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MINUTES OF MEETING **HELD ON MONDAY 16th APRIL 2007** **IN CRIANLARICH VILLAGE HALL** **AT 7.30PM**

1. Present: Mary Anderson, Moira Robertson, Alan Smailes, John Riley, Brian Cairns, Elizabeth MacLellan, Angela Sclater, Joyce Russell, Gwyneth Scott, Cllr. Tony Ffinch, Owen McKee [NPA], Suzanne Player [SC] Police Officer Craig Murray

Apologies: None

2. Resignation

Louise Crothers has resigned as a Community Councillor due to family commitments.

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting [12.3.07]

Amendment Item 5.8 should read '*be a chance*' not '*be a change*'

Proposed Mary Anderson, Seconded Gwyneth Scott

4. Councillor Tony Ffinch's report

4.1 The Council has retired now due to the forthcoming Election on 3rd May when a new voting system will be in operation and will probably result in a completely new make-up of the Council.

5. Police Constable Craig Murray's report.

5.1 A major search for a missing walker on Ben More took place on Easter Monday. The man had a broken ankle and spent a night on the mountain but eventually got down by himself.

5.2 Craig asked about unmarked police cars and they are officers under training from Tulliallan College. Under current legislation they are allowed to travel outwith the speed limit so long as it is safe to do so. Any complaints should go to the traffic dept. at the college.

5.3 The 20mph sign outside the school is up and working. Craig will monitor it over the next few weeks.

5.4 Residents at Inverarnan asked if there was anyway that they could get a 30mph speed limit through the village. The answer is probably not, as there are not many residents. Craig will do speed checks but it is a 60mph limit.

6 Co-option

6.1 Moira Robertson proposed that Brian Cairns be co-opted as a Community Councillor; it was seconded by Joyce Russell and unanimously agreed.

7. Office Bearer's reports

Chair John's report

7.1 The day after the last CC meeting, John was invited to a meeting about the Gold Mine. Chris Sangster, Mine Manager, Gordon Watson, Planning NP, and the Crown Commission were present. It was a positive meeting.

When the mine was discussed by the CC a few years ago, they were in favour of it as it would bring in skilled jobs for all year and could be an added tourist attraction. A previous concern had been the utilisation of chemicals during the flotation process; which separates the gold rich ore from the dross. Chris Sangster had explained that the process of mineral dressing had developed and that no chemicals were likely to be used. Noise was a potential hazard but John had been assured that the ore crushing plant would be housed in a sound proofed building. We will hear more about the plans at a later stage.

The Crown Commission seemed in favour of the proposal.

It will be about 2 years before extraction starts [if approved]

Last time the mine had been proposed, there were estimates of 50 people being employed for 10 years but this would be expected to extend as normally one would expect to find more gold bearing ore during operation of the mine. In this scenario, there would probably need to be more housing and infrastructure and the community could gain, in this respect. Also, it was probable that there could be a planning gain for the community; the terms of which would need to be discussed at an appropriate time.

Under the Structure Plan amendment, going through consultation at present, where infrastructure is required, the developer would be expected to pay towards it as a Planning Gain.

7.2 Moira has been appointed as Community Profiler, and will work with the Steering Group to write a Community Profile which will feed into the Action Plan. She will undertake 20 interviews with stakeholders. The SCDT is holding the money and Moira will receive a flat fee for 15 days work, but there is money there for extra time if required.

Secretary Moira's report

7.3 Posters asking people to get involved in the coming Elections.

7.4 Licensing Board Quarterly Board Meeting 7th March – applications for regular extension of permitted hours from Beinglas Farm Campsite and Invervey Hotel

7.5 Posters advertising Sylvia Jackson MSP surgery on 9th and 26th March in Stirling and on 23rd/24th March at Riverside and Dunblane respectively.

7.6 Postwatch Scotland asked for email contact address to enable them to send out information quickly on any proposed changes by Post Office Ltd for our area.

7.7 Open Door – magazine for tenants from Stirling Council

7.8 Stirling Council's Grass-cutting Service. There is a proposed consultation on this service for when the Council must re-tender the contract in Spring 2008. Each area will receive a map showing the areas of Council responsibility and a questionnaire to gather community views. It will take place this summer.

7.9 ASIST Training – Choose Life. This is a national programme funded by the SE aimed at reducing the number of suicides in Scotland [2 people every day]. 3 training sessions are being held between May 07 and Jan 08. If interested contact Annie McIntosh on 01786 443475 mcintosh@stirling.gov.uk

7.10 Election of Public Partnership Forum and voluntary Sector Representatives to Stirling Community Health Partnership Committee. Membership form sent to receive information. John MacPherson, Killin, is still representing the area and it is believed that 2 people from Balquidder will also attend meetings.

7.11 SEPA View magazine main issue is biodiversity with several articles on this theme.

7.12 National Planning Framework Newsletter detailing the key themes that arose from the regional seminars on economy, connectivity, sustainability and communities.

7.13 Anne McGuire surgery 13th April Bannockburn

7.14 The SE have arranged for Friends of the Earth Scotland to provide free training on 'What you should know before planners and developers consult you'. This is a pilot scheme which deals with the changes on the way planners and developers have to consult as contained in the new Planning Bill. Gwyneth returned the form to say that we were interested and that there are 2 village halls and that daytime meetings are preferable in May or June.

7.15 Meetings

Executive meeting 12th April

Treasurer Mary's report

7.16 Balances as at 16th April 2007

Housing Group £61.68

Admin £87.20

Travel £105.80

7.17 It was agreed to ask Elma Scott if she will audit the accounts. **Action Mary**

8. Delegated Groups' reports

Transport

8.1 The 20mph sign at the school is now in place and working.

8.2 The A82 between Crianlarich and Tarbet will be closed at night, between 10pm and 6am, starting this evening for 3 weeks.

8.3 John replied to the Tactran consultation.

Planning

8.4 Gwyneth represented the CC and the residents of Inverarnan at the planning meeting to discuss the proposed sub-station at Inverarnan. She spoke to oppose the application on the following grounds: - impact on residential community, impact on listed buildings, noise and the effect on tourism and the loss of future development in the area.

Owen said that Gwyneth had highlighted the problems that exist and that the Planning Committee has severe doubts about allowing the proposal. The National Planning Framework needs to be considered, which states that if plans for the supply or production of electricity are frustrated by the Planning Committee, then Scottish Executive can overrule the decision.

Some technical questions could not be answered and further assessment must be made before planning application is looked at again.

Health is not applicable because planning has to go by the Stewart report which found no grounds.

This application is against the Park Plan.

Other areas have been looked at but discounted. It will not be seen from the road but will from all the surrounding hills.

It is at the place where 2 intersections link so from SSE point of view, it is the most appropriate. SSE has the power of compulsory purchase and if the application is refused, SE will probably allow it. It is a case of damage limitation exercise, so that we get the least damaging deal possible and maybe some recompense.

One other site in Glenfalloch was considered but it needed extra metres. Some of the cable is going underground, so if this site was used, maybe more could go underground.

The CC covering the area for Argyll did not make any comments, but there is only one resident likely to be affected.

A mitigation report from SNH is needed before the application is reconsidered.

Communications

8.5 The articles in the Killin News were good, thanks to those who contributed.

Environment

8.6 Gwyneth spoke to the Cemetery Officer regarding the state of the cemetery at Kirkton. At this point the gate was tied with string but has since been replaced with 'kissing gates' paid for by SC.

Headstones remain the responsibility of the relatives. Brian offered to ask Mr Jackinelly to get them repositioned, and this was agreed after Gwyneth has contacted the relatives to get their permission. **Action**

Gwyneth and Brian

The Cemetery Officer will do something about the water butts. Gwyneth was going to take photos, but this may not be necessary now.

Housing

8.7 The Strathfillan Housing Group will be renewing its membership with TPAS.

8.8 Joyce and Moira will be attending the TPAS Conference in October, funded by SC.

8.9 RSHA is now the owners of the 5 building plots in Mansefield.

Lower Station Yard Project

8.10 Still awaiting the results of the Housing Needs Assessment.

9. Owen Mckee's report

9.1 SE bought a new patrol launch for LL&TNP which broke down whilst undergoing trials on Loch Goil. The Rangers were going to take it to Ireland next week, this has been postponed.

9.2 The Callander Office should be open at the end of this month, with the official opening next month. The Access Officer, Land Officer and Rangers will be based there, with a Vivien Emery, Planning Officer coming by appointment. 2 Rangers will still be based at Lochearnhead.

Suzanne Player's report

9.3 BVLC is proving extremely popular in Tyndrum and they are considering an evening opening.

9.4 McLaren High School was inspected by HMIE who asked Suzanne for details of BVLC under 'links with the community' section. It was suggested that it could be possible for school children to use BVLC being they are unable to stay after school to use the facilities there.

9.5 Suzanne will email Rebecca Maxwell to get an update on the tendering for the school bus contract to Tyndrum. **Action Suzanne**

9.6 A workshop on Basic Life Support is being held on Wednesday 25th April at 7pm in Crianlarich village hall. It will be run by local ambulance staff.

9.7 Training sessions on the Standards of Community Engagement [how elected members and public employees engage with the community] are being held in conjunction with Killin and Balquidder CCs on Tuesday 24th April in Lochearnhead village hall. Angela and Brian will attend. Suzanne will email details.

Action Suzanne

7. Matters arising [not covered in minutes]

None

8. A.O.C.B.

8.1 There is water leaking near the base of the steps to Strathfillan Terrace. Brian will contact Scottish Water.

Action Brian.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

14th May 2007 in Crianlarich village hall at 7.30pm