

Report on the CCDT Meeting held on 27th November 2020

The main topics of discussion of interest to community councillors were:

VIC

As reported previously, the VIC has had an offer accepted for the purchase of the old RBS building at 55 Main Street. At this meeting it was reported that the Valuation Surveyor was due to attend the premises that afternoon and that lawyers are progressing with missives and the lease agreement with RBS in respect of the ATM. It is expected that the purchase will complete in January 2021. Their aim is to be in a position to open the VIC as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

New Callander Action Plan (CAP)/Local Place Plan (LPP)

Helen Terry, Town Co-ordinator, reported that following her request at the last CCC meeting for a couple of community councillor volunteers to join the LPP Steering Group, two had come forward. She asked CCDT to provide a couple of volunteers also.

Coilhallen Wood

Currently in abeyance until a new SLF fund becomes available. It was reported that Callander Landscape was looking at a new, all-ability footpath in the wood and that FLS was talking positively about it.

Allotments

Carol McGowan gave a presentation regarding her hopes to develop an allotments site in Callander. She reported that she had identified 28 people who were interested in it and had undertaken a lot of research, including into possible sites, including the field by Camp Place, owned by Drummond Estate. Her plan is to form a properly constituted group to take things forward but recognises that there is much work to be done.

CCDT Code of Conduct

I reported previously that CCDT were happy to revise the wording in their Code of Conduct to reflect conflicts of interest that could arise when CCDT directors were also members of other organisations. However, it was identified that in order to revise the Code of Conduct, CCDT would first have to revise their Articles of Association and that that would have to be passed at an EGM. That EGM will be held before the start of the January CCDT meeting and the revised CoC clause passed at the following ordinary meeting.

In the meantime and as outlined in last month's report, CCDT, while recognising the difficulty, also recognised that all Directors can recuse themselves from any discussion in which they have an interest, personal or otherwise, at any time and that that avenue is open to any Director, whether Nominated or Appointed, at any time.

CCDT Minutes

As agreed at last meeting the latest approved Minutes of CCDT Board meetings are attached.

Brian McKay
11th December 2020

Minutes of video meeting of CCDT Board held on 31 October 2020

Participants: L.Cameron M.Griffiths S.Holden L.Isgrove T.Kliskey B.McKay A Mitchell D. Moore M.Moore F.Park P.Prescott A.Docherty H.Terry

Apologies: M.Holloway T.Thompson

Minutes of September meeting: Approved. prop: D.Moore; sec: M.Griffiths

Matters arising:

1 Code of Conduct There was discussion on a proposed amendment to the recently approved Code of Conduct, proposed by B.McKay, which could also lead to an amendment to the Memo/Articles of Association, clause 88.

An addition to the Code was also proposed by M. Moore re confidentiality.

As several versions of wording were being suggested, it was agreed that P. Prescott would receive any further suggestions and provide a final version to be presented at the November meeting.

Action: All/ Paul

2. 55 Main Street: Research of possible loan options has indicated that the best source would be Bank of Scotland, either at variable or fixed rate. Any loan would be additional to finance from Callander Hydro Company to purchase the premises and carry out refurbishment. The Board agreed that variable rate would be best option.

Purchase of the building will go ahead, subject to survey etc. It will be owned by CCDT, and the Visitor Information Centre will be set up on the ground floor, with decisions on potential uses for the upper floor being taken carefully after appropriate local consultation.

A working group to manage the project of developing the premises will be led by T. Kliskey, and will include P. Gardiner, appointed as VIC Manager in early 2020, who has the VIC background necessary for this first phase of the development. The virtual VIC is now live www.visitcallander.uk

A press release will be sent to Stirling Observer and BLV and posted on websites.

3 Community Woodland: It is hoped that the Woodland group will reconvene soon, will involve the Community Council, and meet with Forestry Land Scotland to discuss next steps.

4 Festive Lights: A tree has been promised from Cambusmore Estate ... delivery wk beg 23 November. Purchase of new lights and associated fittings will be required to supplement existing lights so as to light up both north and south squares. Applications will be made to Airticity and Hydro Awards fund to cover costs, as this will be a joint CCDT, CCC and CE activity. **Action:** Lorraine/ Helen

5 Community Action Plan 2022-27: H. Terry has already started to draft the process for developing the next Callander CAP, having consulted Planning Aid Scotland and the NP for any updates on methodology.

A working group will be set up with relevant expertise from CCDT, CCC and local groups representing the wider community as required. **Action:** Helen

6 Landscape Partnership: The problem of a road crossing at Leny Falls site is now being addressed with help from Alyn Smith, MSP, who is willing to meet Transport Scotland to try to resolve this matter.

Reports received : Callander Enterprise McLaren Leisure

Callander Support Group: Only one person now being given practical help with personal business matters. Meals delivery once per week is being continued for six of the original list. Contingency plans are in place in case support programme has to be revived.

Callander Partnership: Next meeting is scheduled for 11 December. Noted that lack of senior personnel attending from agencies (NP, SC) means that progress on any major issues is very restricted.

Finance: General a/c 41,298.31 Hydro Awards 48,623 Festivals 1,048.90

A new general account will be opened with Bof S to include finances of 55 Main St

Action: Toby

Any other business:

The Board accepted the notification from M. Heen that she would step down from the Board meantime, pending the outcome of a court decision involving her.

It was agreed that Carol McGowan be invited to attend the November meeting to discuss the proposed allotments project. **Action: Marilyn.**

Date of next meeting: Friday 27 November at 10am, by zoom