

Strathard Community Council

Minutes of meeting: Thursday 1st February 2018 Kinlochard Village Hall

Community Councillors Michelle Colquhoun Ros Dingwall. Gillian McEwan
Trevor Geraghty, Fiona McEwan

Attending: Cllr Jeremy McDonald 3 members of the public. **Absent:** J Clow, J Quinn

Topic	Discussion	Action
1.Opening	Introductions: TG welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.Apologies	A Goulancourt, Michelle Flynn.(Stirling Council), T McLellan, C Smith, S Stephen	
3. Mins of Prev Meeting	Proposed MC, seconded FM	
4. Matters Arising	<p>CC meeting dates: Kinlochard and Aberfoyle confirmed and booked. No answer yet from Inversnaid Hotel. Trevor will try again and, if unsuccessful, will try Stronachlachar Pier Cafe. Toilets Update. The refurbishment will now finish on 26thFeb. Delay due to wait for a new vanity unit. It was suggested that Aberfoyle Village People might be willing to take on responsibility for opening and maintenance of the toilets, if Stirling Council will allow it. Hydro: Fiona announced that Bruach hydro scheme is now up and running. The Community Trust has received 6k from this Hydro scheme. Congratulations were expressed to Fiona McEwan for her hard work towards this achievement. Community input on how best to use this income needs to be arranged. The Trust will organise discussions</p>	C Trust
5.We Blue Book	<p>Wee Blue Book : a small survey in Gartmore and Aberfoyle showed a majority in favour of production. Last issue realised approx £3k profit . This time we will probably need to pay for artwork. F Wood suggested expenses could be paid to those who work on it, though Some still feel this will not be necessary. Plan proposed which would mean only business entries go online. Residents prefer to remain non digital. In any case, we will need to seek permission from individuals Interaction with Strathard News will be sought to produce the directory again, and a poll of businesses conducted to identify interest in paying for adverts A vote agreed to proceed with a new publication, 4 to 1. Gartmore and Port of Menteith CC's have both offered to help. Fiona and Ros will co-ordinate</p>	FM/RD
6.Resilience	<p>Lochside wall still an issue. Road floods because of work done to wall. Query if maintenance of previous works is being carried out? Also need to find out if the diameter of pipes in road should be enlarged. During snow Limecraig suffered badly. Also plough puts snow on pavements so kids walked on road going to school. Flooding - a bit hit and miss at the last minute to get sandbags out, but it was better than nothing. Cllr, felt we need honesty about priority areas which are not going to be ploughed. There are still tourists at Inversnaid and Stronchlachar who need help.</p>	

	There is a possibility the budget might include money for the Aberfoyle flood project. Cllr will ensure another meeting is called regarding resilience. Good discussion, highlighting the urgent need for each area to have training, resources and a plan. Recent floods were seen as being a lucky escape	Cllr McD
7.Website/ Communication Update	Website/ communications update: council are in agreement so long as they are kept informed . Trevor showed an early example of website appearance. Date? After next meeting? By May data protection will be stricter. Annual checks will be required. Keep website simple for easy access	
8.Community Trust	reasurer Stuart Stephen has agreed to represent the Community Council on the Trust. The appointment of a Community development officer is imminent. Trust website is now up to date, and plenty of information is there. They will meet 6 times a year. NP, Strathard Initiative, and the heritage group are all involved. Big tent meeting to come in ?Sept	
9.Corresp	Email received expressing concern about congestion caused to passing traffic, by the presence of 'no parking' signs at Primary School. Ros talked to Parent Council representative and Po!ice. Parents have been offered the use of the signs as part of school safety measures. Polce will monitor at busiest times and report back	Police

10.Reports	Police: Report attached Treasurer: Not present	
11.Planning	New applications: Bank of Scotland- application for new air vents- No issues. Darrach Beag: Request to ensure protection of SSSI at new development in Lochard Rd. Objection lodged on these grounds. Approved: Ledard: Telecoms mast. TPO's: Is the Fairy Tree protected? Trevor to check and request if not. Rural Stirling Housing Association have been offered land near Lochard Cottages in Kinlochard and wish to know the thoughts of the community on the proposal before proceeding.. Discussion whether to hold public session in Kinlochard to collect opinions or to wait until next meeting to talk to representatives from Housing Association. Trevor/ Colin to arrange	TG/CS
12. Stirling Council Issues	David Brown SC transport officer, wants to host drop in sessions re bus services for Strathard. Best dates probably May. Heritage - council archaeologist wants to identify groups in rural areas, and support awareness of our sites. Broadband: BT is investigating costs for fibre in Trossachs area. Kinlochard only needs a couple more miles of fibre. BT has apparently found more money but it is not yet known where money will go. Another community broadband role was announced Community Broadband Scotland are hiring	
13.AOCB	Social Housing: Early discussion on the social housing land for Kinlochard suggestion that a public meeting required. Invitation sent to Donna Birrell CEO of Rural Stirling Housing Association. Several people were positive saying that Kinlochard needs new blood and space to grow particularly for young people Manse Rd Bridge: Damage has been reported. Repairs will need to be done in better weather to allow sympathetic use of appropriate material.	
14. Next meeting	Thursday 1 st March. Inversnaid Hotel may not be available. Trevor will ask Stronachlachar Pier Cafe	

