

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TROSSACHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON
21ST JUNE 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:

Martin Earl (Chairman)
Duncan Carmichael
Roger Drapper
Iain Fraser
John Isbister
Gene Maxwell
Ron Mendham
Lesley Niven
Frank Trzebiatowski
Jan Wilkinson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: P C Stewart Kerr and Cllr Tony Ffinch

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Owen & Wood.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2007

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Duncan Carmichael and seconded by Frank Trzebiatowski.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) NATIONAL PARK PLINTH

Martin has spoken with Mr McFarlane who owns the land adjacent to the land where it is hoped to site the plinth and a site meeting is to be arranged. Martin will also arrange for all the mistakes in the text to be corrected.

b) TCC BOUNDARY

Confirmation of proposed changes still awaited and Cllr Ffinch to make enquiries.

c) GRAVEYARD

Noted that some trees have been cut back and grass verge cut but agreed that Duncan

should continue to liaise with Stirling Council as further works are required.

d) TAN MEETINGS

A rota for attendance at TAN meetings is still to be agreed and in the meantime, volunteers will be sought when the date of the next meeting is known.

e) COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Duncan gave a brief verbal report of the meeting held on 16 June but felt the most useful part of the day was meeting the recently elected councillors.

Cllr Ffinch confirmed that there will always be one councillor at every TCC meeting but suggested that any concerns should be directed by email to all three elected members who would work together. Surgeries will be held immediately before Community Council meetings at 7pm in the Village Hall on 20 September and 18 October with Cllr Ffinch and 15 November and 20 December with Cllr Owens.

f) COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAMS

Martin explained to Cllr Ffinch that in a telephone conversation with Les Goodfellow, (Head of Stirling Council's Environmental Services Dept), he had received an assurance that Environmental Services will continue to pay the landfill charge until such time as the new Council decided otherwise and it had been hoped that this would allow the Community Service teams to continue to litter pick along the loch side. However, the service has not yet been reinstated and Cllr Ffinch agreed to raise again with Les Goodfellow and to support the Community Council's position when the issue discussed at a future Council meeting. (It was noted the Council will not be constituted in full until 28 June.)

4. REPORTS

a) LOCH KATRINE COMMUNITY TRUST

No report.

b) LOCH ACHRAY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

No report but noted the the chairman would be attending the Loch Venacher Management meeting on 12 July.

c) TROSSACHS COMMUNITY TRUST

No report. It was hoped to hold a meeting before the end of June.

d) FINANCE

Agreed that Martin & John should meet to clarify situation with regard to the various grants received.

5. SPECIFIC ITEMS

a) PLANNING

Frank will make contact with Michelle McGuire in the National Park Planning Department to arrange to be notified of the publication of the weekly planning schedule.

Agreed that there was no need to comment of the application for a conservatory at the Toll House, Loch Achray.

Noted that the application for a dry dock at Trossachs Pier had been withdrawn.

A number of local residents had approached the Community Council about their concerns about the recent excavation works at Dunvegan Cottage. Agreed that Frank should ask Mike Kriess if he had ascertained whether planning permission or authorisation from Building Control was required for the work.

b) ROADS

Sections of the A821 at Milton Farm and the Byre to Tigh Mor are scheduled for repair in September. All will require road closures. Also hoped that some work to Glen Finglas Road will be possible at least as far as the School although subject to available funding.

Martin to speak to Callander Community Council about the state of the Invertrossachs road where the verges have been eroded and are a hazard to cars pulling over to allow oncoming traffic to pass.

ClIr Ffinch will check on the positioning of various signs on the railings near the junction at Kilmahog.

c) COMMUNITY POLICING

No reported crime in the TCC area. PC Kerr will chase the replacement 40mph sign and request speed monitoring equipment.

Chief Inspector Findlater is to attend the Loch Venacher Management meeting on 12 July together with PC Kerr, Mike Cantaly and Keith Niven. Martin will ask Peter Bennett to invite Robert Scott and an appropriate representative from Stirling Council. Cllr Finch suggested that Cllr Wood be invited in view of his experience of dealing with similar problems in the Aberfoyle/Kinlochard area. TCC will be represented by Frank and Roger.

Noted that the Police have been patrolling various loch areas in the evening and at weekends and patrol cars can be diverted to problem areas if required.

d) POST BUS

Duncan Carmichael is to meet with David Brown on 22 June.

e) COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN/LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Martin reported that he and Duncan had met with Liz Maxwell on 10 June to discuss the community survey. A questionnaire will be sent to all households and a series of interviews with employers and others will be held in September. It is intended to produce the Community Plan in an inexpensive, easily updated format and it is hoped that there may be some funding available from the National Park. Martin and Liz Maxwell are to meet with Lesley Campbell on 25 June.

f) VILLAGE DIRECTORY

The updated directory is complete and will be distributed next week with the Bicycle Tree. Amendments and additions to the residential telephone numbers will be published in future editions of the Bicycle Tree. Lesley was thanked for her work in updating and producing the directory.

Kate Longworth has offered to deliver a "welcome pack" to any new residents.

g) ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS

While the ACC was considered to be useful in the past, it was agreed that as events have moved on, it would be sensible to incorporate this function into the Area Network

Structure.

h) STIRLING COUNCIL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Cllr Ffinch agreed to raise the Community Council's concerns that a consultation meeting on this important subject had been scheduled during working hours on a weekday. Duncan Carmichael may be able to attend the meeting on 27 June at the Terraces Hotel in Stirling.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) BICYCLE TREE

Martin reported on the recent press coverage of the Bicycle Tree. It was agreed the Community Council would not support an application for a Tree Preservation order, both because the tree is not under any imminent threat and because, as a sycamore, it is not thought to be a particularly worthy specimen.

8) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 20 September 2007 at 7.30pm.