

Strathard Community Council

Minutes of meeting: Thursday 5th April 2018 Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

Community Councillors, Trevor Geraghty Ros Dingwall. Gillian McEwan
Colin Smith, Fiona McEwan. .

Attending: Cllr Jeremy McDonald, Michelle Flynn.(Stirling Council), T McLellan (Minute Secretary).
Police Scotland, 14 members of the public

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening	Introductions: Trevor Gerhaty chaired the meeting, introducing David Brown of Stirling Council.	
2. Apologies	Michelle Colquhoun A Goulancourt, Stuart Stephen	
3. Prev Min 4. Matt Aris	Proposed CS. Approved FM Confirmation received that the road closure on A81 at Ballat will definitely re- open on 7 th May.	
5. David Brown (SC) on Public Transport	<p>Consultation on public transport will be held over two days in Aberfoyle and Kinlochard. Issues brought to similar consultation events last year highlighted dissatisfaction with certain services, including the laborious Stirling –Cambusbarron-Aberfoyle service. Mr Brown explained that a reduction of £312k expenditure had to be implemented following the last budget. A modest increase in funding is possible now if evidence can be found to make a case for it, feedback is requested. Suggestion was made that Forth Valley College and the Prudential might be approached as potential customers. Three pilot schemes are currently running; evening services between Balfroun and Stirling, between Callander and Stirling, and a twice-monthly shopping bus between Stirling and Tyndrum. A report will be given on the success of these and on the intended repeat of a mystery shopper survey in Balfroun this September. Comment was made that the lack of a bus service from Glasgow is resulting in a drop in tourist numbers.</p> <p>Mr Brown reported that the DRT service remains popular, but the shift of booking system to Stirling Council staff insisted upon by the Council’s auditors is very unpopular; bookings for the following day must be made before 3pm as staff are not available any later, creating difficulty for schoolchildren and those at work. An upgrade to online booking is planned, but phone bookings will maintain a 3pm cut-off. Mr Brown was asked if the service could be extended to 7 days, and also if the bus can be hailed on the journey. It was confirmed that once moving, the bus becomes a registered service, not a private operator, and that there is no legal barrier to it being hailed. This is also true for school buses, if they are registered as a bus service, but this is complicated by two factors; they are paid for by the Education Service, and they must reserve vacant seats for the number of distance-entitled children registered, even if the children do not choose to use the service. The McLaren High School bus is a contract bus which may not be hailed. In addition, all hailed buses must have a ticket machine.</p> <p>Mr Brown was asked to comment on the effectiveness of community-organised transport. Some are very successful, commitment of individuals being the key factor. Council-driven initiatives have not proved successful, but the Council can provide financial and other help to communities, and the Independent Community Transport Organisation can also give advice. A request was made for data to be shared on when</p>	D Brown

	buses are running, and Mr Brown left contact details to facilitate feedback. 01786 237 505 brownd@stirling.gov.uk	
6. Rural Stirling Housing	Assurance was given by RSH that the proposal would not go ahead without the specific support of the community. A formal response is required. As wide an audience as possible must be reached, appeal was made for a public meeting, and online and paper questionnaire were thought necessary to include comment from those who may not be comfortable with email, or with speaking in public. Concern was expressed by Kinlochard Cottages Residents Association that RSH feel that a meeting is inappropriate, and wish to accept only emails.it was thought that at the moment there is no economic development to justify affordable housing, It was agreed that facility provision, infrastructure and population numbers in Kinlochard require attention, but it was thought better that this should be addressed and researched as a collective concept, followed by carefully planned action, rather than as a scrambled response to sudden suggestion. Concern was also expressed at the effect on the rural aspect of the village if this semi-wild site was removed. Appeal was made for people to join the Community Council to assist in their efforts to support local communities.	
7. Broadband	Feedback from suppliers is still awaited. £300k is available this year for Rural Broadband, spend has to be committed by September. Cllr McDonald is keen that this should go to communities, and is currently looking at ways to do this. A percentage of the community must formally express an interest in having broadband to gain the support of Stirling Council. Information is still not forthcoming on where new supply lines will run.it was thought that a map of supply points is needed. It was noted that the Government has an LFFN supply for public sector buildings, from which branches could be taken. It was also noted that Forest Hills are installing Business Line High Speed Fibre. The possibility of accessing the EE emergency services network was also discussed.	
8.Treasurers Report	No movement.	

9.Planning	New Applications: Manse Rd: Application to form car parking space on vacant land in Manse Rd. There is some question regarding the ownership of this land. Appeal was made to maintain continued space to allow cars visiting the graveyard to turn. Ledard: River intake for Hydro dam. Lochard Rd: Change of use. Altskeith: Two applications as previously discussed..	
10. Correspondence	Road Closures as detailed. .	
11. Stirling Council Issues & Councillors Report	Manse Rd Bridge will have a staggered closure for 1 week for repairs. Braeval: Roadworks with traffic lights will be in place to allow laying of a new water main. Altskeith: There are three blocked road drains near the Altskeith Hotel. It was agreed to ask Stirling Council if work on these could be put off for a month. Councillor: CC Survey: 16 th May closure. Data Protection training is available for community councils. Cllr McDonald will forward info on co-optee and associate membership. It was noted that LinkAge Stirling has a £60k funding pot for projects in Stirling Rural North (Trossachs & Teith). Pot holes: A reminder was given to report potholes over 7” deep. Sewage: It was recalled that a promise of public access formed part of the permission for Forest Hills’ pumping station. Car Park Bins: An appeal was made yet again for new crow-proof bins for Aberfoyle car park.	Contact SC Cllr McD

12. Reports	<p>Police: Report attached. The current inability to report incidents or concerns due to lack of phone signal was identified as a potentially serious problem.</p>	
13. AOCB	<p>Resilience: Trevor Woods attended an informative Resilience Workshop, which featured presentations by Scottish Power and Gas representatives. Templates are available from the Scottish Business Resilience Centre for area-specific plans, focussing on 3 potential scenarios. Small pots of funding are available.</p> <p>Aberfoyle Toilets: The canopy over the bus stop, attached to the toilet building, were not mended as part of the upgrade. The cisterns are also still leaking. Please email RD with complaints</p> <p>Unplanned Road Closures:It was suggested that we should submit preferred times for road closures to Stirling Council.</p> <p>Drumlean: Drumlean Farm has lost its appeal against the recent access ruling. They have 30 days to appeal again.</p> <p>Telephone Directory: Forms have been issued to businesses who wish to advertise.</p> <p>Village Entrance: The former upholstery shop at the entrance to Aberfoyle is considered an eyesore. Complaints are being recorded. It was noted that SC Enforcement or the Abandoned Vehicles Division can deal with trailers, cars etc. It was agreed to approach the owner to inquire about his long-term plans.</p> <p>Public Procession: There will be a procession on 1st July from Forest Hills to the Games Field for Kinlochard Highland Games.</p> <p>AGM: The AGM for Aberfoyle Village Hall will be held on 8th May, the mobile mast provider will attend.</p> <p>Bike Shop: Discussion was held with a view to welcoming the new proprietors to the village. Concern was expressed that no change of use application has been noticed for these premises.</p> <p>Cobeland Bridge: This bridge will be repaired in May.</p>	Submit to SC

Next meeting: Thursday 7th June at