

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TROSSACHS COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON  
20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Martin Earl (Chairman)  
Roger Drapper  
Iain Fraser  
John Isbister  
Lesley Niven  
Frank Trzebiatowski

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Brown and Cllr Tony Ffinch

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Duncan Carmichael, Gene Maxwell, Jan Wilkinson and Ron Mendham.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2007

The approval of the minutes was proposed by Iain Fraser and seconded by Roger Drapper.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) NATIONAL PARK PLINTH

Martin has spoken to Mr McFarlane from Yew Tree Cottage who is agreeable to the plinth be re-sited adjacent to his land on the corner opposite the village hall. It will also be necessary to talk to the owners of houses to the rear of the Village Hall as they are the owners.

b) TCC BOUNDARY

Cllr Ffinch thought that changes to the TCC boundary had been agreed by Stirling Council but confirmation is awaited.

4. REPORTS

a) FINANCE

The income and expenditure account to 30 April 2007 was tabled. It was noted that

there is still £705 of the Stirling Council grant left although £200 has been allocated to pay for the first aid course and of the £4257 Area Network Grant only £59.19 is unspent. The annual grant (2007 -08) from Stirling Council is due.

b) LOCH VENACHER MANAGEMENT GROUP

Roger Drapper and Frank Trzebiatowski had represented TCC at a meeting held on 12 July. Notes of the meeting are attached to these minutes. It was agreed that Martin should contact Peter Bennett to ascertain if a meeting with the riparian owners is to be held. Also agreed that Martin write to the appropriate Scottish Government Minister and our MSP to raise TCC's concerns about the access code and wild camping.

c) TROSSACHS AREA NETWORK

Martin Earl and Frank Trzebiatowski attended a TAN meeting on 13 September. The meeting had proved very unsatisfactory in that it started late, over ran, extra items were added to the agenda, it was hard to hear and there were more paid representatives than volunteers.

"Leader +" is a funding organisation which is to apply for between £2m & £3m of European money to support environmental project with community benefit. Martin to speak to the Woodland Trust.

It was noted that funding has been made available for the appointment of a Business Development Officer to run the Apprenticeship Support Project starting in summer 2008. Information is available on [www.communityfuturespartnership.org.uk](http://www.communityfuturespartnership.org.uk).

A presentation on flooding by Dick Johnson had been rushed and Martin suggested that this be the subject of a separate meeting.

It was noted that TAN Action Group updates have now been included on TAN agendas as lobbied for by TCC and TCT.

d) LOCH KATRINE COMMUNITY TRUST

No report

e) LOCH ACHRAY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

No report

f) TROSSACHS COMMUNITY TRUST

No report but noted that meeting is scheduled for later this evening.

5. SPECIFIC ITEMS

a) PLANNING

There are no current applications in the TCC area.

Following concerns raised at the last TCC meeting, Frank had visited the owner of Dunvegan Cottage to discuss the building work being undertaken. The owner confirmed that planning permission was not required but had agreed to ask Building Control to check the site. This has been done and no building warrants are required.

b) ROADS

Two sections of the A821 have been repaired. TCC will continue to identify areas needing attention including the Milton Straight and Glen Finglas Road.

Cllr FFinch was thanked for his intervention which had resulted in the proliferation of signs on the fence at the Kilmahog junction being removed.

c) COMMUNITY POLICING

PC Stewart Kerr was unable to attend. A new sergeant has been appointed. Cllr FFinch was asked to investigate the lengthy road closures caused by delays in obtaining a camera to record serious road traffic accidents.

d) POST BUS

Duncan had met with David Brown on 22 June. There has been no progress and although the Post Bus service has ceased in the Aberfoyle to Kinlochard area, no demand responsive transport pilot schemes have been initiated. Funding from the Scottish Government is awaited.

e) COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN/LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Martin had met with Duncan and Liz Maxwell and Duncan will report to the next TCC meeting and consultation will take place over the coming winter months.

f) STIRLING COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAMS

Cllr Ffinch was asked to pursue with Stirling Council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY

It was proposed by Iain Fraser and seconded by Roger Drapper that Peter Brown from be co-opted to the Community Council. Martin will send details of the co-option to Helen Geddes.

b) DAFFODIL BULBS

The community council recorded thanks to Duncan Carmichael who has purchased 500 bulbs to be planted around the Brig O' Turk area. Iain will organise planting at the village entrances, Lesley around the Byre Inn entrance and Martin will contact the WT to see if they can use any at the new car park site.

c) POST OFFICE

Around eleven thousand post offices in the UK are not immune from closure although they have not yet been specifically identified. The Post Office consultation process will commence in October but Anne Michelle Ketteridge of Stirling Council is compiling information in advance of the PO consultation. TCC will be contacted around the beginning of November.

d) ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

e) CALLANDER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Martin suggested that an informal meeting be arranged with Dick Johnson to discuss matters of common interest. This was agreed.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on 18 October 2007 at 7.30pm.

**Notes related to meeting of the  
Loch Venachar Area Management Group  
Held at Venachar Lochside on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007.**

**Those attending:**

Fiona MacCallum	Stirling Community Planning Partnership. ASB resolution team
Stewart Kerr	Central Scotland Police
Kevin Findlater	Central Scotland Police
Owen McKee	Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park
Tim Edwards	Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park
Steve Nunn	Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park
Roger Drapper	Brig o'Turk Community Council
Frank Trzebiatowski	Brig o'Turk Community Council
Mike Luti	Callander Community Council and LL&TNP
Stewart Chalmers	Forestry Commission
Shirley Leek	Forestry Commission
Richard Johnson	Callander Community Council
Fergus Wood	Stirling Council
Keith Niven	Loch Achray Conservation Association
Mark Wilkinson	Trossachs Leisure
Peter Bennett	Trossachs Leisure (Chairman)

Apologies were received from Mike Cantley.

**Leaflets**

The new LL&TNP leaflet for Loch Venachar was circulated.

**Litter**

The issues were:

- People leaving litter on the ground
- People gathering litter in bags and leaving the bags
- Litter collection
  - The roll of the Community Council
  - The roll of Stirling Council
  - The roll of the LL&TNP

## Community Services Team

### Conclusions

It was clear that there was a disparity of responsibilities between the various administrative bodies. It was agreed that the LL&TNP should bear the responsibility of co-ordinating the litter issue and should work more actively with the numerous bodies that have partial responsibility for letter collection and management. All agreed that there should be only one body holding responsibility for litter even if that was indirect.

Those selling fishing permits should hand out litter bags and remind people to take them home. Permits should also carry a message in regard to litter.

The police have some powers in respect of litter dropping but the burden of proof was generally too hard to achieve.

### Camping and Fires

The issues were:

So called 'wild camping'

Lighting of fires

Noise

Damage to the environment

Access to lands

### Conclusions

It was of great disappointment to most present to hear from Kevin Findlater that the police were generally unable to prevent camping. He also advised that fires, unless clearly dangerous were also allowable..

It was agreed that rather than rely on the law, deterrents were probably most likely to be helpful in the form of:

Rangers with greater powers

Use of special constables

Publicity on good conduct in the countryside

Signage

## **Roll of the Area Management Group and the Riparian Owners Association**

The need for the LVAMG was questioned and Tim Edwards responded that the LL&TNP considered these groups to be a useful conduit for issues at a local level.

The need for a separate group representing the Riparian owners was also questioned and may believed that as all the riparian owners were members of the LVAMG, there was not real need for that group.