

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Meeting: 21 November 2022**

**Date of report: 19 November 2022**

### **GENERAL**

**The weeks since the October meeting have been largely spent in following up on the items discussed there. In addition, we have been able to evaluate the format and management of a hybrid meeting to make these even more successful in the future.**

## **1 Hybrid meetings: lessons from October**

### **1.1 Participation**

In addition to the CC members and SC and LLTNP representatives, there were about 12 live participants and 4 online.

- One speaker in the 'Special Items' (Murray McKellar) did so online, using slides and then interacting with those in the room.
- One member of the public came to the table to comment on the ongoing Flooding issues and another spoke at the end from halfway down the room to express concerns over emergency weather heat provision.
- One on-line participant asked a general question.

### **1.2 Management**

At a technical rehearsal that afternoon, with the help of CYP staff, the camera and mike were set up facing the central table, but also able to pick up audio and visuals from both sides. The large screen was above the central table, facing the room and visible to everyone there. The live acoustics in various parts of the room were also tested by the three CC members present.

The whole session and the switch between on-screen and live interaction was managed by the Secretary on her own computer. The video recording was then sent to the Minute Taker, who could not attend the meeting, to produce the minutes, to be checked against it as usual by the Secretary and Chair.

### **1.3 Results - for next time**

Mostly successful. Anyone speaking from the room needs to come nearer the mike to be heard and to be recorded clearly,

This provision of opportunity to participate fully in our meetings, whether in person or on-screen, is our pattern for the future, and we will continue to learn from each one and incorporate the results into our evolving Code of Conduct. Our aim is to make these CCC Scheduled Business Meetings, working within the SC Scheme of Establishment framework, as informative and productive as possible for everybody.

## **2 Special items on the October agenda**

### **2.1 Police reaction to public concern**

The police spokesperson gave an extensive overview of police activity and their reaction to public concerns, and took questions. This was felt to be useful and we hope to repeat the live session every 3 months, subject to police time availability

### **2.2 Flooding: SC response to written questions**

As the SC Flooding Officer was unable to attend the meeting, due to its changed date, we asked a member of the Bridgend, Grant Court and South Church Street Group, Ian McCourt, to summarise the reactions to the written QandAs submitted earlier to and from SC.

There was emphasis on the need for a firm timescale to be now agreed on the Scheme of Establishment recommendations, the promised public consultation, and, in parallel, for discussion of the expected general SC Flooding Report (issued early November).

Both of these will be discussed at the November meeting and requests will be made for action.

### **2.3 Bracklinn Falls Bridge: Murray McKellar LLTNP Project Manager (on-screen)**

The ongoing contact with LLTNP through our Associate Member, Alasdair Wyllie, and the ability to post updates on social media and request public comments is proving productive, as was Murray's on-line contribution and offer to update us further in December.

## **3 Other ongoing and emerging topics**

### **3.1 Community safety**

- Following the mention of the need for heating provision in bad weather emergencies mention by a member of the public at the October meeting, the CCC is joining with CCDT in contributing to this.
- In a similar way, joint support for an informative leaflet giving advice and essential contact numbers for emergencies has been produced and is being circulated with the help of the BLV. The quick action in producing this deserves our thanks to those involved.

### **3.2 NHS Dental Health Provision in Callander**

Reflecting wide community concern, a report and plan will be presented for discussion at the November meeting.

## **4 Looking ahead**

We are looking forward to progressing discussion and action in all these areas during the rest of this year. We welcome wider participation in our hybrid meetings.

**Susan Holden, Chair, Callander Community Council**