

Strathard Community Council

Minutes of meeting: Thursday 2nd August 2018 Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

Community Ros Dingwall, Fiona McEwan, Gillian McEwan
Councillors Michelle Colquhoun, Colin Smith, Stuart Stephen

Attending: Michelle Flynn.(Stirling Council), Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary).
 Billy Ronald (NP). 4 members of the public

Topic	Discussion	Action
1. Opening 2. Apologies 3. Prev Min	<p>Introductions: Colin Smith chaired the meeting, and welcomed everyone. A Goulancourt, Trevor Geraghty, Jimmy Quinn Cllr Evelyn Tweed</p> <p>Proposed SS. Approved MC, with two amendments: Item 6, the word ‘governance’ to be replaced with ‘remit’. Conversation with John Hare- SS please advise.</p>	
4. Matt Aris	<p>Goats: Mrs McDonald of McDonald Forest Hills Hotel has arranged and executed the removal of the small herd of goats which had been troubling the premises. Varied reports of their destination have been heard. The opportune entry of the goats to the tennis court necessitated swift action. It was agreed to thank FH for taking on an issue which had long been awaiting decision, to ask for clarity on the goats’ destination in order to inform the community, and to ascertain if FH are formulating a policy for future goat incursions. Village Entrance: Some progress has been made in tidying this area.</p>	Contact FH
5. Kinlochard Associate CC Members-Vision Plan Project	<p>A letter has been formulated requesting volunteers, 12 people will be targeted. Two workshops are planned for October, the outcomes will be available in October for Kinlochard residents only. Opinion was divided as to whether the adjacent local areas should press on towards similar action as a matter of urgency. Current input and potential funding from the facilitating company CCN are more likely to be obtained within the present momentum and the company’s resources may be committed elsewhere in the future if action is delayed. It was noted that a blanket approach might generate more influence on the future plans of the National Park. This was balanced against a preference to take a measured approach, informed by the success of the Kinlochard pilot. LLTNP will start work on the next 5Year Development Plan next year, a factor which must be taken into consideration. It was agreed that CS will talk to AG and TG regarding Stronachlachar and Inversnaid, and Aberfoyle members will test opinion in Aberfoyle, reports to be heard at next meeting. CS expressed thanks to Joyce and Jamie, seconded by JK.</p>	
6. Kinlochard Broadband	<p>Cabinets are going ahead, but it is reported that only 50% of properties will reach the 24 megabyte target promised. Clarification was sought that 50% improvement will not mean 50% deterioration for those not benefitting. Openreach have agreed to work on the black spot between Forest Hills and the Glassert. TG is working on Y-Max, which has secured funding and will give free access to Aberfoyle, hopefully extending to Stronachlachar and Inversnaid in the future. Some Aberfoyle residents have been offered fibre to their premises, please contact BT if this is desired.</p> <p>Funding: It was noted that there is still money in the budget of the recently disbanded Stirling Council Community Broadband Group, to which local areas had applied for grants to help fund consultation services.</p>	
7. Treasurers Report	<p>General Fund stands @ £2092.47, Christmas Fund @ £591.37, Phone Directory Fund @ £5597.57, totalling £8281.41</p>	

	<p>issue forward. Meeting Location: At present there is no venue available in Stronachlachar or /Inversnaid for Community Council meetings. The Pier Café, Forest Hills and Kinlochard Village Hall were all suggested, and location will be advertised on website, SC website and noticeboards following confirmation.</p> <p>Cycling Event: An event will be held in the local area on 8/8th September, exact route has yet to be advised. Kinlochard Highland Games: the games were a great success despite the break in the weather, which did not seem to diminish numbers. Congratulations were offered to Fergus Wood for his achievement in organising this popular local event.</p>	
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Next meeting: Thursday 6th September 2018