

# Callander Community Council

Minutes of the meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Community Councillors:** Richard Johnson (RJ - Chair), Chris Cordon (CC – Vice-Chair), Brian McKay (BM – Treasurer), John Watson (JW), Alex Mitchell (AM), David Shearer (DS), Mike Luti (ML), Brian Luti (BL), Susan Holden (SH), Roger Watt (RW)

**Also in Attendance:** Tommy Scott (Minute taker), Sheila Winstone (SW - Town Coordinator), Cllr. Evelyn Tweed (ET), Stirling Observer, Lucia Bobkova (LB), 1 member of the public

**Chair of Meeting:** Richard Johnson

Topic	Detail/Discussion	Action
<b>1. Introduction and Apologies</b>	<p><b>Introduction:</b> (RJ) welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Elaine Watterson (EW – Secretary), David Moore (DM), Marilyn Moore (MM), Kelly Cadden (RSHA), Police Scotland, Michelle Flynn, Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary)</p>	
<b>2. Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	<p><b>Proposed:</b> (DS)</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> (CC) with four amendments</p>	
<b>3. Co-Option of Community Councillor</b>	<p>Two inquiries were made for candidates, with only one return nomination from Stirling Council – Lucia Bobkova. A discussion about the rules of appointment followed. It was agreed to postpone the formal vote until the next meeting as there were concerns over the process. All agreed that LB would be an excellent addition to the CCC the matter was closed with the unanimous decision to let LB fill the position and take her seat at the table. (LB) then gave a brief thanks and spoke quickly of her ideas to use social platforms to benefit the CCC and the need to deliver projects to the community.</p>	
<b>4. Reports from Office Bearers;</b>		
<b>a) Chair</b>	<p>(RJ) started by thanking everyone for their help with the gift for Dan McKirgan, Dan was very pleased and most grateful. A mention was given to the Stirling Observer for the very kind article that was published.</p> <p>With regards to the city deal, (RJ) has attempted to contact Stirling Council to get updates. Steve MacDonald has not been responding. (RJ) commented that the conversation is one way and that this was disappointing.</p>	

	<p>Two sets of consultants have been appointed by SC, one about Claish Farm and improving tourism opportunities ,the other concerned the use of St Kessogs.. (RJ) then spoke of his concern that the consultants for Claish farm, G L Hearn Ltd did not have a full back ground on Callander and that they don't seem to know Callander as a community. This was met with discussion of previous consultations that have happened and how the Community Council was rarely either involved or listened to. The online survey that has been put out is "useless" (quoting most councillors present). The lack of a report from the Claish Farm consultants was noted (Cllr. ET) then said that she would ask Steve Macdonald to ensure G L Hearn and the other consultants did meet with the CCC..</p> <p>(RJ) then raised the expenses that councillors could claim from Stirling council. And if the councillors wished to then put that money into the Callander community councils account. These funds could then be used for gifts for departing council members.</p>	
<b>b) Secretary</b>	<p>As (EW) was absent from the meeting (CC) read out her report. It outlined the issue with the late buses on Fridays and Saturdays. This service is being withdrawn despite support from Martin Earl.</p> <p>The driving test centre was also mentioned. It was established that Martin Earl has been attempting to get meetings with a Mr Owens at McLaren but to date of CCC meeting has been unsuccessful.</p> <p>With regards to litter. The meadows will be receiving new bigger bins to accommodate the larger inflow of waste. (EW) had suggested returning the bin collecting to a back shift over the summer months or even weekends but this was refused.</p> <p>The primary school is preparing a study on the environmental policies of local shops to reduce waste. There are plans to speak to Lesley Hawkins of Cleaner Callander.</p>	
<b>c) Treasurer</b>	(BM) briefly summarised his report. As no questions or queries were raised the council moved forward.	
<b>5. Matters Arising;</b>		
<b>a) Airtricity funded projects</b>	The Brownies group made an application for £500 from the Airtricity fund to go towards their overnight camping excursion to Blairdrummond safari park. It was unanimously agreed that £200 would be given to them to go towards the trip.	<b>Agreed</b>

<b>b) Ancaster square</b>	(AM) advised there has been no response from Steve MacDonald so far. A discussion followed which focused on ideas for the square's redevelopment.	
<b>c) Bridgend</b>	<p>(SH) began by telling the council of concerns raised by residents of the close proximity houses. Primarily the concerns were about the damaged done by the speed bumps. At Teith House, cracks have formed in the walls of the house. This is thought to be due to the vibrations from the raised crossing at the north of bridgend. New railings for the same crossing were discussed and, it was mentioned that residents have been given a catalogue to peruse through.</p> <p>Concerns about the amount of light spill from the new lighting onto the river were raised. Shields around the lights was one solution put forward by (BL).</p> <p>The request for a speed camera was mentioned. The council was told that this was not possible until a casualty has occurred.</p> <p>(RW) queried some studies that he had read on speed bumps and the effects that they have on drivers and their awareness levels. It was suggested that a presentation be made detailing such evidence.</p>	
<b>d) CCTV</b>	It was brought to the attention of the council that Stirling council will be purchasing 10 surveillance cameras. One of these will be designated to the Callander area. These cameras will have a real time feed, which will be monitored from a control centre in Stirling. Should any reportable offences occur, the police would be immediately notified.	<b>Supported</b>
<b>e) Camp place park</b>	Report tabled and accepted-progress is being made.	
<b>f) Environment</b>	<p>(ML) began his report by telling the council about the new road up to Stuc a'Chroin and the new woods being developed in the glen surrounding.</p> <p>(RJ) spoke of the delayed application for Coilhallan woods. This will be submitted in September 2019</p>	
<b>g) Planning</b>	<p>(ML) told the council of the plans to remove the old scout hut by the Roman Camp, and possibly convert the plot into a series of flats.</p> <p>Again the idea of shields for outside lights was raised, this was due to the close proximity to the river Teith. Report tabled and accepted.</p>	
<b>h) Public Events area</b>	No further action	

<p><b>i) Roads, parking and pavements</b></p>	<p>Report tabled and accepted. (DS) spoke of the large number of motorhomes staying overnight in the meadows car park, with this came a discussion on the waste disposal status of the car park and how persons are dumping their waste directly into the river Teith. A relocation of these motorhomes was suggested. This would be a permanent move. Various locations were discussed. The first was, station road car park, as it has the toilet facilities already in place and a large enough space to accommodate such vehicles. The next suggestion was Kilmahog woollen mill car park. This was suggested as it was believed that a service similar to this was already in place there. The final suggestion was McLaren Leisure centre. Further discussions on this topic may be necessary.</p> <p>(Cllr. ET) told the council that she was awaiting the results of a survey before any decisions on the parking strategy could be made.</p> <p>(DS) Bracklinn road was then brought up. It was proposed that double yellow lines should be put in place as cars are parking in passing places.</p> <p>(RW) then raised concerns over the Heart 200 route which could lead to speeding and congestion in Bridgend. This was followed by further discussion of speed cameras. The proposal of a 20mph speed limit from the McLaren leisure centre to the Tesco supermarket was discussed.</p> <p>(ML) moved the discussion elsewhere by speaking about Pearl street and the new development there. He spoke about a footpath along the side of the development that would lead directly from Pearl street to main street.</p> <p>(RJ) proposed double yellow lines on Leny Road has been approved.. These would begin across from the Tesco supermarket car park and continue until the pedestrian crossing. It was said that the plans will take three months to implement with no objections and nine months if there were any objections.</p>	<p><b>Discuss</b></p>
<p><b>j) Stirling City Region Deal</b></p>	<p>Discussed in chairs opening statements.</p>	
<p><b>k) Visitor Information Centre</b></p>	<p>Report tabled and accepted. (CC) told the CCC that they had received an acknowledgement from the Ben Ledi View regarding the tone of their last article concerning the Visitor Centre. It was remarked that a more positive article will be published when the next issue is released on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.</p>	
<p><b>6. Updates from other organisations</b></p>		

<p><b>a) Police Report</b></p>	<p>Report tabled and accepted. It was mentioned however by (ML) of the increased trend in class A drug possession offences this in the last few months. A question was raised to find if the police were being too soft on persons arrested. As it seemed that it was the same people being caught, with what was said to be little to no punishment - as (ML) put it “a slap on the wrist”. This was said to a murmur of agreement by the council. And it was agreed that this was something to bring up going forward.</p>	
<p><b>b) Callander Community Development trust</b></p>	<p>Report tabled and accepted</p>	
<p><b>c) Town Co-ordinator</b></p>	<p>Report tabled and accepted. Main activity is the organisation of Summerfest and Visitor Centre</p>	
<p><b>d) Callander Partnership</b></p>	<p>(RJ) said that there was to be a meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May .</p>	
<p><b>e) Callander Landscape Partnership</b></p>	<p>(RJ) briefly spoke of the new website concerning the Callander Landscape Partnership.</p>	
<p><b>f) National Park</b></p>	<p>Nothing new discussed. See reports for more information.</p>	
<p><b>g) Stirling Council</b></p>	<p>(Cllr. ET) firstly gave thanks to the Stirling Observer for their article on the CCC ceremony for Dan McKirgan.</p> <p>With regards to the 59 bus petition it was said that this has worked and that First Bus will now be running an earlier bus time in the mornings and a later journey in the evenings.</p> <p>The Stirling marathon was brought up. The council were told that (Cllr. ET) had received complaints about the main road being closed. And the many inconveniences that this then caused. (BM) raised the withdrawal of the main partner for the event. (Cllr. ET) answered this by informing the council that Stirling Council were looking for a new partner in the event. And should an agreement be met, the marathon may un next year.</p>	
<p><b>7. AOCB</b></p>	<p>(ML) brought up the issue of red deer calves. He asked for there to be a reminder to the general public that they should not approach the young deer under any circumstance. This could cause the mother to abandon the calf or indirectly lead predators to the animal. It was also strongly suggested that dogs be kept firmly away from these young animals.</p> <p>(BM) asked (RJ) a question regarding an examiner for the CCC accounts. It was agreed that any competent person would suffice as an examiner.</p>	

	(BM) also raised the need for a web presence for the CCC as per his submitted report. It was agreed that the InCallander website would be the correct place to have this. The costs of this are comfortably within the financial possibilities of the CCC. It was unanimously agreed that this should be progressed as suggested in the report.	<b>Agreed</b>
<b>8. Date of next meeting</b>	<b>The AGM will begin at 7pm followed by the regular meeting of the CCC at 7:30pm on the 10 June 2019 at CYP.</b>	