

CROFTAMIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

held on online

Wednesday 14.04.21 at 7.30 pm

1. Attendance: Peter Lloyd (PL), Margaret Firth (MF), Mary Dickie (MD), David Armstrong (DA), Willie Nisbet (WN), Henry Braid (HB), Donny Watson (DW). Alastair Berrill (AB), Andrew Sinnot from Kilmarnock Community Council, Ewan Gregor - Cameron Contracts Ltd and 8 residents

2. Apologies - Police

3. Previous Minutes. Approved By MD Seconded by HB

4. Police Report not provided.

Link provided for use of CCTV per discussion from last meeting by email.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-cctv-using-cctv-systems-on-your-property/domestic-cctv-using-cctv-systems-on-your-property>

Feedback from last month by email:

Speeding is an ongoing issue. Police will be carrying out speed checks in person and will occasionally employ the pop up cop. This seems to be a good way of slowing traffic down.

Police will attempt to attend the meetings on Zoom in future.

Serious RTCs which require roads to be closed are fortunately not common place on this part of the road. When they do occur, I'm sure you can appreciate that there are procedures that are to be followed and priorities are taken into consideration. I will pass on the concerns as a reminder to the officers here and in L Division about closing the roads at the other junctions (Pirniehall Rd at this end) in a way to try and alleviate the traffic congestion issue caused by the RTC/primary road closure.

The Pop Up Police woman has helped to slow the traffic down. Looking at purchasing our own as a Community.

5. Planning Report – MD nothing for Croftamie. Stockiemuir Road towards the Gun site- new application for four houses which had previously been withdrawn which will have an entrance from the Main Road. If we have concerns we have to write in and make our comments. Councillors have confirmed that this should be done.

RSHA Croftamie- Update on Buchanan Crescent development Ewan Gregor - Cameron Contracts Ltd Tel: 01631 559499 Mob: 07729 474717 Email: ewan@gregorcameronltd.co.uk

MF had circulated a flyer to residents in Buchanan Cres to invite them to this meeting. Main point this month is the development of 14 new houses behind Buchanan Crescent & Edmund Terrace.

Ewan explained that -Planning was approved in December and the Site was been purchased last month. An architect is on board and still to appoint an Engineer and Cost consultant. 3 community members from Buchanan Crescent are on the panel to input community thoughts and ideas/concerns. More can join within 3-4 weeks in time to join the first meeting. DW asked if the ground has been surveyed – there was a detailed site investigation was conducted last summer. Sewage- mains water and not for foul drainage. Will talk to Scottish water and could discharge on site and put into the Catterburn.

Grazing request- a stock proof fence would need be needed to ensure that the cattle and sheep will be safe.

A resident had mentioned the seating area that would be close to her Garage section- could this be taken to the next meeting and the architects are aware of this issue.

Parking had given concern- is there capacity to add extra parking for existing residents- this has been taken into consideration – the engineers will comment.

Another resident would be happy to join the panel and will contact Ewan directly.

Plans can be published on our website as they are already in the public domain.

6. Roads Update – DW

There had been funds for the A809 but no evidence of these works in the Roads plans.

AB will investigate and come back to us.

Andrew – asked about Stirling Council's responses to the roads. Back roads have been resurfaced.

Gartocharn falls under West Dunbartonshire Council.

Bridge where the accident has happened on the A811 has been rebuilt really quickly.

They have considered emergency back up plans for when there is an incident but this has not progressed. Have asked for more passing places on the back roads. No response received yet.

Some stretches of the back road have been resurfaced in recent years but there are still areas that are poor.

We are hoping that the Croftamie Bridge will be repaired sooner than later.

7. Treasurer Update – DA

Deductions have been made for Minute taker £170, Zoom monthly fee for 5 months £71.95 and Electricity for Christmas Tree £42.49. Balance of the account is now £2230.31.

End of financial year was 31 March 2021.

8. Stirling Council Update – AB

Annual budget setting meeting- C Tax freeze for this year.

Expected £8m shortfall next year.

Elections are on the 6th May

Engage Stirling – consultations that runs until Friday. Drinking by- laws could be changed just to have an open container and not drinking it could be illegal.

Section 75 Dalnair Estate- there has been a breach and council recognize this and an enforcement case has been progressed

Nursery – previous question about whether the Nursery will it be available for hire by The Rural and yes it will once the Scottish Govt Covid rules allow.

Previous Q around traffic lights at Finnich Glen. Road closures have to be advertised in Stirling Observer, and Stirling Council website- as there were traffic lights this did not have to be included. This work would have been included Aurora Streetworks Register website.

Less of a take up on the £35 fees for the brown bins than expected. Concerns about toxic plants or those treated being dumped in fields for the cattle.

MF advised that the brown bin letters are addressed to Blanefield. Stirling Council website has Croftamie as Blanefield- a database somewhere in the council is incorrect. AB to investigate.

9. LL&TNP -WN

Balloch bridge due to open in May.

Email correspondence about a litter bin on the path by the bridge. Park have confirmed that they don't own the cycle path or Sustrance. Supposed to be handed over from Council to the Park years ago. But do Sustrance own it?

Park looking into the idea of use the new litter squad teams to blitz heavy areas of litter. A bin will not solve the whole problem. Dog bins are emptied regularly so could they also empty.

Stirling Council have been good at picking up litter within the 30 MPH limits. Need litter plan for outwith the 30MPH limits and on the A811 where the traffic lights are, and the Devils Pulpit.

AE- Suggestion had been that the community could support the clearing of the cycle path.

Community Payback team cleared the vegetation previously. If there are no bins – could we please have signage to suggest Take your litter home. This will send a mixed message if there are some bins to be used. Need consistent approach. PL confirmed that we would welcome any support from the Park.

First Minister has eased the restrictions of movement within Scotland and the Park is as ready as it can be for the tourists that will visit.

Email to community contacts- details of what the Park were doing over the past couple of weeks.

WN has invited Kilmaronock Andrew as he thought that the Police would attend tonight. PL has raised this and hope that they will attend in coming meetings.

Andrew confirmed no police attend Kilmaronock meetings. No contact since Nov and unable to locate the community contact.

DW is concerned when the bridge on A811 is repaired that the road will be closed as the back roads will be used. WN asked about the AB plans to have the traffic

PL –advised that the Police Emergency planning units and they should be able to advise of the contingency.

10. Outstanding points from last meeting

PL has submitted Participation requests to Park and the Council. One for Pavements and One for traffic calming . No response as yet but they have another 15 days before the 45 days period to response.

South West Rural forum meeting online 15.3.21 - MF. The is a new person in traffic role, Elaine Nicol, Network roads and traffic managements team.

Raised concerns about the local bridges , Fintry closure and concerns with A811 traffic lights. Bridges have a separate team. Maria Lacey and they are aware of our bridge issue.

WN- highlighted to ask AB to find out a timeframe. A811 road to Gartocharn. Endrick has washed away the embankment and could affect the bridge.

Community Trust Village Litter pick update.

Thank you to everyone who turned out (35 people). Thanks to Community Council for the PPE that was provided.

Outwith the 30MPH signs there was lots or rubbish found. Folks went back to the But and Ben for refreshments. More litter has already been dumped.

There is a Radio advert Scotland wide encouraging people to pick up their litter.

An opportunity for people to get together and we should encourage further projects.
MF – wonders about a project of reclaiming our paths if volunteers were to take part. The Payback team are unable to support the pavements due to H & S as it is so close to the road.

A resident remembers the National Anti-litter campaign penalty was £10 in 1961.

Q about the Woods which are owned by Dalnair as it is overgrown. A footpath was to be installed but this has not been done. Wooden walkways are ruined.
Community Payback team could perhaps assist with permission from Dalnair.
Pavements are very overgrown.

11. Correspondence Received

Grant for minute Taker & admin application received

12. Any Other Business –

A G M for Croftamie Community Trust - Wed 28.4.21 via zoom all welcome, dial in as above

PI confirmed that he has phoned for tyres which have been dumped to be uplifted

WN email included fly tipping contact details.

MD- incidents of lots of music and noise problem – can we put something on the Community website to ask people to be considerate.

MD- rumble strip near to the haystack and it is breaking up and the broken tiles could be an issue.

A question was asked about the large branches on the road B834 but these have not deliberately been placed there to avoid parking.

Finnich Glen – there was a serious accident on Sunday. All Emergency services have to attend which seems over excessive. Mountain Rescue are also needed.

Confirmation of AGM & next Meeting Wednesday 12.05.2021
commencing at 7.30 pm online



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