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STRATHARD
Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Feb 1st 2007
in Kinlochard Village Hall.

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1. **Sederunt:** Paul Owens, John Clow, John Fraser, Scott Provan, Ros Dingwall, Owen McKee, Nigel Brooks, A. Beaton, John Hare, FC., Central Scotland Police.
2. **Apologies:** Dr S Jackson, MSP, F. McEwan, S. Russell, R. Wolfe, PC J McDowell, M. Campbell, A. Goulancourt, D. Cameron.
3. **Minutes:** agreed.
4. **Matters arising:** Item 3; Members of the community joined the Community Trust and Stirling Council for a meeting to review the playpark plans. The Community now have a five year lease for the playpark which should make different funding sources available. The current plans will go ahead within this years budget, but fund-raising will start immediately to fund an all-weather play area which will be placed within the playpark. Item 6; Pride in the Park Gathering a great success. Item 9; Drains fixed within 24 hours and white lines now replaced.
5. **Discussion re local flooding:** Neither Ian Young from Stirling Council nor a representative from SEPA was able to attend. However phone discussions have made it clear that information on our floods is not circulated within the Council or passed on to SEPA, and there is a lack of awareness of the frequency and severity of our road closures. Since flooding at Echo Rock is lasting for several days at a time now, preventing access for any emergency services, as well as leaving locals with no safe or legal route in and out of their homes, it was decided to appeal via Strathard News for info, photos, memories, about recent and historical flooding, and, having prepared a dossier, to present it to Stirling Council, SEPA, and Sylvia Jackson, the aim being to push for funding for a full study of Strathard, for a possible monitor to record water levels, and to establish a communications system, linking road closures, school closures, etc., so that accurate data is available to all departments. John Hare explained that the Forestry Commission are very aware of the effects of clear felling on water run-off and they do try to mitigate the effects; future felling in Strathard kept to a minimum and re-planting will follow felling.
6. **Correspondence:**
 - Stirling Council:** Community Council mop-up elections. One vacancy in Kinlochard. Maureen has candidate packs. Closing date 9th Feb.
 - Stirling Council:** Talkback Annual Report – full details on website.
 - Stirling Council:** 'Pride in our Community'. 17th Feb., Old Viewforth 10.00- 13.00 John F. has booking form. Info and advice morning.
 - Scotland's Rural Past:** Supporting local communities in documenting abandoned rural settlements. Forthcoming events in March in Killin and Gartocharn.
 - Community Partnership:** Trossachs Area Network Meeting – 8th Feb., 7.30, Aberfoyle Memorial Hall. Topic – 'Development Trusts in the Trossachs'.
 - Dr S Jackson, MSP:** Detail of Raploch Surgery, 26th Jan.
 - Stirling Council (Katy):** Detail of forthcoming Area Forum Dates – 10/5/07, P of M Hall; 13/9/07, Thornhill Hall; 29/11/07, Callander Primary.
 - Health Visitor, Aberfoyle Clinic:** Detail of Young People's Fund, Scotland, to promote healthy and positive activities for 11-25 yr. olds
 - Stirling Council:** signed copy of our constitution. To be held in Secretary's files.
 - NHS Forth Valley:** Application to join Public Involvement Network, and details of PPF meeting on Dental Services, 7th Feb., 7.00, Viewforth.
 - Forestry Commission:** info re vehicle movements during maintenance on Hoish access.
 - National Planning Framework:** Details of seminars in Feb., Nearest – Tolbooth, 19th Feb., 10.00.
 - Letter** of thanks for Christmas parcel from Mrs MacDonald.

7. **Planning:** Applications Received – none.
Planning Update – Adventure course at David Marshall Lodge – approved.
Additional dish on NTL mast, Lochard forest – approved.
8. **Reports:** Councillor Beaton – Council tax budget meeting next week: Also discussion on site of new market.
Owen McKee – Classic Car Rally, 11th March, will use Duke's Pass; Opera in the Park, Balquhiddar, 18th Feb; Local housing needs assessment underway.
9. **AOCB:**
- Nigel Brooks, NP., local drop-in sessions are being arranged to consult on development of the Park Local Plan. Suggested session on 24th Mar. in Memorial Hall, Aberfoyle (or 17th Mar.)
 - Forestry Commission still repairing Hoish access, and clearing due soon at Lochan Sping, which will involve more traffic on Manse Road. Requests repeated to stress to drivers the need for care near housing.
 - LK12K run takes place on 12th April, Loch Katrine.
 - Gordon Watson has asked for examples of 5 buildings of a style that we like, and 5 we don't like. Discuss at next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 1ST MARCH IN INVERRNAID PRIMARY SCHOOL, 7.30PM.