

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TROSSACHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
...18<sup>th</sup> October 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Martin Earl (Chairman)  
Iain Fraser  
Frank Trzebiatowski  
Gene Maxwell  
Ron Mendham

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor FFinch, PC Kerr

1. APOLOGIES  
Apologies for absence were received from John Isbister, Roger Drapper, Lesley Niven.
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007  
The approval of the minutes was proposed by Iain Fraser and seconded by Martin Earl
3. MATTERS ARISING
  - a) NATIONAL PARK PLINTH  
2 of 4 landowners have been spoken to, ME still to contact the others.
  - b) TCC BOUNDARY  
Awaiting action by Stirling Council
  - c) CC Vacancies  
Peter Brown was co-opted onto the CC at the last meeting, pending vacancy elections in Feb 08.
  - d) Daffodil Planting.  
Iain Frazer is working with Duncan Carmicheal to arrange planting along the main road. The Woodland Trust is checking to see if their policy allows planting daffodils on their property.
  - e) Post Office  
Nothing to report
  - f) Environmental day  
Due to the limited number of attendees this issue was postponed to the Nov meeting
  - g) Callander CC Links  
Awaiting response from callander CC
4. REPORTS
  - a) FINANCE  
The Stirling Council Admin grant has been applied for but not yet received
  - b) LOCH VENACHER MANAGEMENT GROUP  
A meeting will be held at Vennacher Lochside at 7 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to discuss litter related issues post the NP seasonal litter campaign Martin Earl and PC Kerr to attend

- c) TROSSACHS AREA NETWORK  
Nothing to report
- d) LOCH KATRINE COMMUNITY TRUST  
Nothing to report
- e) LOCH ACHRAY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION  
Nothing to report
- f) TROSSACHS COMMUNITY TRUST  
AGM is being organised for later this month, Conflicting diaries causing problems !
- 5. SPECIFIC ITEMS
  - a) PLANNING  
Problems with downloading the latest planning reports. No issues affecting the area have been reported.
  - b) ROADS  
Stirling Council have allocated a further £0.5m to B, C and Unclas roads. None allocated to local roads in this area
  - c) COMMUNITY POLICING  
PC Kerr would be interested to hear of possible displacement of anti-social activity to other areas following action taken along the N Shore of Loch Vennachar. It was noted that anti-social behaviour in that area appears to have decreased in recent weeks.  
PC Kerr confirmed that reported delays in opening roads following serious accidents are NOT due to lack of minor equipment such as cameras. Serious accidents involve a major investigation with detailed examination of the scene by specialist officers based in Stirling.
  - d) POST BUS  
Changes in the sorting office hours have dictated a change in the post bus timings, resulting in only a 55 minute stop in Callander ( 13.35 arrival to 14.30 departure).  
Councillor FFinch to investigate if this reduced opportunity still meets the contracted service paid for by Stirling Council. Councillor FFinch will also investigate the potential for public use of the school bus.
  - e) COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN/LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION  
Nothing to report on the Local Plan  
Martin to email CC members details of a meeting between CC and TCT re the Community Action Plan.
  - f) STIRLING COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAMS  
A group of "The Agencies" including Stirling Council and the police have agreed to pilot funding of the cost of disposal of litter collected by Community Service teams on Loch Vennachar. Martin Earl to ask that this pilot to adopted as standard practise and that Loch Achray litter-picks be included in the scheme.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Details received of the National Heritage Grant Scheme. Martin Earl had investigated the potential of the scheme to assist local projects without success. Gene Maxwell added that as the scheme only allocated £150k over 3 years to the NP area and contrasted the limited impact of this initiative with the £7m pa budget of the National Park Authority.

The CC had been copied correspondence from Keith Niven to Stirling Council regarding the poor state of road verges and litter.

Waterwatch Scotland. Notice received of a meeting at 6pm on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov in Falkirk to air complaints over water related issues. ( details from Martin Earl)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor FFinch reported that a Stirling Councillor had been "removed from the whip" and reported to the Standard Committee for alleged misdemeanours.

a) COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Vacancy elections will be held in Feb 08

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2007 at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.