

Callander Community Council

Minute of the meeting: Monday 8th July 2019

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

Also in Gordon Ridders, Robbie Cairns, Cllr. Martin Earl, Michelle Flynn (SC).

Attendance: Kerry Cadden (RSHA). Stirling Observer, Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary).
 2 members of the public

Chair of Meeting: C. Corden

Topic	Detail/ Discussion	Action
1.Introduction & Apologies	Introduction: C. Cordon welcomed everyone, and introduced Gordon Riddler and Robbie Cairns of Heart 200. Apologies: Brian Luti Absent : Alex Mitchell	
2. Minutes of Prev Meeting	Proposed: DM Seconded: ML With 3 amendments. Future Minutes to have numbered pages.	
3.Heart 200 Presentation	The organisers of Heart 200, Gordon Riddler and Robbie Cairns, gave a presentation on their aims for this proposed tourist route which will pass through Callander. Points raised included the following: North Coast 500: Heart 200 does not seek to emulate the NC500 route. Participants will be discouraged from speeding, over 50's and young families will be encouraged and itineraries suggested. Encouragement will be given to linger at the many historic and scenic landmarks along the way, and to stay and enjoy the hospitality of the area. This will be reflected in the website which has been launched and will be constantly updated. Tourism: A drop in tourism of 17% was experienced last year (Scottish Government and Visit Scotland figures). Consequently it is hoped that SG funding will be attracted once the venture is up and running. Heart 200 will promote sustainable tourism, and accessible tourism. Info on plans for the latter was requested. Tom Christie: Tom Christie will be involved in the project, it was agreed to meet with him when he visits next Thursday, EW will email. Funding: The project will be funded personally to begin with, a Heart200 Travel Club will follow with a small fee, Other avenues are a grant from Visit Scotland, and future sales of merchandise including a Heart200 Travel Book. Concerns expressed: People come for the peace and quiet, a balance must be found. Callander is very early in the route, people may not stop, but traffic will be increased. At present toilet facilities in Callander are inadequate to cope with existing tourism. Infrastructure, if introduced, must be compatible with the surroundings.	EW

	At present there is very little mention of Callander on the website, please enhance to confirm Callander as a destination, and improve footfall. Consultation with the community would have been appreciated beforehand. Thanks were extended for the visit, a return visit to report on progress was promised, and a visit to Callander Visitor Centre encouraged.	
4. Reports from Office Bearers:	a) Chair: CAP. Little would appear to have been accomplished. Agreed to meet 1 hour earlier at next meeting to discuss revising plan from 2022-27 or to continue with existing plan. Agreed to contact all SC Councillors. MF gave reminder of official line through Community Engagement.	
b) Secretary:	Nic Turner NP Litter Prevention Officer, and Lesley Hawkins are making contact with schools. A meeting will take place with the new Pupil Council after schools start again, following pupils' engagement with litter prevention and the plastic-free initiative. It was thought that the 5 areas in the NP should have a common policy on litter. An appeal was made for public bins with swing lids. Sweetie Shop : SC confirmed they will force entry if bluebottle problem is not addressed by this Friday.	
c) Treasurer:	Airtricity Fund: No movement. Minuting fees have been paid from Admin account.	
5. Review of Consultants reports: Claish Farm & St Kessogs	RJ confirmed presentation by Consultants at Partnership meeting. G L Hearn report rejected. SC chased for reports. Nothing on St Kessogs received from Steve McDonald. Overall disappointed by lack of information and communications. Agreed RJ as chair of Callander Partnership to contact Carol Beattie CEO SC	

b)Ancaster Square	No progress.	
c)Bridgend	Report provided.	
d)CampPlace Playpark	Report Provided. The rugby club have requested combined goalposts. The price for combined rugby/football goalposts is only £100 more than normal goalposts. SC has been approached for more funding.	
e) Envion-ment	Coilhallan Wood: Minutes from Callander Countryside meeting have been sent out. Garden Competition: EW will present prizes. ML will have the cup engraved. 1 st 2 nd and 3 rd Certificates must be produced by Chair for each category. Reimbursement will be paid from unclaimed expenses. SC Community Pride grant may be accessed,MF will email details to EW. Primary School Playground: Cllr Earl will progress grass cutting. Well Brae/Leny Rd: NP have been contacted to address overgrowth. Flooding: Callander has been successful in gaining SG funding for flood alleviation. Ruth Thomson, SC Flood Officer will provide update. Option 4 from previous report recommended, Culvert in Station Rd is blocked. Suggested improvement,water from Craggs pumped over wall. It was thought RJ as internationally-acclaimed hydrologist should be leading flood project. RJ and ML were asked to come up with something. SC request copy of Resilience Report. Invite to Resilience Conference in September. Scottish Observatory for Climate & Community. RW was congratulated on this excellent	EW ML CC MF Cllr Earl RJ ML

	<p>report, and requested that all be involved. Joint meeting with Development Trust agreed, with Community Council taking the lead.</p> <p>Carol Beattie will be invited to presentation.</p> <p>Rural Tourism Infrastructure fund may be accessed.</p> <p>Leny Falls: Callander Countryside minutes- Ownership will be retained for 5 years, then revert to Community Trust.</p>	Invite Check
f) Planning	<p>Bracklinn Walk/ Leny Falls Bridge: Objections lodged. Meeting to be held with Paul Prescott, DM will report back.</p> <p>Plan to reduce deep cut section may result in in washing away.</p> <p>Railings on bridge not adequate to protect children from danger of slipping through.</p> <p>Leny Bridge: 10-20 metre ramp: 1:12 gradient should be 1:20. More info required.</p> <p>Noted community should have been consulted.</p> <p>Suggestion to block off exit from bridge until path is built.</p> <p>Noted that formal complaints from CCCs elevate applications to Planning Panel.</p> <p>NEW: Former solicitors office to residential: Concern re multiple bins and cars.</p> <p>Approved to raise query re bins, sacks are available.</p> <p>Noted CCC has previously taken decision to support development of upper floors.</p>	
g)Public Events Area	No progress. Meeting pending.	
h)Roads, Parking & Pavements	<p>Leny Rd: Double yellow lines installed.</p> <p>Parking Charges: It was thought that any increase should be across the board.</p> <p>Pavement Sweeping Machine: Broken and too costly to fix. Cllr Earl and DS will chase replacement.</p>	DS
i)Stirling City Region Deal	No further info.	
j) Visitor Information Centre	Report available. 3300 visitors. Landowner Gordon Steele has still not signed lease.	
6. Updates from other Organisations	<p>a) Police Report: Report attached. Approved commend Police on recent drug arrests.</p> <p>b) Callander Community Development Trust: Report attached</p> <p>c) Town Co-ordinator. No report.</p> <p>d) Callander Partnership. Covered.</p> <p>e) Callander Landscape Partnership: Covered.</p> <p>f) National Park: Agreed Nic Turner, NP Litter Officer, must be supported.</p> <p>Bracklinn Falls Bridge roof must be addressed. Meeting with Development Trust requested to discuss.</p> <p>g) Stirling Council: Driving Test Centre: Commencing operation on 1st August.</p> <p>Primary School: Parent Council concerned re amount of money spent on upgrade.</p> <p>Road Closures: Closures scheduled for the B829 and Balmaha.</p> <p>Exemptions: SC have agreed to avoid closures of certain roads at peak times of the year</p>	EW
7.AOCB	<p>Reports: Cllr Earl requested that written reports be sent to councillors</p> <p>Banner: Visibility for traffic impaired by banner Main St/Church St. LB will contact SW.</p> <p>Bench: Approved to assist family in procurement/placement of memorial bench.</p> <p>Website: BM will email basic format to all.</p>	EW LB BM
8. Close	Date of Next Meeting: 6.30 pm on 12th August 2019 at CYP	

