

**Strathard Community Council**

**Draft Minutes of meeting: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Kinlochard Village Hall**

**Community Councillors:** Trevor Geraghty, Lynda McColl, Stuart Stephen, Michelle Colquhoun  
 Joyce Kelly, Gillian McEwan, Jimmy Quinn

**Attending:** Michelle Flynn (SC), Cllr Martin Earl, Billy Ronald (NP), Isabel Madden, Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary), 4 members of the public

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p><b>1. Opening</b>  <b>2. Apologies</b>  <b>3. Prev Min</b></p>	<p>TG chaired the meeting and welcomed all.                      Andre Goulancourt. Police Scotland                      Proposed by JK, Seconded by SS</p>	
<p><b>4. Matt Aris</b></p>	<p><b>Local Directory:</b> It was reported that the majority of community councillors have no view or interest in producing a new local directory. Whilst acknowledging that the booklet is popular, particularly with the elderly, in light of current GDPR legislation they consider that it is a job for professionals, and that they would put themselves at considerable risk by being involved. Having requested sight of a copy of the form used to date to address the GDPR obligation, it was not considered fit for purpose. Gartmore did not respond to a query regarding their expectations. A representative from Port of Menteith said that 116 people were expecting to be included in the book, and MF confirmed that the issue has been raised more than once at their CC meetings. A large sum of money was generated from the previous publication of the booklet through advertising. In response to the suggestion that professionals could be employed, using this income, it was confirmed that the community council have no objection to anyone else taking the project forward, now or in the future.</p>	
<p><b>5. Transport Update</b></p>	<p>The road closure on the Dukes Pass will end this Friday 7<sup>th</sup>. Progress is ongoing regarding the appeal to Stirling Council to grit the one and a half miles of the Duke's Pass which is currently left untreated. As the A821 is the only A Class road in Scotland which is not gritted in its entirety, it is believed that some officers within the council would like to see current policy accommodate this adjustment. Proper protocols for closure of the A821 when necessary are now being addressed, and it was acknowledged that the road has seen enormous improvement following the ditch and culvert maintenance work carried out, making the further improvements mentioned possible.</p>	
<p><b>6. NHSFV &amp; Surgery Update</b></p>	<p>Thanks were expressed to Isabel Madden for attending as Associate Member, and to Cllr Earl for his diligence in securing a Residents Forum. In addition to the forum, the meeting was reminded that the CEO of NHSFV made a commitment to work through community councils. It was agreed that this must be enforced, and that our original agenda as a community must not be forgotten. Cllr Earl has sent a list to IM of people willing to come forward to meet with NHSFV, it was agreed to use DoodlePoll to input dates acceptable to all, and it was agreed that since NHSFV are resistant, a letter must be sent emphasising that the community is ready to engage. It is not understood why NHSFV are resistant to communication; their cluster-group model could be rolled out to a wider area if seen to be effective, but this cannot happen without engagement with the community. IM will liaise with Cllr Earl to set up a meeting.</p>	<p align="right">IM</p>

	<p>Two individual experiences were recounted, a medical appointment which could not be provided, and a physiotherapy appointment which was swiftly provided. It was agreed that this shows that periphery services are beginning to work, but that the cluster model is failing in that the medical patient should have been offered an appointment at a different clinic within the cluster.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask John McDonald to become a representative. In addition to Mr McDonald's experienced input, this could perhaps allow out-of hours access to the Aberfoyle Surgery building, releasing the potential of it housing periphery services, as it is considered that these would be better based in rural, not urban areas. AB will approach John McDonald.</p> <p>As NHSFV have now held funds intended for Aberfoyle for almost a year, it was agreed to congratulate them on the provision of physiotherapists and other support services, but also to remind them of this fact.</p> <p><b>Friends of Aberfoyle &amp; Buchlyvie Surgeries:</b> The recent AGM was not quorate. An EGM will be held to discuss a review or replacement of the constitution and a reduction of the quorum from 15, after which engagement with NHSFV will take place. Comment was made that the doctors must also step forward.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>Contact</p>
<b>7. Broadband</b>	Surveys in Inversnaid and Stronachlachar are imminent, and grants are still available. A 4G survey was carried out on Monday at Ledard, this Scottish Government mast will be put out to tender.	
<b>8. Kinlochard Vision Plan</b>	The National Park will take forward the last stage of the KVP, liaising with businesses and landowners, with JK and TG sitting on the steering group for the Rural Framework Development Team. Aligned to that, the process needs to be repeated in Aberfoyle, but the Park has stated that it will not provide funding for this, as attempts by them to engender vision in Aberfoyle have previously failed. Comment was made that the Park might consider the fact that the ground up formula employed thus far has drawn enormous success in neighbouring areas, and therefore might also prove more productive in Aberfoyle than previous measures. JK has looked into funding from the Scottish Government's Investment in Communities Scheme, but considers the application criteria ridiculously prohibitive even to a person experienced in the process, and time has now become a factor if the Vision Plans are to be incorporated into the next NP Local Development Plan. MF mentioned that Community Grants and Community Pride grant are still available from SC, also the Community Trust has money accessible, the Hydro Fund may be an option, and CCN are already trying to raise seed funding. With a deadline of September, it was agreed to contact all the above. Approval was sought from the community council to continue to use CCN as facilitators should funding be gained. This was approved unanimously. The suggestion of extrapolating evidence gathered in adjoining areas to feed the Aberfoyle survey was explained as unworkable, as much of the data pertains to specific physical locations.	
<b>9.. Treasurer:</b>	Report attached. Balance stands at £7679.85. Grants will be applied for from end July onwards. The National Park have confirmed that there is no onus on the committee to apportion funds to the publication of a Local Directory.	
<b>10 Planning</b>	Report provided. No concerns. TG reported sight of correspondence from SC Flood Team which expressly states that they can see no circumstance in which building on the site would be allowed.	
<b>11. Corresp /Upcoming Events</b>	<b>Kinlochard Highland Gathering</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> July. An appeal was made for Tug-o-War teams. <b>Aberfoyle Gala Day:</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> July <b>St Mary's Church Fair:</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> June	
<b>12. S. C. Issues &amp;</b>	<b>Cameras:</b> Stirling Council have purchased deployable, wired and wi-fi enabled surveillance cameras, and Cllr Earl asked members to have a think about where they might find them useful. Cllr Earl was asked for the dimensions of the cameras, and who	

<b>Councillors Report</b>	would be monitoring the data. <b>Your Stirling You Decide:</b> The public voting segment of the process is now under way, and residents were encouraged to contribute. MF and Cllr Earl explained the voting process, which is cleverly weighted to ensure smaller projects in rural locations have as much chance of gaining funding as those in urban locations. Residents were reminded that they must use all five votes, to have them included in the count.	Vote
<b>13. Reports</b>	<p><b>Police:</b> Report provided. <b>PC McKerracher:</b>PC Colin McKerracher will be replaced by Donald King, appreciation was again expressed for all the assistance PC McKerracher has given the community over the years, in particular the significant work he has recently put towards bringing forward the potential of securing gritting services over the Duke's Pass. <b>Mobile Police Unit:</b> Neither PC Deans nor PC King are qualified to drive the mobile unit. Discussion arose regarding sites at which they can establish a presence when visiting the village, visibility and accessibility were thought to be essential factors, and the recent presence of officers in the street handing out leaflets was applauded.</p> <p><b>National Park:</b> BR had been asked to ascertain the Park's view on re-introduction of the lynx, and having conversed with officers, reported that it is not looked on favourably, although no official statement has been forthcoming. Cllr Earl reported having heard the same at executive level. BR also mentioned that the Park Rangers reported having had no sightings of lynx, as there have been concerns that some have already been set loose in the area.</p>	
<b>14. Flood Forum</b>	No information is available further to that displayed at the Tourist Information Centre. A PTSN is to be installed on the Duchray monitor, consent is awaited for fixture to the Category A bridge.	
<b>15. Resilience</b>	It was agreed that someone will have to be found who will take responsibility for progressing this project, it is hoped the matter will coalesce within the process of the Aberfoyle Vision Plan. MF mentioned that SC are able to produce the final document for communities.	
<b>16.AOCB</b>	<p><b>St. Mary's:</b> St Mary's is submitting a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a new heating system. Community Benefit is among the required criteria, and Mr Christopher Roads made an appeal for support from the CC for the application. The meeting recognised the contribution and accessibility of St Mary's, in particular the popular concerts which are held regularly and are open to all. It was unanimously agreed to endorse the application. Cllr Earl added that local Councillors would be happy to support, and asked that a précis of the application be sent to him. Mr Roads emphasised that St Mary's would encourage further use as a community resource. <b>Parking:</b> Complaint was heard regarding people parking on double yellow lines in Aberfoyle Main St. <b>Toilets:</b> The public toilets are being flooded due to water ingress following removal of the canopy. The disabled toilet is particularly affected. MF reported that this matter is scheduled to be addressed. <b>Drains:</b> In addition, the drains in the toilets are beginning to smell. <b>Horse Dung:</b> Complaint was heard about horse dung on the road. Those present connected with horses will have a word when the culprit is identified. <b>Scaffolding:</b> Query was made as to how long the scaffolding at Duke's Court will be in place.</p>	Cllr Earl

**Next meeting: 7.15pm Thursday 1 August 2019 in Aberfoyle Memorial Hall**

