

Callander Community Council
Minute of meeting 14 January 2019

Present : Community Councillors : Richard Johnson (RJ), Chris Corden (CC), Susan Holden (SH), Brian Luti (BL), Mike Luti (ML), Brian McKay (BM), Alex Mitchell (AM), David Moore (DM), Marilyn Moore (MM), David Shearer (DS), John Watson (JW), Roger Watt (RW), Elaine Watterson (EW)

In attendance: Cllr Martin Earl also LLTNPA rep (ME), John Nelson BLV, Sheila Winstone (SW) Town Co-ordinator, Stirling Observer and 7 residents of Callander.

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<p>1. Introduction and Apologies: RJ chaired the meeting welcomed everyone. Apologies from Dan McKirgan (DMcK), Police Scotland and Toto McLellan. Sue King took the minutes.</p>
<p>2. Minutes of previous meeting Minutes agreed subject to corrections MM sent to EW.</p>
<p>3. Roles and Responsibilities RJ allocated roles to individual councillors as follows and asked that each group prepare a report for every meeting. All accepted their remits. RJ : Chair, Callander Partnership, City Region Deal CC: Vice chair, Callander Landscape Partnership, Visitor Information Centre, Callander Partnership EW: Secretary BM: Treasurer, Airtricity DM: Planning coordinator SH: CCDT, Bridgend BL: Airtricity Chair, Planning ML: Environment, Callander Countryside DM: CYP, Community events area AM: Ancaster Square MM: Callander Enterprise, Camp Place playpark DS: Roads, pavements, car parks, cycleways, Bridgend JW : Airtricity, Community events area RW: Planning</p> <p>ML asked for help with some environmental meetings and DS and MM volunteered to assist him.</p>
<p>4. Matters Arising a) Airtricity Applications BL gave a summary of the history Airtricity fund for the benefit of new councillors. There is a pot of £50k which has been saved from previous years for a large community project, not yet identified. In response to a question from BM, BL agreed that if the CCC, at some future date, wished to return any or all of the £50k pot to general Airtricity funds for use for smaller grants projects, it was unlikely that Airtricity would object. Applications for</p>

smaller projects are submitted to the CCC and the CCC then decides which valid grant applications should be put to the whole meeting.

New Applications

i) **Trim Trail** - Callander Primary School Parent Group has asked for £3000 towards a trim trail in the school grounds, costing between £9 and £10k. After a general discussion it was agreed that the Parent Group be asked to provide more information and present their application in person to the next meeting.

ii) **Pipe Band vests and covers** - McLaren High School Pipe Band is asking for £1450.00 to buy vests and covers for the pipes to improve the appearance of the band. It was agreed that since the band is a great asset to the town and receives no funding from the school or Stirling Council, the application be funded in full.

Given that Airtricity has funded several projects for both schools in recent years, there was a discussion about what role Stirling Council (SC) should play in funding these types of initiatives.

Action : ME was asked to enquire of chief education officer what should be expected.

Two other projects were introduced though neither is at the application stage:

iii) **Jazz and Blues Festival** – Malcolm McAdam, via a letter, asked for financial support for the festival. Whilst there was general agreement that this is a major Callander event which they all supported, the Airtricity committee was asked to investigate the financing of the festival and the festival organisers were asked to report back with a business case for the next meeting. MM stated that publicising accessible venues might lead to some financial support from the Visit Scotland, who are supporting a project to make Callander and the Trossachs the first rural accessible tourist destination

Action: BM, who declared a personal interest, was asked to investigate the financing.

Action: EW to send letter of condolence to Graham Oliphant's widow.

iv) **Callander Highland Games** – brought to the meeting by Tim Warbrick. Last year there was no funding for the games, but this year a local donor has provided a large chunk of funding for games planned for 28th July. The Round Table expect to raise £1K from local businesses and asked for agreement in principal for £3K from Airtricity, so that athletes' contracts can be signed shortly. ME suggested they try the Community Pride fund (up to £1.5k). BL reminded them that Airtricity funds could not be used for payment of people. RJ summarised the discussion: the CCC agrees in principal to underwrite the funding of the Highland Games up to a maximum of £3k, subject to a satisfactory application and financial plan being submitted asap, so that the Airtricity committee can bring it to the February meeting.

b) Ancaster Square

Smart Screen – Julie Carmichael (CE) asked the CCC to support the removal of the smart screen given that it advertises businesses outwith Callander and will cost £2k to update. This was agreed.

Action: EW to follow-up with ME and Steven MacDonald (SC) to get it removed.

Trimming and replacement of dead trees

Action: DS to write to SC to get trees trimmed and dead ones replaced.

c) Bridgend

Traffic calming and footpaths planning and replacement lighting. It was agreed that SC need to provide more information and notice of work, and provide lighting that is appropriate to this historic area.

Action: SH /DS to ask for a meeting with David Crighton (SC) and cc the planning committee and ME.

Action: SH volunteered to do a letter drop to all residents and businesses in the street and the school as soon as information becomes available.

d) Camp Place Playpark. £60K funding is agreed for improvements. SW said that her report was not ready but will be available for the next meeting. The playpark is on the CCDT asset transfer list.

e) Community Events Area – the community is looking for a 15-acre site with hard standing to hold events such as the Highland Games. RJ has previously been in correspondence with Baillie-Hamilton. DM said there was synergy with a grant of £50K for Leisure Centre to acquire or develop land adjacent to the Centre and was working with the developer on Claish Farm. ML noted that the map DM distributed was incorrect as it covered part of his land!

Action: RJ to send previous correspondence to JW

f) Environment - Coilhallan Wood : ML reported that he had received several letters from residents who expressed the view that they would rather the community worked with FCS than the CCDT buy the woodland. SH reported that CCDT are holding an open meeting on 31st January to provide a forum for residents to find out more, express their views and ask questions. CCC members expressed concerns over ensuring that the community is fully consulted and engaged and whilst this is difficult, it is a pre-requisite for CCC support.

- **Leny Falls Walk and Bridge :** ML reported that the LLTNPA and Transport Scotland are unable to support the current plans.

- **Roman Camp Lane :** the branches overhanging the houses and lane have been pruned back by the landowner. ML thanks ME for his help.

Action: ME to speak to owner about the trees opposite which residents think are dangerous.

- **West Bracklinn Rd :** ML thanked ME and Evelyn Tweed their help in resolving problems here.

- **New Cemetery :** ML said there seemed to be no progress on the opening of the cemetery.

Action: ME to ask for update for next meeting.

- **Salmon Fishing Season** opens on 1st February. ML asked CCC members to join the parade starting from the Ancaster Square at 9am.

ML asked CCC members to try and handle small issues themselves, directly with SC.

g) Planning – DM stated that the planning list needs sorting out and he will then bring it to the next meeting. £25K Affordable Housing Contribution – no reply from previous email.

Action: Lucia Bobkova to send previous correspondence to ME for him to chase up.

h) Roads, parking and pavements

Speed restrictions on A821- DS reported that Brig O'Turk CC have asked for support for speed restrictions on is road – the CCC agreed.

Motorhome overnight parking in the Meadows – RJ brought this to the attention of DS.
Action: DS to investigate and report back.

Damaged wall in Bridgend – Raised by MM. Wayne Johnson reported he had spoken to homeowner and they believe the wall belongs to SC.
Action: ME to contact SC

i) **Stirling Council City Deal** – RJ will bring updates from SC and the LLTNPA to the next meeting.

j) **Visitor Information Centre** – Closing on 17th February. CC is investigating and will report at the next meeting.

5. Reports from Office Bearers

a) Chair

Working with CCDT : RJ reported that he had met Frank Park, chair of the CCDT to explore ways in which the 2 organisations can collaborate. A joint meeting has been arranged at the end of January to go through all the projects and look for ways of working together. CCC members agreed to support this initiative and fund refreshments.

Citizen of the Year Award – this was delayed because of CCC elections, so RJ asked members to suggest nominations.

b) Secretary – EW thanked Lucia Bobkova for her help with the hand-over and said she had kindly agreed to continue to update the CCC facebook pages.

c) Treasurer – BM reported he was trying to change the signatories on the admin and Airtricity accounts but this was taking time. He reported balances of £2700.53 in the admin account and £65,838.14 in the Airtricity account.

6. Updates from Other Organisations

a) Police Report – written report submitted

b) CCDT – nil report.

Town Co-Coordinator - SW outlined her role and said she had not prepared a report for December.

c) Callander Partnership – no meeting

d) Callander Landscape Partnership – CC will attend meetings on behalf of the CCC .

e) LLTNPA - ME has suggested that Callander be treated as a pilot for Motorhome Parking provision. He also said that a parking strategy was planned in the Spring and this item should be made an agenda item for the foreseeable future.

f) Stirling Council – The budget is due out on 22/2/19. If the Playbus is seen as a valuable asset then representations should be made to SC. (It was cut in 2017 without consultation for operational reasons).

7. AOCB

Ancaster Square looks worse after SC cut trees and added gravel around them.

Action: AM to contact SC and report back.

Roadworks near Dreadnought Garage – about 4 times a year there are roadworks are started here with no notification of what is being done.

Action: DS to contact SC and report back.

Station Road toilets were closed on the public holidays over Christmas and New Year. **Action:** MM and ME to discuss and report back.

Ward Surgeries – none in Callander in January and February. ME explained there had been a mix-up but that surgeries will be scheduled before the next meeting.

Action : ME

8. Date of next meeting February 11th 2019 at the CYP