

# Callander Community Council

Minute of the meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Community Councillors:

Richard Johnson (RJ: Chair) Chris Corden (CC:Vice Chair) Elaine Watterson (EW: Sec) Brian McKay (BM:Treas)

Susan Holden (SH) Brian Luti (BL) Mike Luti (ML) Alex Mitchell (AM) David Moore (DM)

Marilyn Moore (MM) David Shearer (DS) John Watson (JW) Roger Watt (RW)

**Also in** Cllr.J. McDonald, Michelle Flynn (SC), Stirling Observer

**Attendance:** Pamela Horn (Callander Primary), Kelly Cadden (RSHA) Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary),  
7 members of the public

**Chair of Meeting:** R. Johnson

Topic	Detail/ Discussion	Action
<b>1.Introduction &amp; Apologies</b>	<b>Introduction:</b> R Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting, introducing Pamela Horn of Callander Primary School, and Kelly Cadden of Rural Stirling Housing Association <b>Apologies:</b> Dan McKirgan Sheila Winstone, Cllr Martin Earl, Police Scotland	
<b>2. Minutes of Prev. Meeting</b>	<b>Proposed:</b> DM. <b>Seconded:</b> CC with one amendment: ML confirmed that his land is not detailed on map provided by DM. ML requested that pages in reports be numbered.	
<b>3.Callander Primary School Outdoor Play Area Funding</b>  <b>RSHA</b>	Pamela Horn responded to questions regarding Callander Primary's request for £3000 from the Airtricity Fund for an outdoor agility trail for older children. There is no play equipment at present, the proposed purchase will cost £9k, with a 20yr guarantee and minimal ongoing maintenance costs which will be met by the school. The additional equipment will support the autism unit within the school, appropriate supervision measures are already in place, and there is a potential for use outwith the community following purchase. Callander Community Development Trust will provide match funding of £4k, ongoing fundraising has raised £1k, but small sports grant from SC is used only for supplementary equipment such as bats and balls. This application which supports young local people, assists character building and contributes against obesity issues drew a unanimous vote from CCC in favour of granting £3000 to the project, funds to be used for capital costs only. Comment was made that Stirling Council should perhaps be doing more to help in this instance, but acknowledgement was given to the £10k received towards refurbishment for the lower school last year under the Your Place Your Priorities project. <b>RSHA:</b> Kelly Cadden attended the meeting to invite questions regarding ongoing and proposed developments in the area. Parking at Station Rd development was queried, as more flats than parking spaces are being provided. Ms Cadden said that with 23 flats and 22 spaces, no problems were anticipated, but only 12 parking spaces appear on the map provided. Ms Cadden agreed to attend the next meeting to provide answers to the following queries: How many people are on the list for Social Housing? Allocation process:Does local mean local to this area, or to Stirling? How many Callander people in need of housing are on the list? Development at Claish Farm: What is the new timetable, following Chief Executive's current re-assessment, reported tonight?	
<b>4. Matt Arising a)Airtricity</b>	<b>Callander Arthritis Club:</b> Ann Petrie requested assistance from Airtricity fund towards the Arthritis Club's annual winter outing. The club hosts two outings per year, the summer trip incurs manageable costs, the winter outing providing pantomime tickets and social dinner is more expensive, and must be paid for in advance. 30-40 people attend, many of whom will have no other social event outwith their home, and assistance with the price of tickets, or price of the meal, is requested, at roughly £600. It was agreed that Mrs Petrie should make a formal application for funds. It was agreed to discuss at March meeting.	Discuss

	<p><b>Jazz Festival:</b> B McKay declared an interest as cashier for the Festival. Application for £2k to help with marketing costs for this event which contributes £250k to Callander economy. The organisers are currently looking at costs and reviewing their model, BM attended a meeting with John Martin and Duncan Boyle to discuss financial projections. Support is anticipated from Callander Hydro, SC, Deanston Distillery, some local businesses and fundraising.</p> <p>The festival increases trade within Callander and it was thought that local businesses should be contributing more, particularly accommodation venues, and suggestion of match funding was raised. The difficulty of regulating payment for listening in venues with regular patrons was discussed. Vote by CCC members in favour of the application was unanimous.</p> <p><b>New Form:</b> It was agreed to adopt a new improved application form for Airticity, thanks were expressed to BM for his work on this. Permission was granted for the Highland Games application to use the old form for this week's submission.</p> <p><b>Audited Accounts:</b> The point was raised that not all applicants have audited accounts. Clarification was given that audited accounts are preferred, but requirement is at the panel's discretion.</p>	
<b>b)AncasterSq</b>	A meeting is scheduled this Thursday with Stephen McDonald (SC)	
<b>c) Bridgend</b>	A working party has been set up with David Crichton (SC) and Bridge St residents, progress is expected by the second half of March. Jim Shaw has sent photos of available styles of street lights.	
<b>d)CampPlace Playpark</b>	A report is available on survey of equipment options. Stirling Council's policy is NOT to fence off playing areas, Cllr McDonald will find out why. Cllr Earl reports that other play areas are fenced. Fencing is considered to be of paramount importance, as dogs are allowed to roam freely and soil in the area. A visit to the Murray Park play area in Doune with Colin McKay and David Crichton is planned. It was noted that £58k Bellway money must be used towards new equipment, SC money is not so specific. P. Horn asked to see plans for the Playpark, as Primary School may be able to help.	<p>Cllr McD</p> <p>Forward</p>
<b>e)Citizen of the Year</b>	A vote of 8 for Lesley Hawkins and 5 for Susan McKay led to Lesley Hawkins being voted Citizen of the Year 2018. A great number of nominations was received for the award,, which had to be delayed due to Stirling Council election of Community Councils. Lesley will be invited to the next CC meeting, and letters sent to the other candidates, with thanks for their hard work.	<p>Invite. Letters</p>
<b>f)Communi-cation &amp; Minutes</b>	<b>Letter:</b> A letter has been received by the CCC secretary was forwarded to Community Councillors. SH had copied letter to others without agreement of CCC. It was agreed that policy should be for Community Council to discuss all communications before distributing to other parties.	
<b>g)Community Events Area</b>	Dan McKirgan will meet with JW to bring him up to speed. It will be 2-3 years before anything is put in place, continuation of the Highland Games through this period was thought crucial. A more detailed report will be available for the next meeting.	JW report
<b>h)Deep Clean</b>	No information.	
<b>i) Envion-ment</b>	<p><b>Leny Falls:</b> Plans for a road crossing have hit an obstacle for the moment with Transport Scotland, but the Victorian Bridge and bridge over the Falls are going ahead, the grant offer is reaching it's expiry date this year. <b>Lower Wood Walk:</b> Work carried out by Stirling Council on the walk between North Church St and FCS car park is not satisfactory, there is great concern over lack of proper drainage, resulting in water flow from the hill draining into residents' gardens. Photographs are available. One resident reported water running through his house in heavy rainfall. A drain down to the burn is needed, and the culvert which collects hill water also needs cleared. The work was undertaken for IPA (Improving Public Access) and SNH, and SNH are refusing to pay contractors. It was noted that no-one claims ownership of this land, resulting in a lack of responsibility for maintenance. The problem of water on Callander Crags is historic, and RJ declared an interest as FCS commissioned him to produce a report on the section within their land 20 years ago. It was thought valuable to access the report, if it is available. <b>Sitka:</b> Sitka spruce seedlings are causing a problem on the Callander-Thornhill road, but DS informed the meeting that they are to be removed in early 2019. It was noted that new plantings must now be 20m from roadside. <b>Bracklinn Falls:</b> Work will start in September for 6 weeks on an £80k project for a path from the Golf course to Bracklinn Fall car park. <b>Callander Landscape Partnership:</b> CLP are considering taking over the Lower Wood walk. The Development Trust are discussing draft acquisition of Leny Woods with FCS. <b>Toad Patrol:</b> The Toad Patrol will be commencing their watch soon for a 6 week period, once night temperatures have reached 6 degrees; toads will be lifted by hand across the main road. <b>Coilhullan Wood:</b> Community opinion is divided on whether</p>	

	a potential Community purchase of Coilhallan Wood from FCS would give the community an asset or a liability. Purchase could lead to considerable financial burden and practical commitment, which previously informed a decision to decline offered purchase of the wood for £1. It was noted that FCS can access funding streams if working in conjunction with communities. Clarification was sought on the provenance of the Callander Community Woodland Group, who held a drop-in meeting in January. SH explained that the work of the group is to date exploratory, no decisions have been made, and any future action will be dependant on community involvement. Money had been received previously towards a feasibility study. 86 people attended the drop-in session, and support can be pledged on CCWG website, although it is unclear whether this support is for purchase or enhancement under current ownership. Criticism was heard of report in the Ben Ledi newsletter appearing to describe success of the drop-in session in advance of its date. Reason was proffered that the publishing date of the Ben Ledi meant that lack of report would have left people with no information regarding the project for two months. <b>Process:</b> It was noted in the above case as in all others, that CCC will neither support nor oppose major projects until i) a full business plan has been presented, ii) a full and proper consultation has been held, iii) the matter has been debated at meeting. This led to opinion that work should be done to produce a model for full consultation, to be agreed with all other organisations.				
j) Roads, Parking & Pavements	Full report attached.				
k)Stirling City Region Deal	<b>Claish Farm:</b> An email update was received from Stuart Oliver (SC). Workshops will be held in April/May, and key groups engaged with. It was felt that the community should have been involved in this project from the start, and must be fully involved going forward. Dissatisfaction was expressed that CCC, as statutory consultees, have not been contacted, and RJ has not been appraised of meetings. It was agreed to invite representatives to CCC meeting to gain explanation. Cllr McDonald will make enquiries. <b>St. Kessogs:</b> Stirling Council are working out costings for refurbishing St Kessogs as a community hub. SC expect delivery of a survey to determine what local business and residents want. Neither CCC nor Callander Enterprise are aware of this requirement. Suggestion was made to invite SC to a meeting to ascertain how much space SC will utilise in the building for other services, which will give a clearer idea of potential. Cllr McDonald will progress.				Invite. Cllr McD  Invite. Cllr McD
l)Smart Screen	No further movement from SC on the request for removal of this sign.				
m) Visitor Information Centre	Visit Scotland will be clearing premises in two weeks, leaving very little time to replace the service at that location. National Park has offered the facility for a monthly rent of £750. It was agreed not to take the building forward, on grounds of the cost was too high and to look into other long term options, with the possible formation of a sub-group. The option of housing volunteers within existing businesses was discussed, a good number of volunteers are available, and Visit Scotland will continue to provide training if required.				
5. Reports from Office Bearers:	a) <b>Chair:Development Trust:</b> Recent meeting was positive, with potential of a good way forward. b) <b>Secretary: Cemetery:</b> Details received via Cllr Earl: Plans available in spring. c) <b>Treasurer:</b> Balance £2610. Airtricity £63553.14. A portion of Town co-ordinator costs have been paid, £50k is ringfenced, leaving £7100 to distribute this year. SC administration grant should be in the bank. Concern was expressed that a recent statement was delivered to the wrong person. There has been no movement on Change of Signatory mandate. RJ has contacted the bank twice.				
d) Planning	<b>McLaren High School:</b> Application for a new ramp. It was noted that this drawing includes plans concerning Callander nursery, which do not have planning permission. Stirling Council will be asked for plans for the Primary School. <b>Letter:</b> CCC’s letter regarding the former Caledonian Hotel site has not been acknowledged, and there is no correspondance on NP register.				Contact SC Contact NP
e) Airtricity Funded Projects	Organisation Callander Primary School	Description Agility Trail  Marketing	Amount £3000	Decision Approved	

	Jazz Festival                      Costs                                      £2000                                      Approved	
<b>6. Updates from other Organisations</b>	<b>a) Callander Partnership.</b> No meeting. <b>b) Town Co-ordinator:</b> Report provided, <b>c) Stirling Council.</b> Report at next meeting. <b>d) National Park:</b> Report provided, encompassing Motorhomes, Paths Consultation, Callander Crag and Parking <b>e) Police:</b> Report provided.	
<b>7.AOCB</b>	<b>Alcohol Sale:</b> It was noted that the practice of selling tokens for alcohol contravenes current Licensing laws. <b>Road Safety:</b> it was noted that by 2020, the nursery will be situated at McLaren High, and it is essential that measures are in place by then to control traffic speed and improve visibility.	
<b>8. Close</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at CYP</b>	