

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TROSSACHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
19th APRIL 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Mike Cantlay Convener National Park Board
Owen McKee National Park Board Member
PC Stewart Kerr Callander Police
Liz Maxwell Trossachs Community Trust
Keith Niven Loch Achray Conservation Association
Mark Wilkinson Venacher Lochside
Jim & Marina Lindsay
Susan Trzebiatowski
Mary Kenyon

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from John Isbister, Peter Longworth and Jan Wilkinson.

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

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Jane Begg and seconded by Iain Fraser.

3. DR CANTLAY - CONVENER OF THE NATIONAL PARK

See attached notes.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) CALOR GAS AWARD

Invoice has been received from TDWA.

b) NATIONAL PARK PLINTH

Martin to progress.

c) BRIG O'TURK GRAVEYARD

Duncan has received email confirmation from David Crighton at Stirling Council that concerns will be reported to the appropriate council committee.

d) TCC BOUNDARY

No decision on proposed changes is expected until after the council elections on 3 May.

e) STIRLING COUNCIL GRANT

£200 of the remaining monies is to be used to offset half the cost of the first aid course for 10 local residents.

f) ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

Martin thanked Duncan and Roger for their hard work in putting together what was generally thought to be a very successful event and everyone else who helped on the day. Duncan has copies of press coverage.

g) NATIONAL ACCESS FORUM/CAMPING CONSULTATION

The survey document has been completed and returned.

h) THE VILLAGER

Duncan to investigate the possibility of setting up a reciprocal arrangement.

5. REPORTS

a) LOCH KATRINE COMMUNITY TRUST

Noted that two properties at Stronachlacher now occupied by Rural Scotland Housing Association tenants.

b) LOCH ACHRAY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

2006 Annual report is available. Roger reported that he had attended the recent AGM which was a fairly productive meeting. Issues around litter, camping and anti social behaviour had been discussed and disappointment expressed that the Forestry Commission have done little or nothing to improve the situation in the past year.

c) TROSSACHS COMMUNITY TRUST

Liz confirmed that, at their recent meeting, members of the trust had decided unanimously not to support the drafting of a Community Action Plan as proposed by NP Community Futures. The cost of compilation and production were thought to be excessive.

The last amount of funding for the Village Hall project has been received which resulted in a surplus after settlement of all outstanding invoices. It had been agreed to return £2000 to TDWA to be spent on the Village Hall.

A meeting will be arranged to discuss the history archive, the Glen Finglas Field and a date for the AGM.

d) FINANCE

Financial statement as at 05.04.07 prepared by John Isbister was circulated. Shows current balance of £1185

6. SPECIFIC ITEMS

a) PLANNING

Applications

Plans of proposed extension at No 3 Glen Finglas Dam had been received. Agreed not to comment.

Noted that Martin had advised the planning authority that TCC will want to be consulted on proposals for dry dock at Trossachs Pier. Consultation will be sought once an Environmental Impact Assessment has been carried out.

Planning applications at Coilintogle and Trossachs Pier have been approved and application at Achray Toll House has been refused.

Noted that application to install windmill at Taransay has been received. No comment.
Structure Plan

Noted that there are only a few changes from the previous document. Pressure for 200 new houses (25% affordable) may have some impact in TCC area. Agreed it was not necessary to comment on the draft plan. A copy is available in the Post Office.

b) ROADS

Nothing to report. Defer to next meeting.

c) WELCOME PACK

Lesley confirmed that packs are now complete and ready to be distributed to new residents. Agreed to look at how information should be collated and published for wider distribution.

d) COMMUNITY POLICING

PC Stewart Kerr explained that although he had worked in Callander for a number of years, he had only recently taken on the role of community policing. He emphasised the need to report by telephone all incidents of anti social behaviour and to obtain an incident number as it is essential that accurate records be maintained to assess any increase in the levels of complaints.

For all other business, PC Kerr can be contacted by email at Stewart.Kerr@centralscotland.pnn.police.uk

e) POST BUS

Still awaiting response from David Brown of Stirling Council.

f) COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN / LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

It was agreed to support TCT's decision not to progress the Community Action Plan and to conduct a local consultation exercise ourselves later in the year. Martin, Duncan and Liz to draft community survey forms. Agreed with TCT's decision to return funding of £2500 but to ask for costs when consultation has been completed. Noted that there would be no need for the £750 for community profiler post.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Agreed that Gene Maxwell would be contact for TCC pages on the community website.

b) CALLANDER YOUTH PROJECT

Callander Youth Project now has a minibus for hire by community organisations, groups and local businesses. Contact CYP office on 01877 330141 or email info@cyp.org.uk. A booking form can be downloaded form their website at www.cyp.org.uk

c) MAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT LECTIONS

Information available form new elections website at www.stirling.gov.uk/elections

Hustings for the Scottish Parliamentary Elections will be held at the Smith Art Gallery in Stirling on Wednesday, 25 April at 7pm.

d) STIRLING COUNCIL GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME

The consultation draft is now available on Stirling Council's website at www.stirling.gov.uk/ges. Comments requested by 11 May.

9) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Trossachs Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 May in the Village Hall.