

Callander Community Council

Minute of the meeting: Monday 11th March 2019

Community Councillors: Richard Johnson (RJ: Chair) Chris Cordon (CC: Vice-Chair) Elaine Watterson (EW: Sec)
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 Attendance: Cllr. Martin Earl, Cllr J. McDonald, Police Scotland, Michelle Flynn (SC), Kelly Cadden (RSHA)
Stirling Observer, Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary), Sheila Winstone (Town Coordinator)
2 members of the public

Chair of Meeting: R. Johnson

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1. Introduction & Apologies	Introduction: R Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies: Brian McKay ((Treasurer), Dan McKirgan													
2. Citizen of the Year Award	Lesley Hawkins was presented with her award as Callander's Citizen of the Year 2018, and thanked for her significant contribution to the town over the last 10years, which has included Callander's hosting of the Beechgrove Garden. Ms Hawkins in turn thanked everyone who has supported her in her endeavours.													
3. Minutes of Prev. Meeting	Proposed: DS Seconded: BL with three amendments.													
4. Matt Arising	RSHA: Kelly Cadden of Rural Stirling Housing Association returned with the following updates: Local Applicants: There have been 571 applicants for housing from the Callander area. Of the 23 applicants for Station Rd, 21 are from Callander and 2 from outwith the area. Parking: No change, as no issues exist regarding parking. Allocation process: A new allocation policy is being implemented. Contact is Jackie Leads (SC). Request was made for allocation to be weighted in favour of Callander people. Claish Farm: Work is expected to start in October, for completion in March 2021. A planning application is expected to be lodged during March. This timescale was considered optimistic, and a presentation by RSHA will be requested for the next meeting, if the application has been lodged. Ms Cadden was confirmed as the primary contact for enquiries.	Invite												
a) Airtricity Funded Projects	Balance stands at £61,553.14. Of this, £50k is set aside for a specific project to be decided, leaving £11,553 available. Agreed annual retention of £2,500 for contingency fund, together with current approved commitments, leaves a balance of £999.64 to be spent at present. Application has not yet been received from the Callander Arthritis Group. It was unanimously agreed that Callander Highland Games should be awarded £2k, in line with the award granted to the Jazz Festival. A further £1k will be added to the general Contingency Fund, which may be accessed through a second application in the event of loss due to bad weather or other drawbacks.													
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5. Reports from Office Bearers: a)Chair	<p>Working Together: A document intended to facilitate working together was distributed to CCC members, a separate meeting will be held to discuss this before general release. Conflicts of interest (business) must be declared, chair having final judgement on eligibility to contribute to the meeting. A copy of the Community Council Handbook was provided. Michelle Flynn. (SC) clarified that a person with conflicting interest must not make comment, may leave the room if desired, and must not vote. Two meetings have been held with the Callander Development Trust, which were well attended, and to which all were invited. It was felt that the organisations are working together in the right direction. A Communication group has been set up, comprising of SH, CC, BM, MM and AM plus CCDT members to ensure regular communication, and a monthly survey of the projects each party is involved in will be posted on the noticeboard in Ancaster Sq, in the Ben Ledi and online. An initial draft was provided. This will tie back into the Community Action Plan, keeping the community involved and informed, and it is open to everyone to contribute. It was noted that there are contact issues with direct emailing. MF stressed that source of information must be documented. It was agreed that better ways of consulting with the community must be found, and that CCC and CDT should have a set strategy. RJ volunteered to produce a draft and pass it to the Communication Group. MF mentioned that National Standards of Community Engagement already exist, and offered to forward a link, but it was felt that the proposed strategy needs to be specific to the Callander community. Coilhullan Wood: A timeframe was requested for when consultation results will be published. CCC have been requesting a feasibility study and business plan for some time, and issued a formal request for same at this meeting. SH reported that a meeting will be held this Wednesday, following which an update will be forwarded. RJ will arrange a meeting with Mark Griffiths, chair of Callander Woodlands Group.</p>	<p>Discuss</p> <p>Draft</p> <p>Meeting</p>
b)Secretary	<p>Invitations: Invitations to many events were received, thanks were expressed to DS for attending them all. Grant: £100k will be devolved to Trossachs & Teith, individuals are invited to join the board overseeing this budget. It was noted that working with other Community Councils may be advantageous for some applications</p>	
c) Treasurer	<p>Treasurer not present. Admin Account: £2610.53 Airtricity Account: £61,553.14. Forms for signatories can be sourced online</p>	
6. Updates from other Organisations	<p>a) Police Report: Report provided. Gate: The public are requested to provide any information possible regarding damage to the wooden gate at Callander Primary School. Sheep-worrying: Instances were reported of dogs attacking sheep in the area, the public is asked to be vigilant, especially with the onset of the lambing season. The Scottish Parliament are shortly going to address the issue of increasing the severity of penalties against owners of uncontrolled dogs. Reporter: A report on misconduct has appeared in the Sunday Post. The officer concerned is no longer in the area. Operation Ironworks: Will be commencing soon. Clarity has been improved in the wording of Camping Management signs. Whilst some complaints have been received regarding parking and conduct at South Loch Vennacher, it was acknowledged that the system is working better in general. RJ asked for thanks and appreciation to be conveyed to our local Police Officers, who do a wonderful job and are a credit to the organisation</p> <p>b) Callander Community Development Trust/ Town Co-ordinator.</p> <p>c) Callander Partnership.</p> <p>d) Callander Landscape Partnership:</p> <p>e)National Park</p> <p>f) Stirling Council</p>	
7.AOCB	<p>Grass Cutting; Complaints have been received from parents that Stirling Council are not cutting grass at Camp Place Playpark often enough, and are not cutting an adequate area, existing walkways are not enough. Best Kept Garden: The Chair of Callander Horticulture Society has queried whether two certificates could be presented by CCC, one for large and one for small gardens. This was approved, with an area limit of 20m sq for small gardens.</p>	
8. Close	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 8th April 2019 at CYP</p>	

