

Callander Community Council

Minute of the meeting: Monday 8th April 2019

Community. Richard Johnson (RJ: Chair) Chris Corden (CC: Vice-Chair) Elaine Watterson (EW: Sec)
Councillors. Brian McKay (BM:Treasurer) Susan Holden (SH) Brian Luti (BL) Mike Luti (ML)
 David Moore (DM) Marilyn Moore (MM) David Shearer (DS) John Watson (JW) Roger Watt (RW)

Also in Sheila Winston (Town Co-ordinator) Police Scotland, Michelle Flynn (SC).
Attendance: Kelly Cadden (RSHA) Stirling Observer. Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary).

Chair of Meeting: R. Johnson

Topic	Detail/ Discussion	Action												
1.Introduction & Apologies	Introduction: R Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies: Alex Mitchell, Dan McKirgan , Cllr. Martin Earl, Cllr J. McDonald													
2. Minutes of Prev Meeting	Proposed: BL Seconded: ML with one update: The admin grant had been credited shortly before last month’s meeting.													
3. RSHA Update	KC distributed information documents concerning the newly updated Housing Allocations Policy. In addition to an internal review which includes a proposed change to the points system, changes have been made by the Scottish Government to the Scottish Housing Act. These include abolition of the term ‘no fixed abode’, and a Rapid Rehoming policy, which obliges local authorities to allocate 56% of lets to the statutory homeless. This obligation makes it impossible to guarantee that houses will be allocated to local applicants. Ms Cadden reported that someone will come to give an update on planned development at Claish.													
3.Mat Arising a) Airtricity Funded Projects	<table><tr><td>Organisation</td><td>Description</td><td>Amount</td><td>Decision</td></tr><tr><td>Callander</td><td>Costs Winter</td><td>£600</td><td>Approved</td></tr><tr><td>Arthritis Society</td><td>Outing</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Organisation	Description	Amount	Decision	Callander	Costs Winter	£600	Approved	Arthritis Society	Outing			
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b)Ancaster Square	No meeting.	
c)Bridgend	A good meeting was held, and report sent. A local meeting will be held after Easter.	
d)CampPlace Playpark	A productive meeting was held with Paul Allan and Colin McKay and great improvements have been made, Future suggestions included the possibility of £58k match funding and inclusive use of play equipment, which will help with the application. Approved. A survey will be done across the primary school and S1 & 2 to see what the children would like. Comment was made that the cost of	

	£2k cited for goal posts was perhaps high in relation to the number of children who use them. It was explained that the previous set cost £800 with £600 installation, also Health & Safety considerations increase the price. Callander Thistle football club endorse this project, as it will encourage future players. Approved. It was agreed that a fence is needed to eliminate dog mess.	
e) Environ- ment	<p>Callander Countryside: Clarification was sought on an item in the minutes of CC meeting concerning Stirling Council Assets. SW explained that Callander Development Trust are conducting a feasibility study in to what might be available for purchase to the community.</p> <p>Coilhallan Wood: A detailed information sheet was made available. This is attached on a separate document. A potential application to the Scottish Land Fund of c£250k to buy would be discounted by an estimated 50% due to time spent on community upgrades. It was thought that volunteer hours should also be considered. It was reported that the Land Fund would require independent valuations, and work would commence if and when grants applied for are gained. Sale of timber would raise capital for insurance premiums, but it was noted that felled areas must be replanted within 3 years. More information will be available at the May meeting.</p> <p>A letter received from a concerned resident was acknowledged, and it was agreed to make a point of responding to any other residents who express concern</p> <p>Details for discussion at the April meeting of the Development Trust will include a business plan and 25yr cash flow projection. It was agreed that BM as Community Council rep will abstain from voting at this meeting, and gain permission to discuss the topic at the next CC meeting.</p> <p>Opinion was expressed that since a grant exists, although it is limited in application ,specifically to encourage partnership with local communities, FCS, who have stated that they do not have enough money to maintain Coilhallan Wood, would in fact gain funds if Callander chose to maintain the wood in partnership with them, rather than purchasing. Concern was expressed at hearsay stating that income from carparks is intended to fund the maintenance of Coilhallan Wood and other asset transfer projects currently under consideration, but it was confirmed by SW that Callander Development Trust are not conducting feasibility studies on carparks.</p> <p>Leny Woods: The Victorian Walkway at Leny woods will not be going forward, as application for funding has failed, and problems with Transport Scotland regarding a footpath and bridge across the A84 are ongoing. It was reported that the land will not be sold, Mr Cameron wishes to retain ownership but will lease the land to the Callander Development Trust. ,</p> <p>SC Assets: A definitive list of asset ownership is being compiled, it was confirmed that CDT have a map detailing Stirling Council's ownership, and MF offered to supply any information omitted. It was noted that SC own half of the lower carpark, but ownership of the other half is unknown.</p> <p>Path: A path from Leny Meadows to the burial ground has been proposed. It was noted that some re-routing of paths has occurred to protect barn owls.</p> <p>Lower Wood Walk: A recent decision to construct a zig-zag path was questioned. CC clarified that the decision was taken by the Callander Landscape Partnership and that the Community Council was involved in proceedings, but criticism was made that the exact route was not detailed. It was noted that previous lack of comprehensive consultation led to a disabled track being constructed in this area which could not be accessed without steps first being negotiated. MM confirmed that no-one was notified on this topic nor on the question of the burn. MM and BL will contact Emma Martin, Project Officer for the National Park, and DS expressed his intention in future to accept an invitation received to attend Callander Landscape Partnership meetings.</p>	<p>Respond</p> <p>MF</p> <p>MM BL DS</p>
f) Planning	The Planning Report on the proposals for the 'Eagle'38 4 38A Main Street were agreed and passed onto LL&TTNP Planning Department.. A response is expected in regard to details of the proposed Claish development, this was requested to be a full consultation proposal.	
g)Public Events Area	JW met with D. McKirgan .It is proposed to tie the project in with the reinstatement of Cambusmore Quarry, details were discussed including hard standing and toilets. It was requested that future development at McLaren Leisure Centre also be kept in mind.	
h)Roads, Parking & Pavements	Report provided. Motorhomes: The problem of motorhome pressure was discussed. A new rates system requiring campsite owners to pay licence to provide for motorhomes for the entire year has resulted in many ceasing to offer provision, as no income is generated through the winter months to fund the increase. This in turn has created the problem of influx to residential areas, cessation of which could only be addressed by a change in bye-laws. Following lengthy consideration of the options available, it was decided not to promote accommodation of motorhomes in Callander, as the CC's duty is to represent the concern which has been expressed by residents. Furthermore any accommodation provided must be serviced and Callander has neither 24hr toilets nor chemical disposal facilities. The suggestion of limiting motorhome parking to day-time only is not enforceable. It is hoped that consideration of bye-law amendment might be incorporated into the	

	<p>new Parking Strategy. CC has a meeting tomorrow with Stirling Council and the National Park, and will query NP policy on this issue. It was noted that availability of a map of chemical disposal sites might help alleviate the worrying instances reported of drivers emptying chemical toilet waste into the River Teith.</p> <p>Sustrans: Construction of the path between Callander and Doune is expected to commence in 2019/20, with completion in 2021/22.</p> <p>McLaren High School: Work will start this summer on a new access-egress footpath. Information was requested on whether this route will be disability friendly.</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>Info</p>
i)Stirling City Region Deal	<p>Digital Hubs: £2million has been allocated towards capital costs for regional hubs, of which Callander will have £1million. Stirling Council have appointed consultants who will liaise with community groups over the next two months with a view to creating a Civic Centre in St. Kessogs. Request has been made for the consultants' brief to be made available, but this has not yet been received. It was suggested that CCC take responsibility for consulting with the community, and a wish list must be created. Ancaster Square is not included in the scheme, but it was felt that the square must be upgraded to match, and the possibility of using ringfenced money from the Airtricity account to achieve this was discussed. Consultants will be asked to look at how best to address ongoing maintenance. It was noted that £400k of water damage money is still available.</p> <p>Infrastructure: It was noted that there are no capital funds for the segment of the Region Deal which covers infrastructure for the enhancement of the town, but seed funding of £90million is available to attract potential funders, .A Callander Partnership presentation will take place mid-May. CCC will undertake consultation. A mechanical means of accessing the Craggs was suggested.</p>	<p>Consult Create</p> <p>Consult</p>
j) Visitor Information Centre	<p>Report provided. Opening/Management: Easter opening is looking less likely, as the lease has not yet been signed. Cllr Martin Earl has been asked for assistance in expediting this. Three proposals were put forward for future management: Callander Development Trust taking the lead in collaboration with CCC and Steam Ship Sir Walter Scott; Set-up of a subsidiary company with directors from each; Monthly progress reports to be made to the three parent organisations. All three proposals were approved, and appointment of Chris Corden as CCC representative director was proposed by EW, seconded by RJ and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Ben Ledi View: A negative article has appeared in the Ben Ledi View regarding the Visitor Information Centre. It was agreed to respond, and to ask the editorial team why the alternative, positive viewpoint of many was not also represented. CC will write letter, and other means of communicating on the issue will be explored, as the Ben Ledi view will not report for two months.</p> <p>Smart Screen: Software problems are being addressed by Stirling Council.</p> <p>Explore Stirling: The Explore Stirling app is offering training courses for any businesses wishing to join. It was suggested that the Visitor Centre might be included,</p>	<p>Cllr Earl</p> <p>CC Letter</p> <p>Join</p>
4. Reports from Office Bearers: a)Chair	<p>Emails/ Reports/ Minutes: RJ expressed concern for increased correspondence pressure on all councillors. Whilst the high level of communication is appreciated, he asked that members keep emails to a professional minimum. For optimum efficiency, it was requested that all written reports, plus comments on previous minutes be emailed by Friday lunchtime prior to the monthly meeting to EW (Sec), who will distribute them on Friday evening to allow time for digestion. Approved. It was further suggested by BM that perhaps this system might eliminate the time-consuming practice of reading entire reports aloud, leaving more time for discussion of any problematic points in their context. It was noted that copies of reports would need to be made available for visitors.</p> <p>Dan McKirgan/ Vacancy: Dan is now living abroad and has resigned from the Community Council, sending his good wishes to all involved. It was decided to notify the community of this vacancy and also to approach candidates from the recent election, last standing being approached first, as co-option on grounds of specialist skill is an option. The SC process for co-option would be followed. It was agreed to have a whip-round to present an award to Dan for his long service to the community, as following restructure, the Admin Account can no longer be utilised for this purpose.</p> <p>Callander Development Trust: A member is required to represent CCC and sit as a director at Development Trust meetings. BM was proposed for this position by RJ, seconded by DM and approved unanimously. The Chair's report following his discussions with Mark Griffiths, Callander Woodland Group, would appear to satisfy some of the concerns that had previously been raised and that CCDT was following due process.</p>	<p>All Send</p> <p>Copies</p> <p>Whip round</p>
b)Secretary	No items of note.	
c) Treasurer	<p>Admin Account: £3491.04 including grant. Suggestion to allocate funds to website development was well received and potential servers discussed. Approval pending. MF was asked for a definitive list of what the Admin grant may be spent on.</p> <p>Airtricity Account: £61,553.14. Drawdown of £7053.50 in outgoing approved grants will leave a</p>	<p>MF</p>

	balance of £54,499.64 inclusive of ringfenced funds, leaving £4499.64 to allocate. Signatories: Mandate variation forms have been sent.	
5. Updates from other Organisations	<p>a) Police Report: Report provided. Request was made for the Old Scout Hut to be monitored, as intruders are gaining access. It was agreed in future when a long report had been provided there was no requirement for the report to be read out. This would allow the Police Representative to deal with current issues.</p> <p>b) Callander Community Development Trust: As above.</p> <p>c) Town Co-ordinator. As above</p> <p>d) Callander Partnership. As above</p> <p>e) Callander Landscape Partnership: As above.</p> <p>f) National Park: No report.</p> <p>g) Stirling Council: MF provided documents for the Your Stirling You Decide initiative and provided details of Easter Play in the Park.</p>	
6.AOCB	<p>Driving Test Centre: An appeal was made for objections to be lodged with DVSA to the closure of the driving test centre in Callander. It was reported that a move to an alternative location within the town was the preferred option, but that the community did not support the new location. Approval to object was given.</p> <p>Garden Competition: It was agreed that gardens up to 12' x 20' and gardens above these dimensions will be judged separately, with a certificate for each. The judge will then select between the two for award of the Cup.</p> <p>Mobility: MM as representative of Accessible Callander & The Trossachs reported that the pavements in the Mollands and into Callander are too narrow for mobility scooters, leaving users isolated, and requested action.</p> <p>Bus Service: There is a proposal at present to withdraw the late night bus service due to under-use. Suggestion to request another 6 months provision, to raise awareness of the service and promote its use was Approved. All Councillors will be contacted to support continuation of the route, and the service will be promoted on the CC Facebook page. DS has written to Stirling Education Trust, as students at Forth Valley College would be affected by this closure, but was told that they are unable to help,</p> <p>Cemetery: Concern was expressed that the new cemetery land is a bog. Cllr Martin Earl has reported that drainage testing is being undertaken.</p> <p>Car Parks: It was reported that SC carpark charges may be changing to include new areas.</p> <p>AGM: Callander Community Council AGM will be held on 10th June 2019</p>	<p>Object</p> <p>Contact</p>
7. Close	Date of Next Meeting: 13th May 2019 at CYP	