

# Callander Community Council

Minute of the meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Community Councillors:** Brian Luti, Lucia Bobkova, Wayne Johnson, Mike Luti, Paul Luti

**Also in Attend:** Cllr. Jeremy McDonald, Sheila Winstone (Town Co-Ordinator), Stirling Observer, David Warnock (LLTNP), Toto McLellan (Min.Sec), 1 member of the public.  
**Chair of Meeting:** B. Luti

Topic	Detail/ Discussion	Action
1. Opening 2. Minutes & Matt Arising	<b>Introduction:</b> B Luti welcomed everyone to the meeting. Due to circumstances, no minutes were available for the March meeting. Minutes and Matters Arising will be examined at the next meeting.	Approve Mins.
3. Apologies	Richard Johnson, Dan McKirgan	
4. Updates from Office Bearers	<b>Secretary:</b> Not present <b>Treasurer:</b> Not present	
5. Reports: a) Planning:	No new applications of note. A Tree Preservation Order has been placed on each tree in the avenue between Kilmahog and Callander. A micropub has been refused locally on grounds of amenity.	

b) Environment	<p><b>Callander Countryside Project:</b> £1.43 million has been gained from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is hoped that with match funding, the figure will reach £2.2 million. Work will start in 2019 on improvements to the Leny Falls area, which will include reinstatement of the Victorian path, and a bridge to connect with the cycle track. A car park is intended, which will also serve Ben Ledi walkers. A request was made for Stirling Council to be supportive of this project, which will also involve the National Park and Transport Scotland, who confirm that the 2 major crossings which will be necessary on the trunk road are feasible. A second path from Church St to the Bracklinn Falls will follow.</p> <p><b>Flooding:</b> Cllr McDonald was asked to have SC check the drains at Callander Holiday Park.</p> <p><b>Stirling Rural Housing:</b> Donna Birrell of Stirling Rural Housing would like to attend a meeting of CCC, and will be invited to the next one. Confirmation has been gained that priority will be given to local applicants in the development at Station Rd, and that the points system is being revisited. A definition of local was requested. DW(NP) confirmed that in the recent affordable housing development at Balmaha, local priority was enforced.</p> <p><b>Litter &amp; Dog Waste:</b> Disappointment was expressed on hearing that the recent litter-pick was attended by only 5 residents, resulting in Anne Docherty stepping down from organisation of this event, and requesting that CCC and the Development Trust take over responsibility. It was agreed to broadcast this development on social media. A significant number of people are hanging dog waste bags on fences and trees. Cllr McDonald was asked if the dog wardens could help.</p> <p><b>Toads:</b> A toad patrol has been working in the Tullipan area, so far carrying 158 toads safely across the road to allow them to spawn in the meadows.</p>	<p>Cllr McD</p> <p>Invite</p> <p>Cllr McD</p>
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<b>6. Updates from other Organisations:</b> <b>a)Town Co-ordinator</b>	<p><b>Summer Fest:</b> Programme for the Summer Fest is coming together, and advertising pursued through various outlets, Venue for exhibitions is proving a problem with the closure of St Kessogs., but market stalls will be available over 2 weekends. Cllr McDonald suggested Frognet as a means of advertising.</p> <p><b>Big Screen:</b> Disappointment in provision of the screen was expressed, providers have decided to charge, despite previous assurances to the contrary. The screen is part of a network providing reciprocal advertising of other areas, it was questioned whether it would be more advantageous to be promoting facilities in Callander instead, to encourage people to stay in the area. To purchase a screen independently would cost £15k, with £500pm cost towards software. Town wi-fi, funded by SC, is also being considered, but is costly.</p> <p><b>Active Travel Plan:</b> Residents are urged to participate in this survey which addresses walking and cycling in the area and difficulties encountered.</p>									
b)Stirling Council	<p><b>Frost:</b> Scottish Government are allocating £10million to local authorities to address frost damage.</p> <p><b>Your Place Your Priority:</b> 40 presentations were heard. It was felt that outlying areas did not fare well under this system, and that the process was too rushed to afford proper examination. Suggestions for the future included a 50:50 allocation between rural and urban areas, clarity of criteria, and potential banding into different monetary pot levels for applicants to access.</p>									
c) National Park	<p><b>TPO:</b> TPOs have been placed on the avenue of trees between Kilmahog and Callander.</p> <p><b>Elections:</b> LLTNP elections are coming up.</p> <p><b>Accessible Callander:</b> The recent Accessible Callander meeting provided to raise awareness went well, and was attended by a wide range of people. A workshop will be held in May.</p>									
d) Police	Not present.									
7.AOCB	<p><b>Gondola:</b> Formation of a sub-committee was mooted to undertake a feasibility study into installation of a gondola coming down from Upper Crags. A study has been initiated before, which gained technical advice from Cairngorms National Park. It was noted that previous difficulties with FCS may now have dissipated. Cllr McDonald mentioned that the Rural Tourism fund, details of which is available on SC's website, has £6million to distribute, and may be worth contacting.</p> <p><b>St. Kessogs:</b> Disappointment was expressed that, with the exception of a stained glass window, no renovation has been carried out by Clan Ranald, who received £1000 from Airtricity one year ago to this end. The building does not reflect well on Callander, and it was agreed to ask for representation from Stirling Council at the June meeting to answer queries on who is responsible for the building, and to request that a clean up of at least the exterior is executed. It was noted that Stirling Council funds the insurance for the building. Cllr McDonald will relay these concerns.</p> <p><b>Airtricity:</b> It was felt that the upcoming visit by CYP to Washington DC is an excellent opportunity to showcase and promote the Airtricity Fund and the good work it has been doing. It was agreed to request a photoshoot, Facebook exposure and possibly T-shirts following approval of funding.</p> <p><b>Scout Pool:</b> The path from Bracklinn Falls to the Scout Pool, which borders SC land, is in poor repair. Cllr McDonald was asked to liaise with SC Access Group and Kenny Auld of the National Park to resolve this issue.</p> <p><b>Coihallan Wood:</b> It was reported that management of Coihallan Wood will be taken over by the Callander Development Trust next year.</p> <p><b>Pavements:</b> Concern was expressed at the state of the local pavements. It was queried whether pavements are the responsibility of Transport Scotland.</p> <p><b>Highland Games:</b> It was reported that the Callander highland Games may not go ahead this year.</p>	<p>Invite Cllr McD Request Cllr McD</p>								
8. Close	<b>Date of next meeting: 7.30pm 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at CYP Bridgend</b>									

