 7.15pm

Appendix 1 – Police Report

Community Council:

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

Reporting Period:

Road Safety
You are concerned about speeding, dangerous driving and indiscriminate parking.
Officers have been carrying out speed detection duties in the area of Lochard Road, Aberfoyle.

31/08/21 to 02/11/21 Compiled by PC Lorna Deans

Ward Plan Priorities

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

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

On 20th September, 2021, a tent used for pupil isolation was taken overnight from the school grounds. Enquiry has been carried out and to date the person responsible has not been identified. The tent has been recovered having been dumped nearby.

On 10th October, 2021, a theft by Shoplifting occurred at the Co-op, Aberfoyle, the person responsible has not been identified.

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 Callander Police Office on 101 or email TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Appendix 2

Strathard Community Council

Bank account balance at 4 November 2021

	£	£
General Fund opening Bank balance 30 June 2021		10075.10
Monies out		
Minute Secretary	(80.00)	
Total monies out		(80.00)
Monies in		
Total monies in		0.00
General Fund closing Bank balance 27 September 2021		9995.10
Subsequent income/expenditure		
Zoom subscription		(287.80)
General Fund closing Balance 5.8.21		9707.30
Less Commitments		
Aberfoyle Life Plan	2300.00	
Community Events Fund	20.94	
SSE Resilience Fund Grant	1521.93	

Other Incidents / Activity of note

On the morning of 25th October, 2021, a loan female reported whilst walking her dog in the area of Lochan Spling on the forest paths she was followed by a male who has placed her in a state of fear and alarm. Extensive enquiry is ongoing in relation to this.

PC Deans and King have been moved to response Policing for the duration of COP26. We will not be able to read and respond to messages in the community mailbox in the usual manner during this time.

3842.87

Available Funds

5864.43

Commitments

1 Aberfoyle LifePlan

Monies in

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

CCN	£ 800.00
CCN	£1300.00
CCN	£1850.00
Available funds in Bank account	£2300.00
Monies committed but not received	£1750.00

2 Christmas Fund

Funds in Bank account	£ 20.94
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3 SSE Resilience Fund Grant

Funds in Bank account £1521.93

Notes

- 1 admin grant from SC confirmed but not received - £795.61
- 2 ALP monies from National Park requested but not received - £1750
- 3 Bank statement due now, expect both these payments to be shown as credits

Appendix 3

Strathard Community Council

Weekly Planning Lists for Sept and Oct 2021

Planning Applications:

1. Ref No 2021/0312/HAE Officer Lorna Gray Date Valid 2 September 2021 Telephone 01389 727749 Proposal Demolition of existing extension and rear porch and erection of replacement 2 storey extension Location Frenich Lochard Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr & Mrs Keith & Melody Fisher Frenich Lochard Road Aberfoyle FK8 3SZ Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification
2. Ref No 2021/0331/LBC Officer Scott Brown Date Valid 14 September 2021 Telephone 01389 727769 Proposal Installation of fencing with gates and warning signage to aqueduct bridge Location Aqueduct Bridge Over River Duchray Aberfoyle Stirling Applicant Scottish Water The Bridge Buchanan Gate Business Park Cumbernauld Road Stepps G33 6FB Agent Application Type Listed Building Consent Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 246330 E 699330 N Advertisement Type Listed Building
3. Ref No 2021/0194/DET Officer Caroline Strugnell Date Valid 14 September 2021 Telephone 01389 722148 Proposal Formation of bellmouth junction and access road to serve a maximum of 12 dwellinghouses Location Land To The West Of Lochard Cottage Kinlochard Stirling Applicant Mr Graham Clough Organic Architects 140 West Princes Street Helensburgh G84 8BH Agent Gareth Roberts Organic Architects 140 West Princes Street Helensburgh G84 8BH Application Type Detailed Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 246297 E 702475 N Advertisement Type Neighbour Notification

4. Ref No 2021/0313/NOT Officer Scott Brown Date Valid 1 September 2021 Telephone 01389 727769 Proposal Construction of up to 975 metres of ATV access track Location Land North Of Corrie Farm Near Gartmore Applicant Mr Andy Malcolm Forestry and Land Scotland Aberfoyle Office Aberfoyle FK8 3UX Agent Application Type Prior Notification National Park Ward NP Ward 4 (south east Loch Lomond) Community Council Area Gartmore CC & Strathard CC National Grid Co-ordinates 249231 E 695973 N Date Decision Issued 21 September 2021 Decision Prior approval not required
5. Ref No 2021/0322/HAE Officer Amy Unitt Date Valid 7 October 2021 Telephone 01389 722606 Proposal Construction of ancillary building to provide a hobby workroom and greenhouse Location The Old School Inversnaid Stirling Applicant Mr David Chaffin 11 Abercromby Place Stirling FK8 2QP Agent Application Type Householder Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 234768 E 709552 N Advertisement Type
6. Ref No 2021/0362/HAE Officer Nicola Arnott Date Valid 15 October 2021 Telephone 01389 722661 Proposal Erection of single storey rear extension with associated decked area Location 5 Lochard Cottages Kinlochard Aberfoyle Applicant Mr & Mrs E McNeill 5 Lochard Cottages Kinlochard FK8 3TW Agent Brian Allan BDA Design 38 Wellpark Crescent Stirling FK7 9HF Application Type Householder Planning Permission Expected Decision Level DEL National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid co-ordinates 244928 E 702058 N Advertisement Typ

Withdrawals:

1. Ref No 2021/0322/HAE Officer Amy Unitt Date Valid 7 October 2021 Telephone 01389 722 606 Proposal Construction of ancillary building to provide a hobby workroom and greenhouse Location The Old School Inversnaid Stirling Applicant Mr David Chaffin 11 Abercromby Place Stirling FK8 2QP Agent Application Type Householder Planning Permission National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid Co-ordinates 234768 E 709552 N Date Decision Issued 22 October 2021 Decision Withdrawn

Approvals:

1. Ref No 2021/0249/DET Officer Amy Unitt Date Valid 21 July 2021 Telephone 01389 722606 Proposal Further application (under section 42) for planning permission for use of 1 no. dwelling previously approved under 2012/0247/DET without restriction to holiday use (condition 8) Location Inchrie Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle Applicant Mr Richard White The Filling Station Ballat Crossroads Balforn Station Glasgow G63 0SE Agent Mr John White John H White Architects The Aizle Ballat Crossroads Balforn Station G63 0SE Application Type Detailed Planning Permission National Park Ward NP Ward 2 (northern (central) area) Community Council Area Strathard CC National Grid Co-ordinates 251719 E 700775 N Date Decision Issued 1 October 2021 Decision Approve

Enforcement Matters:

None

Appeals:

None

Access Exemption

None

Overdue Applications:

1. 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
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 Applicant: Stronachlachar Development Ltd Agent's Name: William Findlater
Agent's Company Name: William Findlater Agent's Address: Moorpark House 11 Orton Place
Glasgow G51 2HF Date Application Valid: 28 November 2019 Date of expiry of period for
representations: 3 January 2020
3. Application Number 2021/0194/DET Development Proposed : Formation of bellmouth
junction and access road to serve a maximum of 12 dwellinghouses Location: Land To The
West Of Lochard Cottage Kinlochard Stirling Applicant: Mr Graham Clough Agent's Name:
Gareth Roberts Agent's Company Name: Organic Architects Agent's Address: 140 West
Princes Street Helensburgh G84 8BH Date Application Valid: 14 September 2021 Date of
expiry of period for representations: 29 October 2021
4. Application Number 2021/0215/DET Development Proposed : Erection of telecoms mast,
installation of associated equipment and upgrade of access track Location: North Of Loch Ard
Forest Block Off B829 South Of Stronachlachar FK8 3TX Applicant: WHP Telecoms Limited
Agent's Name: Damian Hosker Agent's Company Name: WHP Telecoms Limited Agent's
Address: Helena House Troy Mills Troy Road Leeds LS18 5GN Date Application Valid: 7 July
2021 Date of expiry of period for representations: 20 August 2021

5. Application Number 2021/0248/PPP Development Proposed : Change in the use of land from agriculture to caravan site for siting of holiday pods and managers accommodation and formation of access, car parking, footpaths and installation of sewage treatment plant
Location: Ledard Farm Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3TL Applicant: Ledard Estates Ltd Agent's Name: Murray Watt Agent's Company Name: MW Consultants Agent's Address: The Mill House Thornhill Stirling FK8 3QJ Date Application Valid: 6 July 2021 Date of expiry of period for representations: 13 August 2021

6. Application Number 2021/0270/DET Development Proposed : Complete demolition of existing stone bothy and erection of tourist accommodation Location: Duchray Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XL Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nikita Malikov Agent's Name: Craig Higgins Agent's Company Name: Thomas Robinson Architects Agent's Address: The Red House Croftamie Glasgow G63 0EU Date Application Valid: 2 August 2021 Date of expiry of period for representations: 3 September 2021

7. Application Number 2021/0271/LBC Development Proposed : Complete demolition of existing stone bothy and erection of tourist accommodation Location: Duchray Castle Duchray Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3XL Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nikita Malikov Agent's Name: Craig Higgins Agent's Company Name: Thomas Robinson Architects Agent's Address: The Red House Croftamie Glasgow G63 0EU Date Application Valid: 2 August 2021 Date of expiry of period for representations: 3 September 2021

8. Application Number 2021/0312/HAE Development Proposed : Demolition of existing extension and rear porch and erection of replacement 2 storey extension Location: Frenich Lochard Road Aberfoyle Stirling FK8 3SZ Applicant: Mr & Mrs Keith & Melody Fisher Agent's Name: Jewitt and Wilkie Limited Agent's Company Name: Jewitt and Wilkie Architects Ltd Agent's Address: 38 New City Road Glasgow G4 9JT Date Application Valid: 2 September 2021 Date of expiry of period for representations: 29 October 2021

Appendix 4

Strathard Community Trust update – 6 October 2021

- 1 Katinka Dalglish and Stuart Stephen advised that they would be retiring at the AGM

- 2 Annual Report drafted and almost complete

- 3 Annual accounts almost complete

- 4 AGM set for 24 November

- 5 Grant of £16000 awarded from the National Park as a Development Officer Pilot Grant

- 6 Mike Bishop had become aware of the use of pictures which had infringed copyright issues. This was being investigated.
- 7 Dukes Weekender had attracted comments both good and not so good but overall the view was that this was another successful event

Appendix 5

FLS update

Planning	<p>Achray Land Management Plan being prepared</p> <p>Katrine Land Management Plan being prepared</p> <p>Loch Chon Land Management Plan in pre-planning</p>
Environment	<p>Achray / Loch Ard – rhododendron and invasive species removal</p> <p>Katrine – various surveys underway to inform LMP</p> <p>Achray / Loch Ard – various work to support water vole project</p>
Civil Engineering	<p>Loch Chon / Beinn Bhan / Achray – construction of harvesting facilities (ramps) in advance of harvesting, plus road maintenance</p> <p>Katrine – remediation road works at Glen Gyle</p> <p>Loch Ard – road grading on Duchray forest road</p>
Harvesting	<p>Felling near Couligartan aqueduct due to start at the end of November, will take approx. 3 months to complete, timber hauled through forest to Hoish</p> <p>Felling near slate quarry almost complete, approximately 3 weeks to finish felling and extraction, haulage thereafter</p>

Felling west of Dukes Pass near Leannach car park due to start later this month and run until March.