

Strathard Community Council

Minutes of meeting: Thursday 4th Jan 2018 Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

**Present: Community Councillors: John Clow Ros Dingwall Fiona McEwan Trevor Geraghty
Andre Goulancourt Gillian McEwan Colin Smith**

Also Attending: PC L. Deans. Cllr Martin Earl M Flynn, (Stirling Council), 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies	Michelle Colquhoun, Stuart Stephen. Toto McLellan
2. Mins of Previous Meeting	After agreement that figure shown at item 7 for funds available, represented total for two accounts before clearance of cheques to value of approx £2200, Proposed: C Smith, Seconded: R Dingwall
3. Matters Arising	CC Dates: Michelle Flynn queried if all CC dates for the year are confirmed. Ros will check and ensure venues are booked. Reminder - any changes to be notified to the Council so that they can inform Councillors re surgeries. Priority Based Budget:: Community councillors felt that public consultation by Stirling Council was too little, too late. Consultation would be better started before the Government's Budget is released. There was a perception that most details were already decided before public consultation
4. Strathard Wee Blue Book	Discussion as to whether there was still a need for a printed publication, or whether an online version would be preferred. Meeting was undecided. Many people have asked for an update. Concern expressed over new data restrictions due to be introduced, though meeting reminded that residents choose whether to be included in the directory. Do we have the human resources to spend the time needed? Perhaps we could do a digital version with a few printed copies? Meeting was reminded that the income from the book has been a useful source of funds over the years. No decision
5. Website address / infrastructure and communications	Agreed that a new website should be produced for SCC. Also Twitter account to be set up. Trevor to coordinate. Suggested that by using Twitter and website to communicate news it will circumvent possible future data protection problems re using multiple e mail addresses for same purpose
6. Big Tent	CAP priorities session: Suggested that we should set up twice yearly group sessions for all local bodies to discuss and highlight what had been achieved. Groups to include Trust, plus agencies such as Forestry Commission, National Park, SEPA etc
7. Community Trust Collaboration	The Community Trust should be considered as just a vehicle to allow funding applications for community projects. Trevor suggested that treasurers of community groups should engage with the Trust. Discussion as to whether CC treasurer should be a director of the Trust. John Clow, the Community Council's nominated representative as a director of the Trust, at this point offered his resignation since the CC only has one member director position on the Trust. He then verbally announced his resignation from the Community Council. Hydro scheme: Funds are now coming through, with a possibility of approx £6000 per year. Discussion with the community is needed as to how to use this funding
8. Planning	FCS: Colin reported that the Forestry Commission have unusually been required to submit a formal application for a new track at Loch Drunkie. New: Please pass comments to Colin: New house by Darach Beag, Lochard Rd - timber built and eco friendly. Wee Blether: Extension to tearoom.. Approved: extension at Lochard Cottages

9. Correspondence	Council Licensing Policy review: comments to be submitted by 2/2/18 please feedback on Community Council review: none received so far!
10.S.C. Issues & Councillor Report	<p>Budget: M. Earl supports our comments on lack of time to participate. Colin asked if Michelle Flynn could also pass on our comments about this issue since he didn't see it as a political but organisational issue. Suggested we should pencil in a discussion on the subject for the September meeting.</p> <p>Inversnaid: Council have cut back a lot of roadside trees..</p> <p>K. Snedden kindly sent a plough up to Stronachlachar when they were snowed in . Contact centre was unavailable. M Earl will feed back.</p> <p>Stirling Council: Michelle distributed info on Kerse Rd closure.</p> <p>Toilets: Also info on closure of Aberfoyle public toilets for refurbishment. From 15/1 for approx one month</p>
11.Treas Report:	Agreed that clarification of individual accounts status would be useful.?
12.Police Report	<p>Report attached. Warning of a lot of deer activity near A81 reported. Be alert when driving. Log lorry off road at Glassert - police were notified by driver but did not attend. Unknown why not but possibly because of only one report. It is important that people phone in when incidents occur. The more the better.</p> <p>The meeting was made aware that although we get feedback from our community police, no feedback is received by us or by community Police from the National Park assigned Police officers. It was felt that this two-way communication is essential.</p>
13.AOCB	Recent floods at Tigh-na-traigh. Council acted quickly to sort this.

Next meeting: Thursday 1st February at Kinlochard Village Hall

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