

## Callander Community Council

### Minute of the meeting: Monday 10 September 2018

**Community Councillors:** Wayne Johnson, Brian Luti, Lucia Bobkova, Connie Smith, Mike Luti, Roger Watt

**Also in Attendance:** Cllr. Evelyn Tweed (SC); Kelly Cadden (Housing Officer for Callander); Stirling Observer; Police Scotland; Sheila Winstone (Town Coordinator), CCDT representatives, Members of the Public

**Chair of Meeting:** B. Luti

Topic	Detail/ Discussion	Action
<b>1. Introduction &amp; Apologies</b>	<b>Introduction:</b> B Luti welcomed everyone to the meeting. <b>Apologies:</b> Richard Johnson, Paul Luti, Martin Earl (NP), Dan McKirgan, Toto McLellan	
<b>2. Minutes of Prev Meeting</b>	<b>Proposed:</b> B. Luti. <b>Seconded:</b> D. McKirgan	
<b>3. St. Kessog's registration of interest</b>	<p>Mr Brian Gooding, the pastor of the Baptist Church wishing to introduce himself to the CCC and register the church's interest in relation to St Kessog's building. The Baptist Church in Callander currently meets in St Andrew's Church hall. When they heard that the building of St Kessog's has been vacated, they were immediately interested. They are a part of the Stirling Baptist Church. They were in talks with the Royal Bank about funding, but these have stalled for the moment. Their vision for the building, if they were successful in enquiring it, would be for the church to be open every day of the week. They would wish to include the Haven family life centre in their proposals (similar to the one in Stirling), running counselling surgeries, pre-school clubs, training clubs, family services, an exhibition area perhaps about Christian history in Scotland, touristy things and other ideas. Church to be open to the public.</p> <p>Mike Luti thanking Mr Gooding for expressing their interest. He was aware that there were one or two other interests expressed in relation to St Kessog's. Of course CCC's support would be valuable to anybody acquiring the building.</p> <p>Cllr Tweed noting that at the recent SC meeting options appraisals have been planned in relation to St. Kessog's. There have been various requests for various things to be in the building (e.g. public toilets, the digital hub mentioned). SC feels the building should be a community asset. It could be a building to home a number of things.</p>	
<b>4. Matters Arising</b> <b>a) Ancaster Square</b>	<p>St Kessog's discussed</p> <p>Clan Ranald has indicated that they will not be moving back into the building – RJ has asked SC what they intend doing about completing the renovation and future ownership.</p>	

<b>a)Ancaster Square Cont'd</b>	<p>Update from SC received. Intending to consider the use of St Kessog's over the next few months. Instructing some further surveys and will be undertaking an options appraisal.</p> <p>WJ suggesting preparation of a list of things that could be in the church, could ask about opinions via Facebook page</p> <p>SJ believes that Callander Partnership did an appraisal some 6 years ago</p> <p>Cllr ET confirming update from SC. Not able to divulge any concrete details about parties interested etc, but SC are looking into this.</p>	
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<b>b)Bridgend</b>	Meeting with Stirling Council organised for 26 <sup>th</sup> September to discuss developments / improvements along Bridgend / Bridge Street.	
<b>c) Camp Place Playpark</b>	CS reporting a meeting with SW and members of the public. SW also had a meeting with young persons via CYP. Lots of information and feedback provided and waiting for more. A summary will be put together. It is perhaps becoming apparent that the list of equipment provided is not what people are wanting. BL suggesting to come up with a “wish list” of what the members of the community are seeking and we could take it from there- see what could be provided	
<b>Community d) Events</b>	No update. WJ and DM have had difficulty meeting up, DM on holiday, but will do it as soon as possible	
<b>e)Environ-ment</b>	<p>(i)Letter received from Mike Luti from a number of residents raising questions about the community purchase of Coihallan Wood, the role of the community council in this, any public consultations, and practical matters such as funding, maintenance, benefits, management, any commercial ventures etc.</p> <p>Mark Griffiths and Susan Holden from CCDT attending the meeting to answer any questions. Some members of the community behind the letter attending.</p> <p>Mrs Johnson, one of the members of the community behind the letter addressing questions to CCDT. They assumed that something like that would have to be done by a body like CCC. Questioning how democratic this has been for CCDT to be “pushing” the project. They have not known anything about this. They have not been aware of any public consultation on the matter to have their views heard. CCDT stating that they conducted a survey. Mrs Johnson wondering how that survey was advertised and considers that the residents at the Mollands should have been given notice.</p> <p>MG noting confirming that they did a survey and received 512 responses. There was a copy of it in Ben Ledi View; the NP newspaper; information on the CCDT website; they displayed survey in the post office too; visited the community council. Apologising for scarcity of information available. MG advising that they will be doing a wider consultation to address the issues and raised and will put further info online and on Facebook etc about it.</p> <p>A multifaceted group has been put together going forward. There are 4 residents from the Mollands on the board now.</p> <p>Their intention is for Coihallan wood to be a community woodland. In phase two perhaps there is a possibility of having some bike trails there, but in a way that does not disturb the wildlife. Admitted perhaps need to improve the way they communicate and make info more widely known.</p> <p>Mike Luti noting that the goal posts seem to be moving. It was meant to be bikes in first instance now it is a community woodland. Noting it is crucial that they have an OK of the whole community. There have been documents that CC have been asking for for months. There was a feasibility report prepared by Victor Clements (?). Asking for a copy of it for about 18 months.</p> <p>MG will liaise with F. Park in relation to that</p> <p>ML further asking about other documents that he understands should be available such as maps and information about a café and so on. Public should have access to that.</p> <p>Susan Holden noting that they proposed that the date of the CCC’s next public meeting would be good to introduce more info about this to the public</p> <p>Brian Luti noting in relation to what ML was saying that he had previously asked P Prescott for that report, who refused to disclose a copy. All the information need to be made available to CCC and the public. Public needs to be asked they think this was a good or a bad idea.</p>	

	<p>SW noting that ML may be thinking about an earlier report, it came out of the idea of bikes. The feasibility study was flawed. Suggesting that perhaps CCC/members of the community attending are thinking of this project as far more developed than what it actually is. It is all still getting developed. As noted a group has been set up.</p> <p>ML noting that PP said he had maps</p> <p>MG noting that that perhaps what ML is think is a map of all footpaths that PP is doing, not just Coihallan Wood.</p> <p>SH wondering how to take this forward. It should perhaps be a jointly organised thing.</p> <p>BL noting that CCDT will have to be more factual and clear things up as there appear to be misconceptions, things are left open to interpretation. BL thinks that there are two separate things when looking at the issue of Coihallan Wood:- (i) First one is how to make a better use of Coihallan wood. (ii) and the second one is actually buying it. Can we make a better use of it without actually having to buy it; these two options have different implications.</p> <p>Member of the public noting that the woodland is already being well used by the community and visitors. What they would not want is the woodland turned to some sort of a playground.</p> <p>RW– noting that he is one of the residents in the steering group. The difficulty is, as he understands, that Forestry Commission have no intent to remove the scrubs and no intent in plating new fresh timber.</p> <p>BL noting however, do these plans stand on fall on whether the woodland is purchased? It does not need to be owned by the community. Can we work with the owners to archive the same outcome without having to buy it? Has this been explored?</p> <p>MG noting that it was looked at within the feasibility study. FC has no intention to spend money on Coihallan Wood.</p> <p>CS noting it is important public are aware of long term implications of maintaining the woodland did it was purchased. Concerns about the future. What will happen in 5-10 years and long term.</p> <p>MG noting that they are working on a 25 year cash flow project. Funded by the Scottish Land Fund, so the purchase will not cost anything.</p> <p>BL noting that it is the long term upkeep that is the issue. Can it earn enough money to pay for maintenance?</p> <p>MG noting that over 200 communities in Scotland run their community woodlands. Members of the public really surprised by the Forestry’s position.</p> <p>BL thinks that organisations need to speak with FC</p> <p>ML noting that he thinks the CCC would like to see a business plan from CCDT, would like to see Victor’s report. It is believed that his report stated that there were significant challenges associated with the purchase etc.</p> <p>MG Summarising then that the agreement is to hold a jointly organised public meeting. They are growing the steering group</p> <p>ML noting that CCC will require more info if the CCC is to take this to a public meeting</p> <p>SH and MG noting that that’s what the meeting would be for, to provide more info to the public</p> <p>ML and BL noting that if it is to be a jointly organised meeting CCC will require more information before holding it</p> <p>SH suggesting a possibility of having the meeting even in October perhaps if more information provided to CCC. CCC cannot guarantee there will be time at the of the October meeting organised – as that meeting is primary to do with the Stirling City Region Deal</p> <p>(ii) The missing part of the roof cover of Bracklinn Bridge has been retrieved. Disagreement between organisations as to who should replace it. Perhaps discuss with Martin Earl.</p>	
<b>f) Roads, Parking</b>	No indication of road closures	

<b>and Pavements</b>	Weeks commencing 10/9; 17/9; 24/9; 1/10; 8/10 and 15/10 Lubnaig Drive area of Callander; Capital Street Lighting upgrade works (no road closure)	
<b>g) Stirling City Region Deal</b>	<p>RJ is involved with two working groups, one for infrastructure and one for a digital hub. Both have met to discuss progress towards developing business plans. Survey of traffic movement has been carried out for the infrastructure development and results will be available late September. Digital hub – SC and NP Estates are looking at possibility of using the existing NP offices (including a new information centre), SC will be organising a survey of public bodies and CCC a survey of local (Callander and Trossachs area) businesses – both whether they would use a digital hub and what they would want provided.</p> <p>WJ wondering if this means the digital hub is to include the information centre. We still do not appear to know what the digital hub is</p> <p>SW noting that digital hubs are to reflect modern way of working. It is sort of a hot desk. For instance many people work from home and may need high speed Broadbent, or meetings facility. It is meant for business start-ups.</p> <p>Cllr ET suggesting looking at the business hub in Aberfoyle</p> <p>WJ also noting that the gentleman that owns that property said that nobody has contacted him about this yet and asked to be updated with any relevant info in due course</p>	
<b>h) Visitor Information Centre</b>	No update due to holidays	
<b>i) Planning</b>	Nothing of significance, residential applications only	
<b>j) Airtricity</b>	<p>2 emails received, but airtricity applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Email from an organisation starting with aim to clean and pick up litter for funds for tools. Suggested contacting CCDT in first instance as they have the equipment, to borrow it.</li> <li>(ii) Email about Jaz Festival looking for £2,000, as they think that they will be short</li> </ul> <p>WJ noting that the funding of the festival is a problem. Many organisations in the town benefit but only 3 contribute. B&amp;B's benefit, but do not contribute. They tell everyone at Callander Enterprise that they are fully booked for a whole week around the festival, but do not pay towards it.</p> <p>BL noting that at this time the position is that the fund does not really have any money to give as already committed to other causes and he explained it to them.</p> <p>Wondering about the Summerfest, was there any shortfall? SW confirming that CC does not need to worry about Summerfest, no difficulties there. They plan in advance.</p> <p>RW believes that by subsidising the festival we are letting everybody else off the hook. It has to stand on its own feet.</p> <p>WJ noting that the organiser may not be able to continue</p> <p>Cllr ET thinks other business should be approached to contribute clearly explaining that otherwise the festival will fail. May be a certain amount of money for contribution should be suggested</p> <p>BL understands that they required to spend £38,000 on the festival (hire of the bands and venues etc)</p>	

	<p>SW noting that this year they did not have Dreadnought, so required to spend more money on venues.</p> <p>(iii) Also had a letter from the leisure centre in respect of the specialised disabled changing room facilities.</p> <p>BL noting initially airtricity was told £5,000 required, now it is £18,000. Tom Jones was meant to come back with further information, so that is on hold. We will need to make a decision about this one in due course</p>	
<p><b>5. Reports from Office Bearers:</b></p> <p><b>a)Chair</b></p> <p><b>b)Secretary</b></p>	<p><b>Callander Hydro:</b> RJ attended a progress meeting and the AGM – recent dry weather has reduced income – operational problems over the past 12 months has resulted in significant down-time and loss of revenue – RJ asked to contact Gilkes (turbine supplier) who have reported that it is an accumulation of coarse sediment at the intake which is causing the problem.</p> <p><b>Callander Public Meeting:</b> RJ is organising this - to be held at CYP 7-9pm on 11<sup>th</sup> October – the main topic is the Stirling City Region Deal and the potential benefits for Callander</p> <p><b>Dreadnought:</b> RJ has been looking into the future ownership of the building and has had discussions with other community organisations to see if a multi-use facility is viable run as a community social enterprise – Helen Terry organised a Facebook survey for CCC – results showed there is interest in a community organisation running the building and it should remain as a hotel – CCC will only provide assistance to others in securing the future for the building and does not intend getting directly involved in the ownership or management of the building.</p> <p><b>Flooding:</b> RJ has asked SC for information to be supplied to CCC about plans for flood prevention in Callander</p> <p><b>Web Site:</b> RJ developing a site to include information about the Airtricity fund and grants awarded.</p> <p>(i)Email from SC about the Deep Clean Programme 2018 – Land services starting their cleaning programme on October 29<sup>th</sup> and are looking for suggestions of the sites that would benefit from a deep clean – by 15<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>(ii)David Budd- Integration and Inclusion officer from Stirling Uni was meant to come and speak to CC about a dementia friendly initiative pilot programme being rolled out across Stirling area. Unable due to work commitments. They are looking to roll out in Callander in stage 3 (currently going through the first 2 stages). The programme focuses about bettering the lives of people affected by dementia and how to be more inclusive of them and their needs. Will come and speak to us at a later stage. CC pleased to hear about initiative, will look forward to hearing more information.</p> <p>(iii)Email from SC about the GDPR with proposed data register templates, data protection policy and a data protection map and briefing sheet for the community councils. LB will review in due course and prepare documents as required</p> <p>(iv)Community council elections coming up. Publicity starts 1<sup>st</sup> October. Nominations need to be submitted by 4pm 19th October. For Callander 14 members maximum/7 minimum</p> <p>(v)A link to the Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils forwarded from SC</p>	
<b>c)Treasurer</b>	No report	

<p><b>6. Updates from other Organisations</b></p>	<p><b>a)CCDT:</b> Covered above.  RJ attended meeting in August – reported progress on City Region Deal.</p> <p><b>b) Callander Partnership:</b> August meeting postponed until 21<sup>st</sup> September</p> <p><b>c) Callander Landscape Partnership:</b> projects are still at the start-up stage – three assistants appointed to help with delivery of the programme.</p> <p><b>d)National Park:</b> Martin Earl unable to attend. Provided a written report:-  (i) The first Board meeting since his election is on Monday (17<sup>th</sup>).  Agenda for Board meeting:-  Core Paths Review – We are being asked to agree the proposed content for the core paths review public consultation that will take place October to end December (12 weeks). There is a small section of a path on the Callander Craggs that is proposed to be deleted as a core path due to a better path being in place.  After the board meeting there is ‘strategic Development session’. The focus will be developing a litter strategy and associated visitor management.  Would welcome CC views on this.</p> <p>(ii) Held a meeting with a Callander resident at the Meadows car park to discuss the use of the site by an increasing number of motorhomes. The resident has contacted the CC on his advice.  Would welcome CC views on the unified approach to this and how appropriate locations are identified and created while acknowledging that others are not suitable and what measures are needed to prevent access in those areas.</p> <p><b>e) Police Report:</b>  Anti-social behaviour:- (i) a person received a recorded PC warning in Dalgair; (ii) loud music reported; (iii) minor assault at Coop; (iv) a person was found in possession of a small amount of controlled drugs, received a recorded police warning, (v) Police are aware of the youths gathering at the primary school playground and extra patrols are in place.  Roads:- 13/8/18 RTA in Kilmahog, road closure  31/8/18 Person found to be driving with no insurance on Stirling Road  Theft:- Nothing. But properties broken into in Dunblane and Aberfoyle, Keep Safe Initiative</p> <p><b>f) Stirling Council:</b>  (i) Community Parking Strategy for Callander is being discussed. They are having a consultation on November 18<sup>th</sup> – transport development  ML asking if this is strategy specifically for Callander - Yes it is  Hoping that they will discuss parking in the square</p> <p>(ii)City Deal – in line with updates provided. Carol Beattie dealing. Infrastructure proposal for the new bridge being looked at.  Governance is in place – that means how the deal will work. Heads of terms stage. 14 months to sign off. Confident that can get done within about 8-9 months for final sign off. Then plan how it will be rolled out. There is £15 million allocated for heritage, culture, tourism etc. They asked if any money could come Callander way.</p>	
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	<p>ML noting that professionals, including the chief are leaving SC, concerning. Wndering what is happening. Is Cllr ET able to divulge any info. – No, she is not</p> <p><b>g) Town Co-ordinator:</b> Written report submitted.</p>	
<b>7.AOCB</b>	<p>(i) <b>Trossachs Mobility</b>- raising a question of the closure of the charity. Gordon required to resign due to ill health. WJ was unable to step in. It is understood Gordon had a meeting with Martin Earl.</p> <p>Understand that there are still some 5-10 bookings a week coming in. Leisure Centre do not have the man power to take over. The mobility chairs are still there.</p> <p>Main problem is funding. It is also very difficult to find volunteers. Storage and maintenance of the chairs are not cheap.</p> <p>Since the charity began over 100 people have done tours with Gordon.</p> <p>SW suggesting Accessible Callander initiative</p> <p>RW feels that the NP should be promoting this. They used it to promote themselves, used it on their website, but not had much input in the charity</p> <p>(ii) <b>Disabled Toilet</b> at the Station Road Car park a problem – member of the public contacted CC about wanting to take their mum there, radar key was not enough, there was another lock there stopping them from using the toilet.</p> <p>Toilets are a problem in general. Perhaps need to speak to anybody that takes over St. Kessog's about including the toilets</p> <p>(iii) Question raised about whether the RBL are organising the <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> this year. BL and ML noting that if they aren't, the CC will.</p>	
<b>8. Close</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> October at CYP</b>	