

Strathard Community Council

Minutes of meeting: Thursday 7th June 2018 Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

Community Councillors, Trevor Geraghty Ros Dingwall Gillian McEwan
Colin Smith, Michelle Colquhoun Jimmy Quinn

Attending: Cllr Evelyn Tweed, Michelle Flynn.(Stirling Council), Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary).
5 members of the public

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening 2. Apologies 3. Prev Min 4. Matt Aris	<p>Introductions: Trevor Geraghty chaired the meeting, and welcomed everyone.</p> <p>A Goulancourt, Fiona McEwan, Stuart Stephen Proposed CS. Approved TG</p> <p>An update has been received from David Brown (SC)</p>	
5. Kinlochard Associate CC Members-Vision Plan Project	<p>The formation of a working group of 6-8 people was discussed, to initially determine the size and shape of the community, form a boundary map and compile an email list. It was thought best to limit this to Kinlochard residents for manageability. Following this, consultation will take place. It was suggested that there should be a school-age representative on the team. Once representation of all views and agreement on assets has been reached, an aspirational document will be formed to give context in which to understand what the community wishes to achieve, and action can be taken on mandate. Formation of an action group similar to Aberfoyle Village People is also planned. It was identified that there is still time to be included in the next cycle of LLTNP's 5year Development Plan. This raised comment that lines of communication between LLTNP and Stirling Council are difficult to identify, MF will forward a copy of Stirling Council's Local Development Plan for information. It was noted that funding may be available through the Community Chartering Network. It was thought that the proposed procedure will form an excellent model, which could potentially be extended to other communities.</p>	MF
6. AGM July 5th 2018	<p>The 2018 AGM of Strathard Community Council will be held on 5th July at Kinlochard Village Hall</p>	
7. Kinlochard Broadband	<p>A meeting between Digital Scotland and Stirling Council will be held next week, Concern was expressed that time and opportunity for agreement with the various suppliers is slipping away. Cllr Tweed confirmed that any available money will be spent to help supply Kinlochard. It was agreed to question the community through Strathard News and other available outlets regarding signal strength and gaps in supply in the Aberfoyle area. It is hoped that 4G may be employed to fill these gaps.</p>	
8. Goats	<p>The problem of the goats in Strathard was discussed at length. It was felt that 3 options were available, culling, removal to an alternative location, or leave as is. Whilst report was heard that it is the owners responsibility to keep wild animals from their land, the latter option was unpopular, as it was felt that the goats are becoming a nuisance on roads and in gardens, A widespread disinclination for culling was also expressed, consequently it was agreed to look closely at options for removal of the goats. A goat sanctuary in Galloway will be contacted, and practical measures explored. Signage to warn people of goat presence was also suggested, and the importance of preserving the Inversnaid herd was noted.</p>	
9. Treasurers Report	<p>Not present, no report</p>	

<p>10. Planning</p>	<p>Inversnaid Bunkhouse: Retrospective permission sought for shower block. Discovery Centre: Screen approved. Kinlochard Village Hall: Storage facility approved. FCS: Formation of two new access tracks notified</p>	
<p>11. Correspondence & Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Kinlochard Hoghland Games: This will take place on 15th July. Smaith Gallery: Invitation to a Chairman’s Evening 15th June 7.30. LLTNP: Your Park Stakeholder Forum at Callander Youth Project June 19th LLTNP: Notification of Board elections.</p>	
<p>12. Stirling Council Issues & Councillors Report</p>	<p>Flooding: Cllr Tweed reported that it is hoped to move forward with a feasibility study this year. £539k can be accessed for flooding projects. Viability of the project will not be known until 2020, although this may move forward if other projects fail. Work will commence in 2023 at the earliest. Suggestion was made to have the new Flooding manager out for a visit if she has a plan. Cllr Tweed was asked why localised work already commenced in Aberfoyle has not been completed, and will make enquiries. Cllr Tweed was also asked to report back on how much has already been spent. A81: Proposed re-surfacing has been postponed until end August. Business Hub: This is progressing well, signage is required. The possibility of creating an events room on the ground floor of the Fiscovery Centre was discussed. Manse Rd Bridge: Positive feedback has been received on this repair.</p>	<p>Cllr Tweed Cllr Tweed</p>
<p>13. Reports</p>	<p>Police: Not present, report attached.</p>	
<p>14. AOCB</p>	<p>Sewage: It was noted that the sewage system at Forest Hills is underused, and that the possibility of the village connecting to it might be explored. It was suggested that this be deferred until a decision on the proposed campsite is reached Skips: The removal of skips by Stirling Council was criticised, It is felt that a tourist destination should have somewhere for holidaymakers to deposit waste, as the ‘Take it Home ‘policy is unworkable under these circumstances. Cllr Tweed will check council policy on this matter. Bins: A request was made for galvanised bins with lids, to solve the ongoing problem of crows spreading waste in the streets, Toilets: There are still holes in the bus stop canopy outside the toilets. Altskeith: The Altskeith Hotel would like to host an afternoon tea for Senior Citizens, perhaps in August. Cycle Lane: It was noted that gaps on the cycle route require to be joined up. This will be raised at strategic meeting, and added to Action Plan. Cemetery: Aberfoyle Cemetery is almost full, and concern was expressed at the reported possibility of Aberfoyle having to share Callander’s new cemetery in the future. Cllr Tweed will make enquiries. Village Entrance: The owners of the former upholstery shop at the village entrance plan residential use for the building in the long term, plans are with their architect. A pre-planning application was suggested to help determine feasibility. The Community Council asked if there was anything else they could do to facilitate improvement of the area. Other than financial input, the owners did not think so, but stressed that community opinion is important to them.</p>	<p>Cllr Tweed Cllr Tweed</p>

Next meeting: Thursday 5th July at Kinlochard Village Hall. This will also be the AGM.

