

# Callander Community Council

## Minutes of the meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Community Councillors:** Susan Holden (SH--Chair), Brian McKay (BM-Treasurer), Brian Luti (BL), Mike Luti (ML), John Watson (JW), David Moore (DM), Alex Mitchell (AM-Secretary), David Shearer (DS), Marilyn Moore (MM), Roger Watt (RW), Richard Johnson (RJ), Elaine Waterson (EW).

**Apologies:** Cllr Evelyn Tweed

**Also in Attendance:** Cllr Martin Earl, Cllr Jeremy McDonald, Helen Terry (HT)- Town Co-ordinator, Philip Reece-Heal, Katarina Cech (KC) - Minute Taker, Nina Luti, Moe Guertin, John Kennedy members of the public

**Chair of Meeting:** Susan Holden

Item	Action
<b>1. Declaration of Interest None</b>	
<b>2. Minutes of the September meeting</b>  Page 9 Item 7a) Airtricity (BL) The cheque for the Jazz club delete “£885” and substitute with “£1950”.  Proposed by DM, seconded by BM.	
<b>3. Reports from Office Bearers</b>  <b>a) Chair</b> Report had already been presented at the AGM meeting and no questions had been asked.  <b>b) Vice-chair</b> DS would like to thank to all the people who contacted him to write the correct information to SC.  <b>c) Secretary</b> AM would like to simplify communications and set- up a Google group to receive external and internal correspondence so that all councillors will know what is happening. Councillors supported AM’s proposal. Cllr Martin Earl suggested that all three councillors be included in the Google Group. Cllr Jeremy Rice MacDonald agreed with the suggestion. No decision on that was reached. AM will forward all communications to and from the Secretary’s email box to the Google group in the meantime.	

<p><b>d) Treasurer</b></p> <p>The written report was submitted. Admin grant from SC was received. The total of £938.18. The Airtricity fund received a grant just short of £17 000 . It was noted that the Admin grant covers Admin and Minute taking .</p> <p><b>e) Planning</b></p> <p>DM noted that it had been very useful and a pleasure working with BL and RW on the planning subgroup and hopes it will continue. There had been no new planning applications since the last meeting. DM proposed that the Lagrannoch site opposite to Dreadnought garage be reserved and kept available for a future bridge crossing,as it was the best site for a road interchange. It was agreed that if it is not kept we will lose a sensible site for the bridge. It is a possible allotment site. There was a discussion on site planning and screening. DM proposed a contact to be made to those people who expressed interest in allotments to come back to us with some sort of formal structure that the CCC could support. BL seconded DM's proposal. It was noted that Carol McGowan is the lady who deals with it and had already had 21 expressions of interest. It was also noted that it might be appropriate that the first port of call would be Drummond Estates. DM and ML will take it forward and inform Carol McGowan that this would be the most appropriate way forward. First of all there has to be a formal process.</p> <p>Cllr Martin Earl noted that if CCC is minded to agree to seek potential change of use for the location now is a good time to do that because NP's local development plan is now starting to go through a real consultancy process bringing new LDP (2022).</p>	<p>DM&amp;M L</p>
<p><b>4. Election of a new member</b></p> <p>SH noted that there are two vacancies available. It was noted that SC had been notified about both resignations.</p> <p>Cllr Martin Earl noted the importance of SC community engagement officers available for meetings. SH proposed to proceed with filling one vacancy this evening and to advertise the second post and also double check the process with SC. All councillors agreed.</p> <p><u><i>Voting process explained:</i></u></p> <p>Candidates will have a short presentation to members of CCC explaining why they would like to join CCC. Vote will be an open show of hands vote. To be co-opted as a member of CCC a winning candidate needs to get 2/3 majority (at least 8 votes of the 12 members of CCC voting). If one of the candidates gets 8</p>	<p>SH</p>

votes, then that candidate will become a co-opted member of CCC. If no candidates get 8 votes but there is a clear one, two, three order, then the person who comes third would drop out and then it would be voting between the two remaining candidates. But the 2/3 majority rule would still apply. It was noted that Wayne Johnson, one of the candidates for co-option was absent. CCC members agreed that presentations should be in alphabetical order. When one candidate is making a presentation, the other candidates should be withdrawn temporarily. In terms of vote, all candidates should be in the virtual waiting room, not present during the vote.

1<sup>st</sup> Candidate: Moe Guertin- gave a short statement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Candidate: John Kennedy- gave a short statement.

3<sup>rd</sup> Candidate: Wayne Johnson was not present.

No candidate received the required 2/3 majority (8 votes), and it was unanimously agreed to return to the process at the next meeting.

Cllr Martin Earl suggested that CCC could inform the candidates of the situation and remit as a matter of urgency to the team leader of Community Engagement team Lynne McKinley.... to seek a clarification on that and how CCC could proceed.

SH and other members of CCC expressed that they would be more than happy to have the candidates on board and Cllr Martin Earl explained that under normal circumstances, there would be an SC officer present from Community Engagement Team at the meeting and this problem might have been addressed and they might have been able to facilitate a conclusion this evening. But currently they are not able to be part of the virtual meetings using SC devices.

#### **5. Updates from other organisations**

a) **Police report-** this was not received prior to the Meeting but would be circulated when available.

b) **Callander Community Development Trust-** the report was submitted.

ML proposed that CCC support a partnership with CCDT and Forest Land Scotland to take Coilhallen Wood forward. Seconded by BL. Councillors made a comment that this proposal is an excellent idea. RW declared a conflict of interest because he lives close to the Coilhallen Wood.

BM as a council rep on CCDT suggested that CCC should put something to CCDT before their next meeting. ML will put together a few words for BM outlining what was said.

<p>RJ noted that the CCC made a proposal that we should make sure that the Woodland Group meets and takes this proposal forward. There was a suggestion that community councillors could be appointed to that group. It was also suggested that somebody should get in touch with Lesley Hawkins who initiated the conversation with FLS regarding this partnership.</p>	
<p>SH proposed general information gathering in the next few days and then we will take it forward. SH will do a note on this and will send it to all councillors that they can agree on that.</p>	SH
<p><b>c) Town Co-ordinator</b></p>	
<p>The written report was submitted. No questions or comments raised.</p>	
<p><b>d) Callander Partnership</b></p>	
<p>There was a meeting the previous Friday, not very well attended. The meetings will be every 2 months from now.</p>	
<p><b>e) Callander Enterprise</b></p>	
<p>There was no meeting this month. Report from last month's meeting- quite a few people had joined CE. Several new premises opened- Retrophenia, Proposal`s Home and ORK Cozy Coffee Shop. Work has started on The Eagle and the Old Caledonian Care Home.</p>	
<p>Town Centre Growth fund- 15 different handrails were fitted into different shops. A number of ramps are available which were donated from Scot Rail for free. There will be four new benches going to the Meadows as a part of another grant. The website and Facebook page had in August about 8 500 users with 27 500 page views.</p>	MM
<p><b>f) Callander Lanscape Partnership</b></p>	
<p>The written report was submitted.</p>	
<p><b>g) National Park</b></p>	
<p>Cllr Martin Earl noted that his understanding is that there will be a series of community forum meetings organised in probably early November 2020. That will be an opportunity to have a discussion around the past season. The work of NP in conjunction with other organisations like FLS, SC, Police Scotland will be continuing through the winter in preparation for the next season. It is important to point out things such as increased capacity in car parks, managed solutions for motor homes, better presence at</p>	SH

<p>popular camping sites and loch shore locations and more efficient parking endorsement. Cllr Martin Earl noted that he would make sure that CCC is well represented at it. MM noted that she would be interested to know what the views of NP were on the balance of Economy vs Ecology and environment.</p> <p>RW noted that it would be very powerful if we could speak on the behalf of the community about this issue (especially Lower Crags Woods area and Bracklinn Falls) to find out what our community wish. SH asked RW to think about how to consult across the community and bring some ideas to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>e) Stirling Council</b></p> <p>On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 SC had a special budget meeting to allocate quite a significant amount of money from reserves to fill the resource issues and financial problems created by the pandemic. There is still additional money that is expected to come through UK gov and Scot gov to be allocated to the local authorities, designed specifically to assist with the spending pressure local authorities had undergone. There is quite a big impact on capital budget (building stuff budget) which has seen a large number of projects postponed to the next financial year.</p> <p>Space For People funding- half a million pounds through Sustrans- Cllr Martin Earl asked people to look at the consultation, the link which he sent out to SH. Please be aware that the funding is meant to be for temporary measures. Please submit them through consultation process.</p> <p>Re road works on A84 near Leny Feus - expect CCC and Police to be consulted on some proposed ways to get the repairs finally done in the near future.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>SH</p>
<p><b>6. <u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Airtricity (BL)</b></p> <p>There has been an application for special changing room equipment to be added to the disabled visitor pod at the Youth Project. It gives the opportunity for severely handicap people to have a holiday and be able to have a shower. The part which will be funded by CCC would be for a hydraulic lift and it costs £10 000. It is subject to Planning application. The total cost is £38 000 . They will be given a letter of assurance to state that when the all permissions have been received and start is confirmed ,</p>	

we will give them the money. It was noted that CCC and Airtricity deserve and should be acknowledged in any way the publicity which goes along with this project. All councillors were in agreement with this application.

**b) Flooding (RJ)**

RJ, ML and BL resigned from the Flooding group. SH will consider the situation and clarify the way forward at the next meeting.

**c) Roads, parking and pavements (DS)**

Written report was submitted. There were no comments or questions.

**d) St. Kessog`s update: CCC representation**

RJ noted that in terms of general update there had been very little happening, waiting for Steven MacDonald to decide on this suggested new format of the working group. Sue King and EW did an enormous amount of work. RJ hopes that Sue King and EW will be part of the working group. SC recommends Sue King to be part of the working group. CCC needs to appoint one representative from CCC. The other organisations represented in the working group are: CE, CCDT, CYP, Leisure Centre and High School. RJ suggested that representatives from the High School should be students.

EW was proposed to be a representative of CCC in the working group keeping CCC updated on the progress. ML proposed her nomination and BL seconded that.

**e) Sub-group proposal (DS,RW) & Discussion paper (RW,BM)**

RW explained that a discussion paper is a document about what CCC is, what CCC does, how CCC does it, what are CCC`s purposes and how CCC fits in around any other organization in Callander.

The purpose of this was to establish where CCC is in agreement and in disagreement.

RW noted that CCC should find out accurately what our community thinks about all the things which affect it. The community will have multiple views on things. There won`t be a universal consensus. CCC`s job is to find out this spectrum of views.

It was agreed that further discussion was necessary, before this was finalised, and fully endorsed by the CCC.

**7. AOCB (current and longer-term road and traffic problems)**

**Remembrance Sunday-** The church service will be much reduced. There will be token acts of remembrance- wreaths but no parade. BM noted that he could put a bit of Poppy branding on the website and on the Facebook page for the period of time. Everybody agreed. JW noted that it would be a good idea if CCC can encourage people to donate towards Poppy Scotland.

**Citizen of the year-** RW's proposal is to acknowledge a citizen of the year and a lifetime contribution to Callander.

ML thanked RJ for supplying certificates for the Garden competition.

**8. Date of next meeting (9<sup>th</sup> November 2020)**