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MINUTES OF MEETING **HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2008** **IN CRIANLARICH VILLAGE HALL** **AT 7.30PM**

1. Present: Elizabeth MacLellan, Mary Anderson, Moira Robertson, John Riley, Isla Craig,
Alan Smailes, Cllr. Tony Ffinch, Owen McKee [NPA] PC Craig Murray, Sgt. Gregor McFarlane

Apologies: Angela Sclater, Joyce Russell, Suzanne Player [SC]

2. Police Constable Craig Murray's report.

2.1 Craig introduced his immediate superior, Sgt. Gregor McFarlane who is based in Callander. The CC appreciated Gregor coming out to meet us.

2.2 There was a RTA in Tyndrum which resulted in a woman with a medical condition being taken to hospital, but she is now fine.

2.3 The Killin Mountain Rescue Team were called out to rescue a woman who had fallen on Cruach Ardrain. Everyone was in the right place at the right time and she was on route to Southern General by helicopter within the hour.

2.4 There was a meeting at Drovers Inn, Inverarnan between Strathclyde, Northern and Central Police forces to discuss the improvements required for the A82.

2.5 Parts of the A84/A85 and A82 in Crianlarich will be resurfaced during late March. This will include some night closures of the roads.

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting 11.2.08]

Amendments: - No date was in the heading – it should read Monday February 11th 2008
Cllr Paul Owens gave a report, not Cllr. Ffinch as stated.

Proposed Elizabeth MacLellan, seconded Mary Anderson

4. Office Bearer's reports

Chair John's report

4.1 The ACC meeting on 20th February had a presentation from Steve Macken on alternative forms of energy, where he outlined the pros and cons of each system. Representatives from 7 CCs were present, which is an increase from prior to the presentation format. It is hoped that more CCs will attend in the future. The next one is on April 23rd and is a presentation from the NP on the Local Plan.

4.2 The Area Network meeting was good, but there were only 6 community representatives and 7 from other bodies.

Secretary Moira's report

4.3 We welcome Isla Craig who has been elected to our CC and are sure that she will have a positive impact.

4.4 ASCC Newsletter

- Data Protection Act – The UK Information commissioner responsible for the enforcement of the Data Protection Act 1998 has recently classified Community Councils as Data Processors. This means that every CC must annually register with the Office of the Information Commissioner, pay an annual fee of £35, inform the OIC of the types of information it holds and how it is used. The ASCC will shortly publish guidance for all CCs to make the duty of registration as simple as possible.
- 12-week consultation on 2 governance documents as proposed by the CC Working Group. One is for a standardised 'Scheme for the establishment of CCs' and the second is for a 'Code of Conduct for all CCs.' It is important that as many Community Councillors respond, not just CCs. Your future is at stake.
- Terry Barlow has been elected as our ASCC Area Representative for Stirling

4.5 An information Seminar on SEPA's Thermal Treatment Criteria will be held on April 1st in Perth

4.6 Better Funding Applications workshop – Joyce and Moira tried to attend but didn't make it due to a sheep head-butting Joyce's car.

4.7 Community News – FVHB newsletter

4.8 Information on appointment of non-executive directors to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

4.9 Community Partnership Area Network meeting on 28th February –Topic NP presentation on the new Local Plan for the Park area

4.10 Funding Fair held in Albert Hall Stirling 10th March

4.11 Poster for Councillors surgery times – usually ½ hour prior to CC meetings.

4.12 Cllr. Paul Owens will, for health reasons, be unable to attend CC meetings or Cllr surgeries until further notice.

4.13 Shona Wellington Traffic Management Support Officer, Environmental Services Stirling Council asked for email address to send notifications of restrictions and traffic regulation orders. Moira replied.

4.14 Carers Connection:-

- Hospital Companion published by Which on www.which.co.uk advice on going into hospital, how to avoid infection, arrange help at home etc.

- Employment Support Allowance [ESA] - from autumn 2008 this will replace Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on the grounds of incapacity for new customers. New system will focus on assessing people's capability for work, not just their entitlement to benefit.
- Care service to be graded from beginning of April on scale of 1-6 to make it easier for public to check the quality and performance of a care service.

4.14 Moira attended a consultation session on the Local Healthcare Bill. There were 2 main sections - how to improve upon the current mechanisms/processes for public and community involvement with NHS Boards and views and comments on the issues which relate to direct elections to NHS Boards.

Moira reported some of the problems in this area to the SE officers.

4.15 Special Executive meeting 10th March

4.16 Anne McGuire MP Poster

Treasurer Mary's report

Nothing to report.

5. Delegated Groups' reports

Transport

Nothing to report

Planning

5.1 Planning consent was given for an extension at 1 Glenfalloch Road, Crianlarich

Communications

5.2 Moira will submit an article to the Killin News.

5.3 Scottish Communities Together – the website for CCs, is not being developed at the moment due to pressures on time of the members of the group.

Environment

5.4 Scottish Water are installing a water pipeline in Tyndrum at the moment and creating quite a mess beside the A82. Work has now moved to **besides** the path leading up to the Tyndrum cemetery.

Housing

5.5 It was agreed that the Housing Sub-group would renew its membership of Tenant Participation Advisory Service [TPAS] at a cost of £20.

5.6 Moira attends meetings of the Housing Advisory Group [HAG] where tenants meet with Councillors to discuss housing issues. The last meeting was 7th March and on the agenda was Private Housing Strategy, Allocations Policy Review, Service Review, Service Standards and Business Plan update.

Lower Station Yard Project

5.7 A meeting was held between members of the LSYP group and Lesley Malkin, Corporate Asset Manager, Patricia Peat, Service Manager, Strategy and Development - Housing Services, Margaret Turner, Development Officer - Housing Services to discuss the points raised by CC to Cllr. Paul Owen at our last meeting. See notes at appendix 1.

5.8 Tony will try to get a map of the line of the proposed Crianlarich by-pass. **Action Tony**

5.9 Rural Stirling Housing Association and SCDT have commissioned Rural Housing Services to carry out a Housing Needs Study in a form that will be acceptable to both NP and SC and this should be completed in the next 2 months. This will help when discussing where to site housing.

6. Reports

Councillor Tony Ffinch's report

6.1 There is a Special Council Meeting on 12th March on a vote of no confidence in the present administration. *This was carried and the administration is now SNP and Conservative.*

6.2 The budget will be discussed at the Council Meeting on 13th March.

6.3 Council Tax has been cut by 1.1% which makes the present services unworkable because there will have to be cuts.

Owen Mckee's report

6.4 The NP Board met today and the draft issue of the report from the Local Plan days was approved. It collates all the information gathered at the open days and summarises what was said and gives possible solutions. It will shortly be sent out to all CCs and the ACC who will be invited to state their preferences and answer specific questions. The consultation will last about 6 weeks. The report will also be on the website www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

6.5 The new NP headquarters is nearing completion – there was a problem with the water pressure and a new system is being installed. This has delayed the transfer of staff. There will be a police presence in the HQ and also approximately 20 employees from SEPA. Facilities for SNH and other agencies will be available.

6.6 The Gateway Centre, Lomond Shores is run by VisitScotland at present, but they are withdrawing. The NP will have to find a use for the building in the short term and decide on its future in the long term.

6.7 The Scottish Government has said the all Government Agencies have to work together and with NP, SEPA and the Police in the same **building it be will** a one-stop-shop for anyone wanting to contact them. You should be able to go to reception and be put in contact with the correct person.

Suzanne Player's report

Suzanne was not at the meeting, but sent an email - copied below.

6.8 BVLC is able to continue in Tyndrum for at least 6 months with a grant from Adult learning.

6.9 Next Area Network to focus on a council roads maintenance update and then hoping to have a Question time panel to answer on litter issues.

Date possibly to be moved to June but will confirm this.

6.10 Area Community Planning with the Council - in order to raise awareness in more people about what community planning is aiming to achieve, there are plans for a road show in the autumn. I will keep you updated on this.

6.11 Breadalbane area wide there is interest in the communities buying some moveable flashing 30mph signs which could be used across the area.

Might Crianlarich be interested? Not sure if they can be altered to 40 and used in Tyndrum - (until you manage to get limit reduced there) I will need to check.

7. Matters arising [not covered in minutes]

MA 6.8 John left a message with Brian Cairns re the caravans, but has not received a return call.

MA 6.10 Kirkton Cemetery - Ms. Docherty, SC said she would visit the site, but there has been no follow up.
Action Tony

MA 9.1 John reported the vandalism of the sign at Lower Station Road Tyndrum, but it has not been repaired.
Tony will take this forward. **Action Tony**

8. A.O.C.B.

8.1 It was agreed that the CC would find out the line of the proposed Crianlarich by-pass and then consult with the community for its views. This could be a public meeting or a questionnaire in the Killin News. The by-pass start date is 2010 for completion in 2012. **Action Moira, John and Isla**

9. Date, time and place of next meeting

Monday 14th April 2008 at 7.30pm in Crianlarich village hall.

Appendix 1.

Meeting with Strathfillan Community Trust

re - Housing in Crianlarich and Tyndrum

Tyndrum Community Hall

28 February 2008

Present:

Stirling Council

Lesley Malkin, Corporate Asset Manager

Patricia Peat, Service Manager, Strategy and Development - Housing Services

Margaret Turner, Development Officer - Housing Services

Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Moira Robertson

Theresa Elliott

John Reilly

Joyce Russell, Development Trust Development Officer

- Clifton
 - Planning permission/water agreements approved
 - No housing on site
 - Retail development only
- Scottish Agricultural College lease land adjacent to Mansefield in Tyndrum. LM to explore this further.
- Last 12 years moratorium on building due to water issue has been removed.
- Strathfillan community have been looking for play facilities for over 10 years. Children have to travel to Killin for football.
- Unhappy with the current level of service provided by the council. Want an integrated service from all bodies involved in the area.
- Crianlarich bypass

- Concerned that tourists will not stop in Crianlarich if there are no play facilities once the bypass has opened. Due to start 2010.
- Gold Mine to be re-opened
 - This will be around for 8 years and will provide employment for approximately 60 people who will require temporary accommodation rather than permanent.
- Crianlarich Play Area site issues
 - Investing Ideas awarded £10,000 for consultancy work etc;
 - Estimated that it will cost around £240,000 to construct the play area site proposals;
 - Has the road been constructed to an adoptable standard?
 - What other roads in the area are not adopted?
 - An area of the site is contaminated, another area is solid concrete;
 - £50,000 is maximum the Trust could raise to pay for the Crianlarich site;
 - LM letter – not suitable to approach funder; and
 - Play Services/Active Stirling/Community Services were all involved with the community in the design of the Crianlarich site.
- Crianlarich Primary School
 - play area to rear of school could be better utilised;
 - would a MUGGA pitch fit here?;
 - 46 pupils, 3 classes (1 class in hall); and
 - there is no green space for children to play on.
- If any other site could be found for a play area that is overlooked the community would be happy with this.
- If nothing is happening with site in the immediate future it **must** be tidied.