

# Strathfillan Community Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING** **HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008** **IN CRIANLARICH VILLAGE HALL** **AT 7.00PM**

**1. Present:** Joyce Russell, [Vice Chair] Alan Smailes, Elizabeth MacLellan, Mary Anderson, Moira Robertson, Isla Craig, Owen McKee [NPA] Suzanne Player [SC] Cameron Taylor, Bill Muir, PC Craig Murray

**Apologies:** John Riley, Angela Sclater, Cllr. Tony Ffinch

### **2. Approval of minutes of last meeting [14.4.08]**

Proposed, Joyce Russell, seconded Alan Smailes

### **3. Police Constable Craig Murray's report.**

3.1 The Ironworks initiative is proving its worth, with substantially reduced amount of calls to the lochside. Talks are on-going with Strathclyde Police to try to get them on board. There have been no reported calls to Loch Earn this month and fishermen have even requested litter bags.

3.2 There was a fatal accident in the Strathclyde area of the A82 on 9<sup>th</sup> May involving a motorcyclist and the road was closed for 7 hours. There have been no motorcycle accidents in this area and this could be due to the fact that the police are out in force at the weekends.

3.3 Fake English £20 notes are being passed in the area – they all have the same serial numbers. If offered a fake, businesses are supposed to retain the notes.

3.4 The vandalism in Tyndrum has been dealt with and a fixed penalty fine paid as well as full reparation.

3.5 Commercial tyres have been dumped in 2 lay-bys on the A84/A85. Craig has informed Stirling Council [SC] to arrange for them to be uplifted.

3.6 A household oil container in Tyndrum had been tampered with, but probably because it was nearly empty, no oil was taken.

3.7 Do the police plan to target illegal noisy exhausts on motorbikes? It is the Traffic Dept who deals with this, and is difficult to enforce. The culprits would be issued with a 21 day vehicle rectification, but often put the illegal exhaust back after inspection. It was agreed that the CC would write a letter to the Traffic Dept, through PC Craig Murray. **Action Moira**

#### **4. Office Bearer's reports**

##### **Chair John's report**

4.1 This was given by Joyce after talking with John.

4.2 A meeting has been arranged between the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and Effie Crompton, SCDT, and Derek Donald, TranServ, John Withers, Transport Scotland, Sgt. Alistair MacLean, Central Scotland Police to discuss the speed limit in Tyndrum. **Action**

4.3 John has been fighting hard to get the night A82 road closures move back from 8.30pm to 10pm. At present they have been postponed.

##### **Secretary Moira's report**

March – April 08

4.4 Receipt from TPAS for membership fees

4.5 Local Plan Issues Report documents –  
Development Plan Scheme  
Strategic Environmental Assessment  
Strategic Environmental Assessment Appendix 4  
Response Form

4.6 Forest Enterprise Scotland – Framework Strategic Plan and Forest District Strategic Plan: Invite to contribute to the strategy documents. Copies from [www.forestry.gov.uk/fesplans](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/fesplans) or 01463 232811 and the consultation was open until 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

4.7 Postwatch Scotland newsletter. Articles on community run post offices. Consequential loss, Requesting Royal Mail not to deliver to the door [you can change your mind even if this has been the arrangement for a number of years] Stamp price rise.

4.8 Anne McGuire MP newsletter

4.9 Scottish Gas leaflet about free home insulation and saving energy

4.10 Scottish Government Survey on the ASCC stakeholders – John replied to this.

4.11 Forestry commission Scotland's draft Climate change action plan 2008-2010 Public consultation until 6<sup>th</sup> June, email copies from [fcs.climatechange@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:fcs.climatechange@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or 0131 3146156 guidance on [www.forestry.gov.uk/ccapscotland](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/ccapscotland)

4.12 Planning Modernisation – consultation and electronic publication strategy. The Planning [Scotland] Act 2006 has implemented substantial changes which are now being implemented. Some of these measures have significant implications for CCs reinforcing their roles as key participants in the planning system. Current draft regulations have been out for consultation. In future only a few documents will be issued in hard copy – most being available from the website. Register your details at <http://response.questback.co/scottishexecutive/planning/>

4.13 Waterwatch Scotland – this is the national complaints handling authority and consumer representative body for all water customers in Scotland. They have the power to make statutory recommendations to Scottish Ministers, Scottish Government, Scottish Water and other industry regulators on our behalf. It engages with local communities and representative organisations via its Regional Panels. We are in the South West Panel

4.14 Sitelines – magazine for the owners and occupiers of Scotland's Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

4.15 SEPA view magazine

#### 4.16 Councillor surgery dates poster

April to May 08

4.17 The transitional period for The Licensing [Scotland] Act 2005 began on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2008 and will come fully into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2009. It gives the members of the public more involvement in their local community through greater rights to comment of licensing applications and through Local Licensing Forums. Leaflets handed out to Councillors.

4.18 The following establishments have applied to Stirling Licensing for a premises license: -  
Beinglas Farm Campsite, Green Welly Stop and The Lodge House

4.19 Scottish Calor Village of the year Competition 2008 is underway. The deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit [www.calorvillageoftheyear/scotland](http://www.calorvillageoftheyear/scotland) for full details.

4.20 Community Newsletter from Forth Valley NHS Board. Ian Mullen OBE Chairman of the NHS Board confirmed the Board's gratitude for the valuable contribution made by voluntary organisations. Tackling Health Inequalities caused by differences in life circumstances and other determinants of health and should be tackled by both undertaking initiatives which specifically target disadvantaged communities and groups and by making sure that all our services address the issue of inequalities to maximise potential benefits to disadvantaged groups and minimise any negative consequences. Improving Services for Older People across FV. New Hospital

4.21 The Stirling Public Partnership Forum [PPF] has identified 4 topics for discussion to be put in order of importance. We chose 1. Out of Hours Health Services, 2. New hospital at Larbert including transport issues, 3. The Stirling Community Hospital [including provision of out-patients], 4. Orchard House development. The first one will be debated in 7<sup>th</sup> June.

4.22 Minutes of Stirling PPF meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the Role of the PPF and agree a way forward.

4.23 Agenda for meeting of Stirling Council Executive on 13<sup>th</sup> May.

4.24 At the end of the minutes is a copy of the joint statement by Scottish Government and COSLA on Community Empowerment.

4.25 Poster for Councillor Surgeries.

4.26 Both John and I have received invitation for 2 the opening of the new National Park Headquarters at Balloch. It is on 20<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am to 2.30pm. No takers so far for the 2 other places.

4.27 Poster for Anne McGuire MP surgery in Raploch on 2nd May

4.28 I have received a copy of the ASCC draft constitution for comments or proposals for amendment John will respond to this **Action John**

4.29 A Scottish Government CC Working Group Consultation on the proposals for a draft model scheme for CCs. Helen Geddes, Lyn Kennedy and Peter Rickard were on the working group. Moira will respond to this. **Action Moira**

### **Treasurer Mary's report**

4.30 No change. The ink cartridges have been ordered.

4.31 The accounts need auditing before the AGM. It was agreed to ask Elma Scott. **Action Mary**

### **5. Delegated Groups' reports**

#### **Transport**

Nothing

#### **Planning**

5.1 Application for change of use from dwelling to Guest House from West Highland Lodge.

#### **Communications**

Nothing

#### **Environment**

Nothing

#### **Housing**

Nothing

#### **Lower Station Yard Project**

5.2 RSHA has written to Stirling Council to say that they would like to be involved in a split project.

### **6. Councillor's report**

No Councillor present.

#### **Owen McKee's report**

6.1 The NP will soon announce the appointment of the new chief executive; the appointment needs to be sanctioned by the Minister.

6.2 A seasonal ranger has been employed at Balquidder. Litter used to be dealt with by wardens, but is now a joint responsibility for wardens and rangers.

#### **Suzanne Player's report**

6.3 Suzanne apologised for not being able to attend the last few CC meetings.

6.4 Suzanne received a Mobile Youth Space timetable which states that it will be in Tyndrum [6.45pm] and Crianlarich [8pm] on a Monday night and was due to start but the vehicle was out of action at present. She did not have any other details about the programme, it does not appear to have been advertised in the area, and the Exit Youth Group leaders have not been contacted. Suzanne will contact the project leader Susan Smith to find out more details.

6.5 Breadalbane Virtual Learning Centre and SCDT are still in negotiations about the future of the Internet Café in Tyndrum.

6.6 The next Area Network meeting in on 5<sup>th</sup> June in Balquidder and the topic is Litter Issues. It will take the form of a question time panel with various organisations representatives on the panel including Stirling Council and Forestry Commission.

### **7. Matters arising [not covered in minutes]**

Nothing

## **8. A.O.C.B.**

8.1 Cameron Taylor has offered to fund the purchase of hanging baskets for Crianlarich and is liaising with SCDT to see if it is a feasible project.

8.2 A questionnaire has been sent out by Bruce Crawford MSP regarding the proposed bypass. Not everyone has received one and it was agreed to ask Bruce if only a specific area was targeted.

### **Action Moira**

*Bruce's office has contacted Moira and the intention was for everyone in Strathfillan to receive a questionnaire.*

8.4 The proposed bypass could be an opportunity to develop Crianlarich and perhaps get help with funding. To do this we need to be proactive and decide what the area needs to bring tourist into it **before** the bypass plan is drafted. At the same time we need to be aware of what other developments are proposed for the rest of Strathfillan. It was agreed to arrange a meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm in Crianlarich village hall and to ask all interested residents and businesses to bring along ideas. **Action Isla, Joyce and Cameron**

## **9. Date, time and place of next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June in Crianlarich village hall. The AGM will start at 7pm and the general meeting will follow.



COS LA  
**25 April 2008**

Colleagues

Joint Commitment to Community Empowerment

We are delighted that for the first time in Scotland, central and local government are making an explicit joint commitment to helping local people to play their full part in making Scotland flourish.

For the Scottish Government and COSLA empowering communities is not jargon, it is a key element of what we are both about. This is an agenda we share with colleagues from across the public, voluntary and community sectors.

A key element of our joint commitment is to be clear about what community empowerment is and why it matters.

We see community empowerment as a process where people work together to make change happen in their communities by having more power and influence over what matters to them. We also each believe in the central representative role of councillors in invigorating local democracy, and we see the process of community empowerment as a key way of complementing this.



**The Scottish  
Government**

In getting to this point we have listened to a wide range of people and we have responded to what we heard. So we are seeking to provide strategic leadership. We are not launching new short term initiatives and we will celebrate the vibrant work that is already being done across the country.

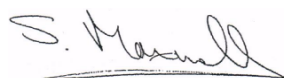
To support this high level commitment, we will also develop an Action Plan in partnership with the community and voluntary sectors over the coming months. Based on feedback we have received to date the broad outline of that plan will cover:

- Highlighting examples of community empowerment;
- Providing direct capacity building investment to community groups;
- Investing in an integrated programme to develop skills, learning and networking in relation to community empowerment and engagement;
- Developing support to help communities own assets;
- Investing in improved support for community capacity building;
- Working with Audit Scotland to agree how to assess progress on empowerment.

Today's joint commitment is a starting point for a long term journey, and we look forward to continuing to work together and with communities as it develops.



COUNCILLOR HARRY MCGUIGAN  
COSLA Spokesperson for Community  
Well-being and Safety



STEWART MAXWELL MSP  
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