

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TROSSACHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
8TH MARCH 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Martin Earl (Chairman)
Jane Begg
Duncan Carmichael
Roger Drapper
Iain Fraser
John Isbister
Ron Mendham
Lesley Niven
Frank Trzebiatowski

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Messer (first part of the meeting only) and Mary Kenyon

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Gene Maxwell.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2007

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Iain Fraser and seconded by Ron Mendham.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) ABANDONED CAR IN DUNCRAGGAN ROAD

The car has been removed.

b) NATIONAL PARK CONVENER

Mike Cantalay has been invited to attend the April or May TCC meeting.

c) CALOR GAS AWARD

Receipted invoice from TDWA is still outstanding and Martin to chase.

d) NATIONAL PARK PLINTH

Martin has not yet been in touch with the owners of the land on Duncraggan Road behind

the hall, but will do so when time allows.

e) BRIG O'TURK GRAVEYARD

Duncan to progress.

4. PRESENTATION BY TIM MESSER - COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

In his presentation, Tim informed the meeting that Trossachs is in the second round of the process to revise the Community Action Plan and work will need to start before the end of March to establish a steering group with representatives of TCC, TCT and TDWA and the first meeting of that group should take place in early April. The process will be supported by Tim and Mike Greg from the National Park and funded by Community Futures who will pay £750 costs of a Community Profiler.

In addition, a Community Survey will be sent out to all local residents and a Community Action Plan workshop will be organised. The end result of the process will be to identify issues to be taken forward.

In a separate process, the planning authority will hold a series of consultation open days in relation to the National Park Local Plan sometime before early summer.

Members of TCC voiced a number of concerns including - being told what to do and when to do it, the community profile should be led by TCT, steering group should include TCC representative, local plan consultation should be TCC matter, issues around confidentiality and costs.

Agreed that Martin should contact the chairmen of TCC, TCT, TDWA and LKCT with a view to setting up a joint meeting asap.

Martin thanked Tim for attending the CC meeting.

5. REPORTS

No reports have been received.

Ron to contact the chairman of TCT to enquire about future meeting dates and the AGM.

John Isbister to circulate the financial statement which should be attached to the February TCC minutes.

6. SPECIFIC ITEMS

a) PLANNING

The extension to Frennich House has been approved.

New applications listed include erection of wooden ticket booth to be used as information point and for ice cream sales at Trossachs Pier and an extension to existing dwelling to form additional dwelling house at 3 Glenfinglas Dam. Jane to ascertain whether TCC will be consulted.

Jane to send photographs and sizes of the signs at the Byre Inn to the planning authority.

Comments are required by 30 April on the draft consultation document - "Planning Towards 2025". Jane to review and report back to the next meeting.

b) ROADS

Stuart Inglis has been unavailable and so the broken culvert/drain opposite the top of Duncraggen Road is still to be investigated. Some of the recently repaired culverts on the A821 still need more attention. Martin to progress.

c) WELCOME PACK

Lesley confirmed that the telephone directory pages have now been updated. Agreed to include information about local B & Bs, restaurants and leisure facilities. Any additional information to be emailed to Lesley by 14 March.

d) TCC BOUNDARY

Waiting for decision from Stirling Council.

e) STIRLING COUNCIL GRANT

Defer to next meeting.

f) COMMUNITY WEBSITE

TCC agendas and minutes to be sent to Hilary Robertson for inclusion in the website.

g) COMMUNITY POLICING

Noted that PC Hannah has left and has been replaced by PC Stewart Kerr who has confirmed that he will attend future meetings. Information is needed from PC Hannah to progress the Standing Witness Statements through the Loch Venacher Management Group. May be possible to make use of existing Anti Social Behaviour legislation.

h) POST BUS

Defer to next meeting.

i) TROSSACHS AREA NETWORK & PLAN

Martin reported that no response has been received to the detailed questions raised by TCC last November despite John Epps' agreement to remind Lesley Campbell. Both Callander and Kilmadock CCs have supported concerns raised by TCC in relation to the TAN minutes and the timing of meetings.

j) ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

Posters and banners have been put up and adverts have been placed in the Villager, Ben Ledi View, Strathard News and the Stirling Observer.

There will about 12 exhibitors covering a wide range of topics and only 2 will require expenses. They will set up from 11am and help will be required then and throughout the day. Catering will be provided by TDWA.

k) NATIONAL ACCESS FORUM/CAMPING CONSULTATION

Martin to complete - any comments to him by 14 March.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since last meeting was noted.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) THE VILLAGER

Agreed to suggest a reciprocal arrangement by supplying TCC minutes instead of a

subscription.

9) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed, at Lesley's request to alter the date of TCC meetings to the third Thursday of the month. Lesley to circulate revised schedule of meetings. The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 19 April at 7.30pm