

## Callander Community Council

Approved Minutes of the meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. July 2021

### On-line meeting via Zoom

**Community councillors present:** Susan Holden (SH) – Chair, John Watson (JW) , Olga Watkins (OW), David Moore (DM), Marilyn Moore (MM), Moe Guertin (MG).

**Also in attendance:** Ward councillors Martin Earl (ME), Jeremy McDonald (JM), Town Co-ordinator Helen Terry (HT), plus several members of the public.

**Apologies:** None given

**Abbreviations:** All in attendance will be referred to by their initials.

CCC = Callander Community Council; CE = Callander Enterprise; CCDT = Callander Community Development Trust; SC = Stirling Council; LPP = Local Place Plan; NP = Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park; FLS= Forestry and Land Scotland; FOI = Freedom of Information; CC = Callander Community.

**Chair of Meeting:** Susan Holden

Item	Action
<b><u>PART A: WELCOME AND PROCEDURES</u></b>	
<p><b>1. <u>Introductions</u></b></p> <p>SH welcomed all to the meeting and asked that the ‘Chat’ be used for any questions. She stated that the meeting would focus on some of the items carried forward from previous meetings.</p> <p><b><u>Recording:</u></b></p> <p>SH stated that the recording of the meeting was to be used for purposes of the minute-taking only.</p> <p><b><u>Declarations of interest:</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<b><u>PART B: ORGANISATION, OUTSTANDING MATTERS AND MINUTES</u></b>	
<p><b>1. Organisation</b></p> <p>SH reported that since the last meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, there had been 4 resignations of community councillors - Brian Luti (BL), Mike Luti (ML), Roger Watt (RW) and Richard Johnson (RJ). Their resignation letters will be appended to the minutes. BL and ML have requested that their letters of resignation should be read out and minuted at the next public meeting and this was done at the meeting.</p>	

The paid minute-taker had also resigned after completing the initial version of the 14.06 meeting minutes.

Since these resignations, SH stated that the remaining CC have worked with SC, according to the Scheme of Establishment, to ensure that the CC followed the rules and documentation appropriately and to reassure SC that the remaining councillors were able to continue the work of the community council. There will be a meeting in August to co-opt two new members and the format and voting structure were explained.

ME stated that he was an ex-officio member of the CC, by virtue of being a ward councillor and that in his personal opinion, perhaps it would be better to dissolve CCC and hold fresh elections. He acknowledged that the remaining community councillors were to be allowed to continue as community councillors and to seek to co-opt new members to increase numbers. There was some discussion on this by all community councillors and the consensus of opinion was that there was a job to be done, they all worked well together and wanted to 'get on with things', rather than stop the important work of the CCC whilst new elections were organised.

Some of the community councillors were also of the opinion that the councillors who had resigned had hoped to force the dissolution of CCC by resigning and that this was not democratic.

JM asked the following questions:

- What is the reaction to why the members had resigned?
- What is the co-option process?
- Would there be any conflict of interest with any of the co-optees who had applied to join CCC?

SH replied that:

- 5 members plus minute-taker had resigned for their own reasons and some had done so very publicly on social media and in the press. The remaining CC were shocked by some of the statements they had made and many of the accusations were incorrect. SH had not responded to these statements publicly as she stated that it would be counter-productive. She stated that if these members chose to leave, that was their decision.
- 6 people had been approved by SC to apply to become co-opted members of CCC. They will each give a 5 minute presentation at a special co-option meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021. At present, there are two vacancies for the CC. Following the presentations, the 6 full CCC members will each have two votes for the 2 vacancies. There needs to be a 2/3 majority ( 4 votes) for any candidate to be successful. Unsuccessful candidates will be encouraged to apply for Associate Membership of the CCC.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Conflict of interest” was discussed fully at the February 2021 Special Meeting and it was agreed by most people that it was the norm throughout Scotland to have CC/CCDT members on both committees. If an individual thinks that they may have a “ conflict of interest”, that individual should declare it.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. <u>Minutes of previous meetings</u></b></p> <p>Monthly meeting 10th. May 2021 – the minutes were approved, proposed by OW and seconded by DM</p> <p>Monthly meeting 14<sup>th</sup>. June 2021 – the minutes were approved, proposed by JW and seconded by MG</p> <p>Special emergency meeting 27<sup>th</sup>. June 2021 – at this meeting, the resignations of Brian Luti (L), Mike Luti (ML), Roger Watt (RW) and Richard Johnson (JR) were discussed and accepted. JW was voted in as interim vice-chair, MM as interim treasurer and OW as interim secretary. The minutes of this meeting were approved, proposed by DM and seconded by OW.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b></p> <p>May 10<sup>th</sup>. meeting: Included in subsequent discussion points.</p> <p>June 14<sup>th</sup>. meeting: included in subsequent discussion points.</p> <p>June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting: included in subsequent discussion points.</p>	

<b><u>PART C: INVITED GUESTS</u></b>	
There were no invited guests	

<b><u>PART D: REPORTS</u></b>	
<p><b>1. <u>Community Council Office Bearers</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Chair</u></b> Written report submitted.</p> <p><b><u>Vice-chair</u></b> No report submitted.</p> <p><b><u>Secretary</u></b> OW has agreed to write minutes for the meeting, helped by SH.</p>	<p>OW/SH to write the minutes of the meeting</p>



<p><b>3. <u>Other Callander organisations:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Town Coordinator</u></b>          HT discussed the LPP. The first focus group has already been held. The second meeting, in September, will focus on those who have moved to Callander within the last five years and Primary School parents.</p> <p>HT reported that the High School would be keen on having pupil Associate Members.</p>	<p>HT/SH to follow up in late September with High School.</p>
<p><b><u>PART D: PROGRESS REPORTS</u></b></p>	
<p><b>1. <u>Airtricity</u></b></p> <p>BL has been in contact with Airtricity about handing over responsibility to CCC. Awaiting further information from Airtricity.</p> <p><b>2. <u>Motorhomes</u></b></p> <p>OW submitted a written report on two meetings that she attended. The first meeting was with representatives of SC and NP and was productive.</p> <p>ME stressed the importance of keeping up momentum through a Callander-focussed group involving both SC and LLTNP.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about overnight parking on residential streets.</p> <p><b>3. <u>Camp Place Play Park and BMX track</u></b></p> <p>MM reported that Viridor Credit Application had been re-submitted, has been validated and will be put forward to be judged. Has also submitted application to NP Green Recovery Fund – waiting to hear the result of this.</p> <p>BMX track. A design proposal from Mark Nicols and DM will be put forward to SC together with insurance details covering volunteers.</p> <p><b>4. <u>St. Kessogs</u></b></p> <p>No representative now on this- will be discussed at next meeting</p> <p><b>5. <u>Environment</u></b></p> <p>No representative now on this- will be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p><b>6. <u>Flooding</u></b></p> <p>No representative now on this- will be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>SH mentioned importance of keeping in close contact with the Bridgend, South Church Street, Grant Court flooding group who are in contact with SC. JM also</p>	<p>Report progress at next meeting.</p> <p>OW/ME follow up and report.</p> <p>ME to follow this up</p> <p>MM update at next meeting.</p> <p>Discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Discuss at next meeting.</p>

<p>mentioned RJ's (individual) report being sent to SC and that CCC could still use him as an expert on flooding, even though he was not a community councillor.</p> <p><b><u>7. Roads, parking, pavements</u></b></p> <p>No representative now on this- will be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Discuss at next meeting.</p>
<p><b><u>PART E. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<p>1. <b>Associate members:</b> discussed as part of the Focus Group developments</p> <p>2. <b>Minutes</b> SH suggested having a separate Action Point chart to act as a checklist at the beginning of each meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>SH explained there would be two separate meetings on 09.08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.00pm Co-option meeting</li> <li>• 8.00 pm Scheduled meeting</li> </ul> <p>SH thanked those who had attended.</p> <p><b>The meeting closed at 21.20h</b></p>	