

CALLANDER PARTNERSHIP

Summary report for CCC 09.11.20 meeting

The meeting had fewer participants than the last one: it was agreed that holding meetings every two months, as originally, rather than monthly, would be a better use of people's time. All participating organisations will be contacted about the need to be represented by appropriate decision makers, wherever possible.

Topics covered

Claish Farm housing development

Positive comments had been made by nearby residents on the ongoing communication by the developers, including through regular newsletters.

The development is on target, with a handover in Spring, with 10-15 units ready for April.

There was discussion of the new footpath being installed and its possible link in to plans for a new pedestrian bridge.

AP: Bring forward to December meeting for wider discussion.

McLaren Leisure Centre

There was an update on the current limited access and potential plans for after the October break - all subject to change.

St Kessogs development

SC update:

The architect is due to be appointed and in place prior to the first (11.11) meeting with the working party.

The City Deal sign-off date is end October; the business case target date is now April 2021.

The need for a baseline brief for what might go into St K was stressed.

Queries were raised about the SC desired restrictions on membership of the working party: It was stressed that it was up to each organisation to nominate their suitable representative, bearing in mind availability for meetings (working day) and the likelihood in a small community of those with relevant experience being involved in several bodies.

AP: Express these concerns to SC.

Visitor Information Centre (VIC) development

Frank Park (Chair CCDT) announced the current negotiation to purchase the RBS building at 55 Main Street, in order to gain larger and more suitable premises, with upper floor space to be used in a range of possible ways. All still under discussion.

Roads, traffic and parking

The regular ongoing discussions with SC are focussing on:

- A84 exploratory speed restriction
- Car parks (including Meadows Car Park flooding consultation project)
- Signage
- Ongoing (6 month) restrictions at Leny Feuss

In addition, there was discussion about the potential Leny Bridge A84 implications.

AP: Follow up at December meeting with wider decision-making involvement.

Looking ahead: priorities and adaptations

There was discussion of the need to explore and discuss the changing needs of residents, businesses and visitors across the community and from various viewpoints.

The effect of the evolving rules on businesses was discussed with the MP.

Visitor behaviour and its effect on residents is under discussion with especial reference to car parking and the Bracklinn Road and Invertrossachs Road/South Loch Venachar areas.

The doubling in size of the Bochastle car park (NP) was commented on as not being needed.

The potential of the Lagrannoch site, if available, for both an allotments project (increasingly popular) and as a lead in to the potential bridge river crossing was mentioned.

AP: Continue to explore bring forward to the December meeting.

Alyn Smith mentioned his current constituency mailing on responses to Covid-19 and hoped for wide feedback.

Date of next meeting: 11 December. 10 am.

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