

Callander Community Council

Minute of the meeting: Monday 11th December 2017

Community Councillors Richard Johnson. Lucia Bobkova Wayne Johnson
Brian Luti Paul Luti Mike Luti. Cath McNab

Also in Cllr. Martin Earl. David Warnock (LLTNP). Stirling Observer

Attend Toto McLellan (Min.Sec). 3 members of the public



Chair of Meeting: R. Johnson

Topic	Detail/ Discussion	Action
1. Opening	Introductions: R. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Ruth Barrie who has joined the Community Council.	
Apologies	Police Scotland. Connie Smith. Dan McKirgan	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Proposer B Luti Seconder P Luti	
3. Matters Arising:	<p>Waste Collection: The new Working Group has had its first meeting, but no response has been received from Jim Thomson following last month's promise of feedback. Cllr Earl will pursue. Weekend collections are common across Trossachs & Teith ward, dissatisfaction is widespread, and Cllr Earl believes that a co-ordinated combined protest from all areas would support his effort to instigate change. RJ will initiate liaison with other community councils. Food waste bag requests continue to be ignored, Cllr Earl confirmed that Stirling Council are obliged to provide them, and asked to be informed on progress.</p> <p>Bridgend: A meeting with three representatives from Stirling Council proved unhelpful in the extreme, concerns expressed were met with lack of interest and dismissal. As a next step, a meeting will be sought with Nicole Patterson of Stirling Council. Contact with area MSP on the matter will be considered, as dialogue must produce results before February 2018 budget. It was stressed that CCC are not seeking a quick solution, but are striving to produce a long-term strategy to meet ever increasing traffic volumes. Partial self-funding may be considered if a plan is agreed, as piloting of such arrangements is being considered by Local Authorities. RJ will contact Nicole Patterson, Cllr Earl will support. On the question of speed bumps, SC Officers did not accept that there is a problem, Roger Watt has been asked to provide documentary evidence of the effectiveness of speed bumps. Cllr Earl was asked to convey extreme disappointment at the attitude of SC Officers, and RJ was warmly thanked for his persistence in pursuing this matter.</p> <p>Citizen of the Year: Mr Colin Clark was reported to have been delighted with the award presented to him as Citizen of the Year.</p> <p>Winterfest: Winterfest celebrations last week were reported to have been a great success.</p>	<p>Cllr Earl</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>RJ Cllr Earl Roger</p> <p>Cllr Earl</p>

Ancaster Square Pavilion	<p>An email has been received from Stirling Council which adds to concerns already held. Stirling Council confirm that they own the land and will retain ownership. The steps of St Kessogs will be sold with the property. The difficulties of a private structure on council-owned land include the following: insurance cover, access to utilities underground, revenue shared with council, necessity for event licensing. If sold to the community unwanted responsibility for maintenance and upkeep would be incurred. It was thought that public input on design should be considered, perhaps in the form of a competition, designs to factor in concerns expressed above and to be compatible with Local Authority ownership. It was agreed that Community Enterprise and Community Partnership should be consulted. CCC has had a live application lodged with LLTNP for this project for over a year, it was agreed that at present there is no reason to withdraw it, and an email will be sent asking officers to identify the questions that are causing delay. The issue of the trees in Ancaster Square must be resolved, Stirling Council advocate eventual removal as roots from this particular species will lift the paving stones over time, LLTNP forbid removal as this is a conservation zone.</p>	<p>RJ</p>
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Public Open Space	<p>Contact with landowner is still being sought.</p>	<p>Contact</p>
Playpark	<p>Progressing</p>	
Parking Strategy.	<p>Contact has been made with Norman Hutchison of Transport Scotland, response awaited. It was felt that a portion of the revenue from current parking charges should be ringfenced for benefit to the community, and that residents should be able to park free of charge. The potential of free parking in Station Rd car park was discussed. This was considered favourable, although a nominal charge was thought acceptable. Cllr Earl will set up a meeting in the New Year to discuss this.</p>	<p>Cllr Earl</p>
<p>4. Updates from Office Bearers:</p> <p>Chair:</p>	<p>Callander Bridge: Stirling Council and LLTNP's feasibility study will be available end January. Speeding: Communication is ongoing with Transport Scotland. Callander South: No further update on Rural Housing affordable housing build in this area. Visit Scotland: A meeting was held, attended by Visit Scotland, Stirling Council, Callander Development Trust and the Sir Walter Scott Trust, but plans for closure of offices in March 2018 are going ahead, to be replaced by leaflets in retail outlets. The updated, accurate footfall figures requested from Visit Scotland have not been received. LLTNP have confirmed that they will not take responsibility for providing information centres following the closures. A long term solution is sought, and potential sites were discussed, should Callander residents set up a centre themselves. It was thought that utilisation of the future facility as a training for excellence centre may attract funding. Volunteer staffing was thought inadvisable. It was agreed that 2018 should be spent amassing information from guest houses etc. regarding what assistance tourists require. Cllr Earl suggested an outpost in Stirling to promote Callander, and the possibility of a temporary station in Ancaster Square. As previously noted, most buildings were gifted to Visit Scotland by the outgoing Area tourist Boards, RJ will raise the question of revenue from their sale going to communities. Safe Routes to School: The previous working group tasked with this issue has reconvened and considers all current routes safe. Concern was expressed at this result regarding the Stirling Road and volume of use by cyclists, Stirling Council and Sustrans will be approached. Cllr Earl suggested support be sought if necessary from McLaren High School Parent Council.</p>	<p>RJ</p> <p>Contact Contact</p>
<p>Treasurer Secretary</p>	<p>Balance: £2648.48 No correspondence.</p>	
<p>5..Reports</p>	<p>Callander Partnership: No significant movement.</p>	
<p>Planning</p>	<p>Complaints were reported that not all applications were being tabled by Community Council. It was agreed that accurate procedure is being followed, the Committee's remit being to filter cases and discuss those pertinent. It was thought that residents are perhaps not aware that all individuals can access the weekly Planning List online, and bring items to attention if they wish. Suggestion was made that an explanation of this be put in the next Ben Ledi View, and a link to the page be put</p>	

	in each issue. David Warner (LLTNP) will henceforth email the list to planning subcommittee. Caledonian Hotel: Outline plans have been submitted by the new owners,	D Warner
Roads and Pavement	No additional issues..	
Environment	Camping Bye-laws have resulted in less litter, drinking and unauthorised camping in the area..	

Airtricity Projects	No applications. Signatories have finally been approved, and a payment of £300 for inconvenience caused has been received from the bank. Account stands at £61,138.04, inclusive of £15k November. 	
6. Updates: LLTNP	 Local Partnership Plan & Your Park Plan: Both plans were signed off with Scottish Ministers at board meeting this week.	
Police.	Report received..	
Town Co-Ordinator	No update.	
Stirling Council	A full Council meeting was held last Thursday. The site at Station Road car park will not be sold to Stirling Development Agency.	
7..AOCB	Caledonian Hotel: It was thought that the lights from the old Caledonian Hotel were of significance to the are and may be worth saving. Contact will be made with the new owners.. Former Amusements Arcade: : Concern was expressed that this area may have changed from retail to commercial use. LLTNP planners will be contacted to ask how long the current use will continue.	CM Contact
8. Close	Date of next meeting: 7.30pm 8th January CYP Bridgend	