

**APPROVED minutes Carron Valley & District Community Council
Wednesday 3 March 2021 meeting, via TEAMS @ 7.30pm**

Margaret Porter, Councillor, MP
Dorothy Breckenridge, Sec, DB
Nicolas Sinclair, Treasurer, NS
Neil Benny, elected rep, NB
Helen Bang, clerk, HB

Peter Hayward, Chair PH
David Petch, Councillor, DP
Sara Smith, Councillor, SS
Iain Macfarlane, resident (IM)

- 1 1.1 Introductions and welcome.** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Councillor Benny.
1.2- Apologies – Police. Pam Campbell.
1.3- Declarations of interest for items on agenda – none. See Item 7
1.4- items raised by members of the public for inclusion in agenda:
Madeleine Kelly, Evelyn Crawford. See item
- 2 Community Police report**
PC Pam King and PC Ross Barclay can't be present but will take note of comments. Attached as Appendix II
NS – reference to vulnerable people. Covid 19 group. What is the shoot – PH shoot near John Owen. Were there complaints? Or were police just advised. Vulnerable people will be school at Meikle Canglour DP.
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting on 3 February 2021**
3.1 Proposed DP, Seconded NS. ACTION HB approved minutes to DB for Stirling Council.
- 4 Matters arising**
4.1 Actions from February meeting
2.1 Shelloch windfarm - see planning item 14.1
4.1 Approved minutes to DB for Stirling Council HB
5.1 Carried over from January Purchase shovels for grit bins NS done.
Needs map for location of grit bins. Decided not to insure last year. Have lost two bins to car accidents this year. One stolen? NB is insurance in case of claim against owners, third party. Agreed to put 4 bins as assets.
5.2 Purchase grit bins NS
Pending. Damaged bins need removing by Stirling Council.
7.1 Roads action points NS
13.1 Contact Hillfoot Development RT/KK
13.2 Roads response form PH
See Item 6.1
- 4.2 Some roads have been cleared this winter but some minor roads haven't been cleared at all during bad weather e.g. Greathill Road. In past years local farmers had done snow clearing if required. Could this be reinstated?

- 4.3 Anti-social behaviour, lots of visitors around North Third and Carron Valley area. Raise with the police so it goes onto their regular list. Usually more of a summer problem but has increased during lockdown.

DP has had complaints about state of B818, potholes.

Also hospital employees' issue, the road through Torwood has been closed. If need to get to A & E at Forth Valley Hospital adds a lot of time to the journey. Being used for 'walking'. A sign at Denny road end saying no through route to hospital would be useful.

SS – according to website this road closure is a Falkirk Council not Stirling Council issue. C9 Glen Road, C9 Roman Road, Torwood.

ACTION ALL – think of any relevant issues, forward to DB as there will be meeting with Stirling Council.

SS – police should come through later in the day regarding parking/traffic issues in the area. PH – could Stirling Council instal a giant litter bin for visitors? The existing Forestry bins quickly fill.

- 4.4 Flytipping. Ongoing problem. No prosecutions for this? NB there were a few prosecutions several years ago. Battery-operated cameras used. **ACTION NB** will raise again.

Last year Council regularly picked up bags of litter. Reinstating this would be helpful. Western end of reservoir is also a litter hotspot. Fisheries car park at North Third also attracts a lot of rubbish.

- 4.5 **ACTION DB** will send report to NB.

5 **Chair's report (PH)**

A combined CC and VRG meeting was held on 17 February. This proved a very useful exchange of views.

6 **Secretary's report (DB)**

- 6.1 See Appendix II on resilience issues etc.

9 **Treasurer's report (NS)**

Balance is £2077.36

Expenditure - £40 clerk's fee. £36 on four shovels.

10 **Stirling Councillor report (NB)**

- 10.1 Full Council meeting Thursday. New Forth link road. Will go ahead 2022. New system regarding garden waste collection. Grey bin will only be picked up once a month rather than fortnightly from end of summer.

Budget meeting 11 March. No council tax increase this year.

PH – combining food waste with garden waste – is this an economical way of dealing with the waste. System changed a few years ago. Previous system produced low quality compost. Current compost is used by certain forestry and agricultural customers.

- 10.2 NS – bin schedule changes. SC are not sticking to the current schedule at the moment. Bins are left out for a long time awaiting pick up so get contaminated with other waste from walkers etc. PH's green bin not collected for 3 months.

ACTION NB to investigate.

11 Valley Renewables Group report (MP)

- 11.1 Report attached as Appendix III.

12 Woodland Group report (DB)

- 12.1 Path work on hold owing to bad weather. Site meeting with contractors was put on hold. Suggestion that families could do volunteer days during lockdown restrictions with support from Woodland Group. A Wood Fuel weekend is planned for the autumn. May be able to do a Woodland Open Day later in the year if restrictions allow.

SS – cars parking near woodland is not ideal but less of a problem than parking on the main road and near residential properties. DB - Forestry do need access to track for works.

Finance report attached as Appendix IV

13 Roads report (PH)

- 13.1 Some roads are in a very poor condition. North Third virtually impassable at night owing to potholes. Ongoing problem getting SC to deal with many issues raised. DB has again raised issue. Agreed to schedule an online meeting 2pm Tuesday 16 March?

20mph signs appearing – near vets? NB part of the 'spaces for people' measures during coronavirus. Temporary traffic orders. If successful they will be made permanent. PH – for years have been trying to get road junction and yellow lines at this location and 30mph instead of 40mph limit near residential properties with no success.

NB – best way may be to raise petition – now online, may be best way to go.

DB how were areas nominated? NB it was Council officers.

SS – use of roads has increased considerably during lockdown, we should now be a priority route for lower speed limit.

Reciprocal gritting – Falkirk Council/Stirling Council. Kenny Sneddon's response – daily traffic must be more than 500 a day. But our survey showed 700 so we now meet criteria. To be raised at meeting with Stirling Council 16 March.

See Appendix V

14 Planning report (PH)

14.1 Shelloch windfarm update. No news. NB next meeting is end March/beginning of April. CC has raised objections to height of turbines - 180 metres high as opposed to existing turbines which are 120 metres high.

15 AOB

15.1 Local resident, Madeleine Kelly, has complained about potholes on C10.

15.2 Evelyn Crawford is going to chop down very large tree on 11 March so won't be able to use road. **ACTION HB** contact about Facebook post.

16 Date of next CC meeting – 3 April 2021 at 7:30pm via TEAMS or Zoom tba.

17 ACTIONS

4.3	Roads issues for meeting	ALL
4.4	Flytipping	NB
4.5	Roads report to Councillor Benny	DB
10.2	Bins not being collected	NB
15.2	Evelyn Crawford tree removal. Facebook post	HB

The meeting closed at 20:50pm.

Appendix I Police Report

Name of Community Council	Carron Valley Community Council meeting 03/03/2021
	Our priorities in the Carron Valley area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug misuse/Drug dealing, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.
	Our activity over the last month has been focussed towards these priorities.

**Crime
reports**

**Crime Reports for Carron Valley from
03/02/2021 – 02/03/2021**

**There have been no crimes recorded in said
period.**

Crime Reports: 0

There were **6** calls made to Police for the
Carron Valley area over the stated period.
The calls relate to sudden death, vulnerable
persons and a planned shoot.

<p>Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information</p>	<p>NORTH THIRD</p> <p>We are aware of the parking issues etc at North Third. Patrols were carried out yesterday by Community officers with no issues observed. Stirling community team will continue to carry out patrols and updates will be provided within next months Police report.</p>
<p>Feedback from meeting</p>	<p>Please contact PC's King and Barclay with any community issues at the email address noted below or alternatively by calling Tel no. 101.</p> <p>StirlingWestCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p>

Appendix II

Carron Valley & District - Community Resilience issues draft 1. March 2021

1 Carron Valley area & North Third area and access parking areas.

Times – Mainly from Easter to autumn more often at weekends, evenings. Currently year round.

Issues -

Inappropriate behaviour – especial issue at North Third where youngsters have been propositioned.

Anti-social behaviour - littering, abandoning camping , drinking, human waste, etc.

Anti-social behaviour - Also, Raves especially in the Carron Valley area,. Late nioght drinking parties in the North Third area

Parking / blocking road access – both areas

Both areas are very well used by walkers, cyclists, families, runners, etc. Large increase in popularity due to Covid-19 restrictions and now a year round issue for

visitors and especially local residents who have to cope with the detritus on a daily basis.

Locals and some visitors endeavour to collect the litter and Council has collected from roadside. What would be welcomed is more police presence in the area especially at weekends, and early morning (catching the campers abandoning litter and later evenings to deal with issues of inappropriate behaviour and antisocial behaviour..

2 Winter - Road clearing / gritting of Great Hill Road, North Third Road, Auchenbowie / Hallquarter area – using local resources?

C10 and B818 are being more proactively cleared / gritted by the Council which is welcomed. However there are smaller communities of residents on some of the minor roads / offshoots where there are concerns. These include an older population who may have health or ability issues. In the past there have been times where local farmers were contracted by the Council to clear such minor roads. Can this be re-instated for our area?

Appendix III

Report from VRG to CVDCC meeting on 3rd March'21

- A proposal to change the director trustee tenure and that of the officers to a fixed term one going forward was approved.
- Another newsletter and Woodland Supplement will be landing at your doors this week.
- Work continues to make entry points to the Community Woodland, its paths and tracks more accessible to all.
- The website is due for a revamp and submissions to do this work have been received.
- There will be a meeting shortly of those interested in putting together a Virtual Community Open Day (or event) this year in place of the normal one which has again been cancelled.
- A substantial chunk of work was presented for consideration by the grants sub-group. It was decided to leave this to a separate meeting in 2 weeks' time with comments being made in the coming week prior to the special meeting.
- The payment due for receipt from Falck via Foundation Scotland is now overdue but is being chased up. Financial reports are attached for information.

MgtP 3rd March'21

Appendix IV

Carron Valley Community Woodland
Summary Balance Sheet 2018-2021

Income 2018/2021

Scottish Land Fund	130,000
Restricted Fund	131,000
Total	261,000

Expenditure 2018/2021

	Capital	Revenue	Total
Land & Legals			90,698
2018/19 expenditure	54,326	16,230	70,556
2019/20 expenditure	16,770	22,447	39,217
2020/21 expenditure to date	28,505	25,058	53,563

Total spend to date (26/02/21) **254,034**

Balance (261,000 - 254,034) 6,966
 Credit from timber sale (estimate) 10,080
 Total balance at 26/02/21 17,046

Projected spend to 30/06/21 9,384

Total spend to 30/06/2021 (End of first three year budget) **257,972**

Projected underspend at 30/06/21

Budget underspend carried forward (261,000 - 257,972) 3,028

Revised expenditure 2021/2024

2021/22 expenditure	33,293
2022/23 expenditure	29,143
2023/24 expenditure	29,443
Total	91,879
Less underspend	3,028

Revised budget for 2021/24 **88,851**
 Balance as requested from Restricted Fund 89,579

RF for VRG - 26/02/21

Appendix V

Our joint proddings has had some success, with help from Pam and the Councillors. Below is from John Steele, Team Leader Roads Operations. We need to decide which date is best for the meeting and to co-ordinate a list of issues (and their possible resolutions) which we could send to him beforehand... I think this would be sensible so that the meeting is to discuss solutions and the timescale thereof. He is new -ish to the area so a map of the CC district and highlighted locations / road stretches would help him to understand.....

Dorothy

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I have had a discussion with my colleagues John Steele and Elaine Nicol unfortunately neither is able to attend the community council meeting on Wednesday due to other commitments. However please be reassured they are addressing immediate issues highlighted in respect of Polmaise Road; Newline Road and North Third including planned temporary repairs. The programme for capital works is being collated and the intention is to include the roads highlighted above within.

They are assessing conditions and priorities and are in the process of developing a draft plan of action to address the concerns and would welcome the opportunity to discuss further with representative s of the community council. They have advised of some suggested dates/times and would appreciate if the community council could advise which date suits best and send a link to the Microsoft Teams meeting to my colleagues John & Elaine (copied into the email) and if possible could you copy me in. Suggested dates:

Tuesday 16th March 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Monday 22nd March 2..00 pm till 4.00 pm

Wednesday 24th March 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm

