

**Strathard Community Council**  
**Minutes of meeting 6th April 2017**  
**In Aberfoyle Memorial Hall at 7.30pm**

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1.	Present:	F McEwan, R Dingwall, T Geraghty, C Smith, S Stephen, W Ronald (NP), M. Wright, M. Rankin, Michelle Flynn (SC), Cllr. M Earl, PC Deans, 4 members of public.	
2.	Apologies	G Short, J. Quinn, A. Goulancourt.	
3.	Minutes	Agreed: Proposed - C Smith. Seconded: S Stephen	
4.	Matters arising	<p><b>Community Action Plan:</b> launch expected in May. A Heritage group led by James Kennedy has been established following feedback from the Action Plan responses, working ultimately towards establishing a Centre and Trails linked to Strathard heritage. No update on Strathard Initiative was available.</p> <p><b>Flooding update:</b> Tree cutting and work in river to be completed after fishing season. Officer is off ill. Meanwhile recruitment to replace Ian Young. Our flood scheme is planned, subject to community agreement. £2.5m available in budget if all is agreed within the community. Then pressure will have to be put on the Scottish Government for the rest of the money. Groundworks currently focussing on Lochard Rd. Money available for that following up recent flood complaints.</p> <p><b>A81 closure at Ballat:</b> Planned for May, but re-open for holidays, approx 6wks prior to school holidays. Not clear on timetable yet. Michelle will check and ask about the Glasgow May holiday, last weekend in May which is traditionally a busy one.</p> <p><b>Camping:</b> New leaflets with information as to where to report issues, though they are not yet available. Agreed there should be a local meeting to raise any issues. No date yet.</p> <p>CS attended stakeholder meeting and received following information: It is a bit too early in season for much feedback. Bookings just beginning to pick up. Booking through the website working well. No process yet available at Park for feedback from residents - acknowledged. Next meeting will be in September.</p> <p>Comments: A third of Loch Chon pitches are too muddy to use. Camping is happening outside designated areas. Signage is inadequate. Three levels of signage information. A list of contacts would be useful for locals and visitors. Need to publicise. Site not fully open. It was padlocked at 6 one night. No information is available as to when everything will be fully operational. Sept thought to be too late for meeting. Strathard will have local meeting however. Wardens need to be on site daytime and to 9 in summer.</p> <p>3 lochs drive: a similar proposal to Loch Chon has been applied for. It was decided Trossachs CC best placed for this consultation in their area.</p> <p><b>Stirling Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Branding : Offer to talk to someone in area. TG and MW will arrange to meet him in Aberfoyle.</li> <li>• Loch Chon road closure didn't happen. Trossachs Rd was done instead.</li> <li>• Meetings at Stronachlachar Pier to talk about goats and other matters have been offered, Trevor to arrange.</li> </ul> <p><b>National Park Partnership Plan</b> consultation about to start.</p>	

5.	Planning	<p><b>Ledard campsite:</b> Application to be a delegated decision. Decide to ask for deferral of deadline to allow people to study. Must go to committee because of F Woods connection with Planning. CS will ask to get an extension. If necessary, a separate meeting will be held on application.. General email to go out.</p> <p><b>Altskeith extension:</b> Proprietors present and stated they were unhappy about objections to application. Feel that they have improved the property. There was community council feeling that their agent was misinformed and handled the original discussion with CC meeting badly. CC looked at planning issues re sewage, flooding, design. All of these were valid responses. Suggested that owners may wish to complain to agencies if they felt delay was protracted, since Sepa and Stirling Council Council formally objected and this produced the need for further investigation until the issues were resolved to their satisfaction. Application goes to committee at the end of April.</p>	
6.	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Scottish Run</li> <li>• Police Scotland consultation</li> <li>• CC's survey</li> <li>• Planning democracy</li> <li>• Broadband delivery group</li> <li>• Awareness raising on child protection - circulate</li> <li>• Improving parking in Scotland consultation</li> <li>• £1444 Community pride fund for planters</li> <li>• Flanders Moss deer management plan</li> <li>• National Park Partnership Plan consultation</li> </ul>	
7.	Stirling Council issues plus reports	<p>Martin - Council in purdah, due to upcoming elections.</p> <p>Roads plan to re-surface Main St and from surgery to Forestry Office using the system used for Trossachs Rd, of almost total closure daily. Surface would be 25yr finish. To happen late autumn or end March, beginning of April. Need to publicise this widely and Council will need to assess issues for residents that community council might not yet be aware of. Use e mailing and Strathard News.</p>	
8	Finances	<p>Community pride grant for planters and the Admin grant received. Secretarial support may cover retrospective and current, to be confirmed. Signature forms for BoS to be signed. SS to check online signature option.</p>	
9.	Reports	<p><b>Licensing forum</b> - re-started group. CS picked up on concern no link between forum and board . Forum feeds in but has no role on the Board. Pursue with chief governance officer in Council.</p> <p><b>Broadband</b> - on track with Broadband Scotland for bid. Kinlochard has done consultation with their community and businesses. Need to set up legal entity to issue tender to companies. Community Broadband Scotland suggests linking with Brig o'Turk who are at the same stage but they have a legal organisation in place. Is Kinlochard prepared to go in? Both would use same mast on Ben Gullipan. Finding an already established group might be better to use their experience. Two communities together have more clout for tender. Balquhiddier going for fibre optic. Estimated that if half Kinlochard plus McDonald Hotels go ahead the contract would be worth hundreds of thousands.</p>	

10	AOCB	<p>Police: report as submitted. Surgery Wed 12th 1-2, at TIC. Quad bikes in Forest, livestock worrying. Rural Watch Scotland, encourage people to sign up.</p> <p>Cllr Earl: Speeding at Braeval, residents have contacted him. Want to see 30mph past Braeval houses. Ros to e mail Martin requesting 30mph limit. Speeding car loud exhaust, early and late causing annoyance on Lochard Rd.</p> <p>Landslip at Loch Katrine. SW want to close road for 11 weeks. Have already been closures there this season. Meeting requested.</p>	
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**Next meeting 4th May 2017 in Inversnaid Hotel**