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Minutes of meeting held on September 4th 2008 at Inversnaid Primary School

1. **Sederunt:** Ros Dingwall, Fiona McEwan, Geraint Short, Sue Russell, Scott Provan, Andre Goulancourt, Owen McKee, Cllr Fergus Wood.
2. **Apologies:** Ralph Wolfe, John Clow, Duncan Cameron
3. **Minutes:** Agreed.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - Outdoor drinking byelaw – letters sent to SNH and Stirling Procurator Fiscal requesting their advice and comments. SNH advised that they do not have byelaw making powers covering our area, but advised contacting Tim Edwards, Director of Visitor & Operational Services, National Park. No response yet from the Procurator Fiscal. The police would like more Special Constables and Rangers to help patrol lochside areas. Suggested that we should invite Chief Inspector Kevin Findlater and a representative from Stirling Council to the next meeting to discuss this. It was felt that designating the road a “clearway” would discourage people from camping next to their cars, and improved signage, pointing people in the right direction, would also help. The National Park is fairly receptive to needs for signage, so we should contact them with any suggestions on this.
 - Community Action Plan – community meeting held on 28th August, with various topics discussed, including flooding (improvements to culverts, verges, drainage & maintenance – Cllr Wood again advised that the 2 Quick Response Teams, one in Stirling and one in Callander, are now operational and will address the pothole/branch clearing/sign cleaning problems), lobbying for a pedestrian crossing at the playpark, more signage on Duchray Road, extending the 30mph zone further out of Aberfoyle towards the FC offices, skips and the Housing Needs survey.
 - Local Phone Directory – samples provided. There are also funds available to produce a visitor leaflet with details on all local businesses and services, though this would need to be updated more regularly. Agreed that this is a good idea.
5. **Correspondence:**

Stirling Council – Traffic Calming Scheme – Lochard Road. Updated proposals from Stirling Council received. Sue to write to Darren Ryan to express residents & schoolchildrens' view that a flashing sign is still necessary, and will assist with visibility when crossing the road to the play area.

Stirling Council – Meeting of the Planning Panel – 14th August.

Archie Holmes – letter stating his objections to Ron Stewart's proposed development plans. There have been 4 other resident objections so far, and no support expressed for the proposals.

LLT National Park – Draft National Park Local Plan: Update.

Stirling Council Housing Services – Allocations Policy Review – Consultation.

Stirling Council – Community Council Enquiry Service.

Stirling Council – Scottish Government Consultation on Town Centres & Local High Streets – Community Councils meeting 20th September, Stirling Council Chambers, Old Viewforth.

Rural Stirling Housing Association – invite to AGM – 17th September.

Scottish Ambulance Service – Patient Transport Service Eligibility/Escort Criteria.

Scottish Government – Consultation into Marches & Parades in Scotland.
6. **Planning:**
 - **(New): John Campbell Ltd, Montrose Rd, Aberfoyle** – erection of 3 dwellinghouses, upgrade of existing access, including 8 off street parking bays & turning head. He has spoken to Stirling Council Traffic Dept re access to the main road. There are no known neighbour objections. No real objections expressed by Community Council – just concerns over access/parking bays.
 - **1 Stronachlachar Lodge** – formation of a new entrance in place of existing window opening. Minor alteration – plans inspected in National Park Office.

- **Stronachlachar Pier** – application apparently being submitted (but still awaited) for temporary planning consent for the Katrine Wheelz container (Enforcement Officer case).
- **(Existing cases with updated info):** Ballanton Workshop, Aberfoyle – minor comments & queries submitted in consultation response.
- Ardselma, Lochard Rd, Aberfoyle – approved 28 August.
- Campbells Croft, Aberfoyle – plans inspected - difficult to identify any grounds for objection.
- 2 Lochside Cottages, Kinlochard – enforcement notice not appealed by 8 August deadline.
- Forest Hills Hotel – following all the hard work by Fiona, Fergus & Owen in successfully ensuring that the section 75 planning gain funds were reverted to a suitable roads project, Stirling Council has identified a suitable drainage scheme in the Milton area.
- **(Other):** Fiona will write to Ron Stewart regarding his Ard Park Proposals, reflecting the views minuted from August's Community Council meeting.
- A response has been submitted to the National Parks Review.
- Information is awaited from the Forestry Commission regarding the next stage of our objection to the proposed Loch Arklet planting. Fiona has sent a letter to Russell Lamont requesting paper copies of all information given.
- Advance notice from FC of intention to change the entrance at David Marshall Lodge – we have been invited to look at the plans – Fiona and Ros will do so. Historic Scotland has also been advised of the changes and will respond as part of the due process. Reservations expressed over the wood cladding.
- Planning Forum attended by Fiona & David. Some useful information on Design, and a good opportunity to query matters with the Planning officers responsible for the Local Plan.
- Cllr Wood gave advance warning of his plans for a hydro-turbine at Ledard Burn – the plan is to restore the dam & piping for farm use, with the residual power generated being fed back to the grid – plans yet to be submitted.

8. Reports:

- **Owen McKee** – there are to be 'Eco-Loo' trials at Balquhiddier Glen & Loch Fyne by Easter 2009. Shipping containers are to be used and hopefully solar energy for lighting. Ideally these are to be dry toilet systems, without the need for septic tanks.
- **Cllr Fergus Wood** – the **Village Hall Committee** has formally applied to the Council for funding from the sale of the village school, and submitted a business plan. The **football ground** at Aberfoyle is owned by the Council, but the football club funded the pavilion with help from the community. With the lease about to expire, it is hoped that an agreement can be reached whereby the football club could have use of the ground, while offering the Council use of the pavilion (which Ogilvie have recently refurbished as part of their work on the school). Ogilvie have also been approached for a quote for drainage work on the ground which has not been usable for 3 years due to flooding. A proposal to change Stirling Council's name to '**City & District of Stirling Council**' is being put forward, to try to get across a proper understanding of the area under its jurisdiction. **Viewforth parking** is currently being abused – a new carpark and park & ride are currently being built to address this. The **Aberfoyle Mushroom Festival** is to be held 16-19th October, with a Spanish theme this year. A **New Zealand Hangi** is to be held at Kinlochard Village Hall on Sept 20th.

9. AOCB:

- **Pressurised area status** – being applied for by Stirling Council, in order to prevent multiple right-to-buys.
- **TAN meeting** – Blairdrummond Hall, Thurs 18th Sept.
- **Pensioners Christmas Dinner** – provisionally booked for 1st or 8th December.
- **Christmas Lights** – there are currently multiple sets of lights owned by Trossachs Business Partnership (formerly Traders Association), available for use elsewhere – Inversnaid would be interested in these.
- **New Licensing Laws** – have resulted in a huge increase in the cost of applications. They also require not only a premises licence to be held, but additionally the presence of someone possessing a personal licence anytime alcohol is being dispensed. These and the various other onerous conditions imposed will have a huge impact on rural businesses dispensing alcohol.

Next meeting: Aberfoyle Memorial Hall on Thur 2nd October, 7.30pm