## **Callander Community Council**

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

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

Also in Attendance: Cllr Martin Earl, Stirling Observer, Police Scotland, 3 members of the public.

## Chair of Meeting: Chris Corden

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Торіс		Detail/ Discussion	Action
1.Introduction		on CC welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies		: Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary), Michelle Flynn (Stirling Council),	
	Sheila Wir	nston (SW-Town Co-ordinator)	
2. Minutes of	Amendme	ents:	
October	(i)	Correction of the August meeting minutes amendment: Bracklinn	
Meeting		car park/Leny Falls Bridge: Should read 'Forestry Commission car	
		park to the Bracklinn Falls'	
	(ii)	Corrections of the September meeting minutes: -	
		<ul> <li>Planning: delete RJ declared an interest in the Manse Lane</li> </ul>	
		application etc. This is an error. The interest was declared in	
		relation to an Airtricity application (see below)	
		<ul> <li>Airtricity: Should read - Application for contribution to the</li> </ul>	
		Seniors Christmas dinner £220 not £100. RJ declared an interest	
		in this application. This was not of a critical nature, RJ was	
		thanked for raising the issue	
	(iii)	Treasurer's report: the figures for the relevant funds should be	
		corrected by swapping them – Airtricity Fund £71,189.41; Admin	
		Fund £4,870.25	
	(iv)	Bridgend Report: Should read – Meeting was held on 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
		September; the reference to Grant Road should be amended to	
		Grant Court	
	Proposed	by Brian Luti, seconded by David Shearer	
3. Reports	a) Chair:		
from Office	,		
Bearers:	Meetings:	Attending a meeting tomorrow 'Delivering Climate Emergency in	

	Scotland'. Also going to a smart digital village meeting this month to hopefully help with the climate project	
	Local care homes: Had a concerned email and a call – some local residents are unhappy about adult elderly care locally. Understand Ashlea care home was organized for a relative, but was in such a bad state that they couldn't leave the person there. Lodged a complaint with the commissioner. CC looking for feedback for someone to look into how we provide this care in Callander. ME: Two things- one there's care provided in establishments. That has received a pretty poor care inspectorate report. The other aspect is services to people at home. Asked for residential homes and their care inspectorate reports to be put on the agenda for the December meetings. Looking to CCC and the public for feedback about care for people at home. ML: He can give some information as he knows of two residents whose parents had to stay in hospital well over the period when they were ready to go home as nobody came forward despite desperately trying for a month, so bed blocking in hospital but there was lack of care for him outside. This is another aspect	
	<b>Town coordinator resignation</b> : SW handed in her notice. CC would like to note she has done a lot of good work over the years and we are hoping to get a replacement as good as she has been.	
	<b>b) Secretary:</b> Speakers coming to the next meeting from NP to discuss the results of the CCC's motorhome survey	
	c) Treasurer: Written report provided: Airtricity Fund: £71,189.41; Admin Fund: £4,790.25	
6.Matters Arising		
a) Airtricity	1 application received – funds for certain aspects of the Town Co-ordinator's post – similar to the application that was received last year. The application has just been received, it will be discussed with the committee with the committee reverting back to the full council. CCC cannot fund salary, only the ancillary items. Committee requires full information for consideration.	

b)Ancaster	Not much to report.	
Square	Christmas lights:	AM
	This year, Christmas lights will be in the square, but probably not along the	

	Main Street.	
	DS speaking to Malin (CCDT). She wished to know if CCC supported the Christmas lights.	
	In principle, yes, the question is how it is funded.	
	EW noting that over the years the standards of Christmas lights have been	
	deteriorating. Other places have much nicer displays. She understands local	
	people have not been particularly pleased with the lights. They have not been	
	well organized.	
	AM noting that difficulties with supply of electricity have caused problems last	
	year with fuses. Maintenance of the circuit is required.	
	ML noting that we would all like Christmas lights especially around the square.	
	BL noting Airtricity has spent about £9000 on Christmas lights over the years.	
	But power supply is not stable. The enterprise group suggested if we could all get together and get enough to make the square really presentable.	
	BM noting that at the CCDT last meeting this was also discussed. What it	
	comes down to is money. Malin thought she secured a particular amount from	
	Callander Enterprise, but it was a lot less than she thought. She had hoped to	
	ask the CCC for balance from Airtricity - about £1500, but it is a bit late for	
	that. Her plan is to focus on the square this year.	
	RW noting that CCC should support that. Premises are becoming vacant.	
	Callander needs to be seen as a place to come to. This is the symptom of the	
	same thing. Community needs to do what we can until we find a real solution	
	to this. Need to be talking to every type of organization that would be able to chip in.	
	DS: This needs to be looked at short term but also long term. Suggesting a	
	cross group working group including the schools.	
	ML wondering if the Christmas tree has been organized this year.	
	BM understands it has.	
	DS noting the electrical problem in the square needs to be looked at	
	ME noting that in relation to the electrical problem, we need to ensure BEAR	
	get the infrastructure in place so that what needs to be done can be done. WE	
	could perhaps look at what Aberfoyle and Bridge of Allan do. Do we want to	
	buy the lights or hire out from a company?	
	MM: wondering if the lighting the way it is, is actually in a safe situation. ME had discussion about this and BEAR said that it was ok at the moment but the	
	circuit would not take any more. ME thinks there needs to be a direct query or	
	request to have proper electricity infrastructure in place in before next	
	Christmas.	
	CC asking LB to contact BEAR about this.	LB
	CC will speak with Mike Bailey Hamilton/Buchanan to confirm the supply of	сс
	the Christmas tree	
c)Bridgend	Written report submitted, circulated with CCC and also sent to the residents.	
	The railings should be replaced next week and painted, weather permitting.	SH
	Liaising with SC about the speed warning lights.	
	Flooding:	

Two residents present to discuss the flooding strategy. It is not specifically
Bridgend, but touches on Bridgend.
Two members of the public present getting involved. Attended a meeting at
the CYP - SC consultation on Callander Meadows car park flood alleviation
scheme. There are two reports on SC's website under Callander. They
understand that residents immediately in the vicinity of the car park were
lettered, but they specifically didn't know about it. Arrived late in the
afternoon.
The reports say that the local community are fully informed about the work
and the process and the scheme option. In the resident's view that hasn't
happened from SC. There are huge costs to the public purse in relation to this
scheme. Report was published in 2018, but the residents had not heard of it
until now. Not sure what happened in between.
The report Indicates likelihood of flooding for different properties around,
including Bridgend. There are three properties immediately around the car
park in likelihood of flooding and then 7 other properties, 10 altogether. 3
properties at Bridgend seems will not be getting any protection whatsoever,
but a lot of money is proposed to be spent protecting the other 10 properties.
In his view the CCC will need to have adequate public consultation about this.
The report says Stirling councillors decided on option 4. There seems to have
been no discussion with the public about this. Timelines are unclear.
Community has not been informed.
SH suggesting RJ has info on flooding.
RJ's view is that the whole study is flawed as it is only dealing with small part
of Callander. That is wrong. As a consultant, he is aware that no other
community is protecting against a 50-year-flood. Usually it is much longer- 200
years etc.
A 50 year flood is a flood we have seen a few times in the last few years, what
happens when a big one comes along. Speaking as a consultant that has dealt
with many communities throughout Scotland, he would never look at just a
small part of the community. That's the worst thing one can do. We don't just
get flooded by this main river in our town. We need to consider what's
happening around this as well, e.g. downstream, upstream, reservoir etc.
RJ thinks SC would be wrong to progress this scheme and CCC would be wrong
to support it, in his view.
ME noting the meeting was advertised really badly.
CC noting that CCC was contacted to confirm if a particular date was suitable.
EW gave her contact number as knew RJ was away on business. EW told them
to call with any queries. Asked them if they needed assistance. They have not
responded. Not asked EW for assistance with promoting the event.
ME received an extended deadline for response which was today, so will be
following this but will forward any info to CCC.
Timescales? This goes back few years, may be 2014 then 2015 and 2016. There
were problems with funding and two initial grants providing about 80% for
flood schemes. The first trench was heavily oversubscribed. The second trench
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is now with SC. (e.g. Stirling is there, Bridge of Allan, and Aberfoyle)
The cost benefit and criteria have changed in between the two trenches of

i i	CC was going to take something about this to the Smart Digital Village meeting.	1
d) Callander Observatory	RW: Article posted to Ben Ledi View. Looking at good progress. Going outside Callander now as to who we talk to. Getting ready to come to the partnership.	RW
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	funding. Council officers are desperate to get in there and try to get some of the money. It mustn't be something that will not do the job and something only put together to meet the timescale to get the money. That is concerning. There needs to be an extended meeting or a special meeting to talk about this. RJ thinks if they are willing to listen to some of the technical problems in their report e.g. their solution about the walls around Meadows car park that are 2 meters high. The community rejected 3-meter walls. If they are willing to listen to many points, a meeting might be of use, but if they are just to talk about timetables and planning applications, then that would probably be a waste of time. ME suggesting to formally not support these proposals as not fit for purpose, but stating we would like those officers to sit here in a public forum to be told why we don't think they are fit for purpose and to listen to us.	

	We cannot lose sight of the message to try and reinvigorate Callander, these observatories cannot just be locations outside the town. Could we think about whether we could St Kessog's as a central point for this? It could potentially make a difference about the economics of St Kessog's as well. SH wondering if RW was prepared to talk about it at the joint meeting with CCDT next Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> ? CC wondering if there was anything to add over and above information provided at the last joint meeting. RW noting that the support at the last joint meeting was not unanimous, but overall supportive.	
		MM
e)CampPlace Playpark	<ul> <li>Written report submitted</li> <li>ML noting that he had a local resident down there, who stays in the vicinity of the playpark asking CCC to do something about it as it was in his view a mess.</li> <li>ML explained to him that we were doing something. The resident thought it was not timely enough. ML will provide the resident's name to MM, so that she can get in touch.</li> <li>EW- mentions age ranges and list of equipment. Could we have a copy of it?</li> <li>MM can distribute round.</li> </ul>	
f) Envion- ment	Nothing to report. Tomorrow ML and BL will be spending a day at NP and will have a report next time The Callander Countryside meeting this month was put back to December. Same with the Landscape Partnership.	ML
g)PlasticFree Callander	Meeting was held on 20 <sup>th</sup> October Paul Fraser- the lead biologist- was in touch with Scottish water. Making great progress. They said they would install fountains round Scotland. Installed one in Stirling, so Callander was ruled out. Paul went back to them to say that was ridiculous, backed up by ME and Stephen Kerr supporting us to get a fountain and we will hear in the next few weeks, but we are hopeful. Talking about first years at school to get reusable water bottles. Also asked for the whole school actually- they are considering it. If they were willing to give first years their bottles, we would look at how much it would cost to try and find funds to fund bottles for everyone. Zero waste Scotland came back to us. They are doing a workshop for us on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December to train us. They provide aids and documents and we will then do a presentation to the community. Doing a survey about how much plastic the residents use in Callander and whether they would be willing to change it.	EW

	<ul> <li>We have another two pupils involved.</li> <li>The school had a competition to design a Callander Against Plastic</li> <li>RJ: commenting on the drinking water fountain. Are they looking at Ancaster</li> <li>Square? It was his idea many years ago as approached by McMichael family in relation to the sculpture behind St Kessog's, the McMichael monument, which is actually a drinking water fountain. Could we bring it back to the front of the square and it could be the fountain??</li> <li>EW: noting they were initially thinking about Stirling Road car park as coaches park there.</li> <li>ML noting it is so pleasing to see the enthusiasm of the students from high school. He would like it minuted, to say that CCC think they are fantastic.</li> </ul>
	CC will forward a Plastic Survey when available.
	ME: noting that a problem with Scottish Water are the criteria about water fountains in local authorities. Paul has been very tenacious.
	Harris is trying to get a meeting with people that organise catering facilities at school to discuss plastic with them. ME noting if they don't get a response they should get in touch with the Chief Executive.
	Open day will take place in the first or third week in February – inviting everyone to come along
h) Planning	Written report submitted- no new applications
	Manse Lane: Formal withdrawal of the Manse Lane application received.
	Questions from the public: - With applicant having withdrawn it, do they get their money back? ME- No, not to his knowledge
	Claish Farm: RJ noting that the RSHA said construction at Claish farm was starting this month and he raised question about traffic movement during construction. Has there been a response? CC and SH met with SC representative and walked him down- it's on SH's report on Bridgend. They said they would look at it and can make a recommendation to the contractor. They have now made a recommendation to the contractor about the amounts of traffic, but they have no enforcement powers. SH feels we need to keep up the pressure on them. RJ surprised as when he does work he is often told where his construction
	vehicles can go

	<b>Refund</b> : BL asking BM if CCC have received their money back from their planning application? BM will chase it up. ME interested in the outcome/response to the request.	
i)Website Development	BM will do a presentation next month – hoping to be in a position to present a little demonstration.	
	In relation to the proposal relating to costs from Callander Enterprise- the levels sit comfortably within the approved amounts by CCC. CCC agreeing in principle for BM to confirm that.	
j)Roads, P&P	Written report provided.	
	Works on the road to Kilmahog should be finished by midnight tomorrow.	
	ME – road cleaning machine- should be in a position to have it before Christmas.	
	ML wondering how we go forward with mobile CCTV? Local builder's van broken into and loads of equipment stolen. What can we do about getting it. ME: Criteria based on number of antisocial behaviour reported, on that basis many CCTV possible locations coming up for Stirling – due to this criterion. Now proposal to split cameras between rural and urban. We do need more cameras.	
	RW: Wondering whether it's the fundamental cost of purchase or people to run them.	
	ME: It's a capital issue	
	CCC agreeing with ME that we would want more cameras	
i)Stirling City Region Deal	RJ: <b>Digital Hub</b> is now linked to the <b>St Kessog's</b> part of it. RJ's understanding was that it was agreed at CCDT that RJ would continue exploring the St Kessog's use. RJ was to see how the community could work with SC for the development. Malin was going to look at securing funding from the Scottish Land Fund to do with a feasibility study on all of the asset transfers. After the meeting Malin said that SC report was inadequate to give any perspective to any prospective consultants so she was going to wait for RJ's report on the building. RJ asked EW to help; circulated an email about what everyone thought should go in St Kessog's. A few responses received, nothing really exciting. Looking for this to be an exciting building- major attraction for visitors and major facility in the town as well. EW was in touch with SC officer dealing with it from their estate department- meeting arranged a week today. Putting ideas down for a budget. Seems like a very good project but we then	
	saw the report from the Town Coordinator for tonight's meetings. The report	

	says that CCDT contacted consultants already to do the feasibility study which surprised us. It seems to RJ like it has taken away what he was asked to do AM: clarifying that an application has been made to the Scottish Land Fund for a consultant but none have been appointed. It doesn't mean anything has happened. It's a report for consultants not from consultants. St Kessog's study is separate. CCDT's interest is only to see about acquiring St Kessog's. RJ- thinks one should look at the potential asset transfer. Which option is it? It is either community owning it or working in partnership or leasing the asset- the three options still there. AM confirming none of these have been ruled out.	
	DM: confused about this application. There are uncertainties about what it all means. Application is for a lot of money to even establish if the project is viable? EW asking for transparency for the CCC about the figures etc. For the CCDT to go and ask for £160,000 without consulting with anybody does not seem right. SH referring back to the joint meeting – in order to work together constructively it was felt the most productive way was for RJ to follow the lead and for Malin to pursue what is needed for the feasibility study grant. Only the application for feasibility has gone out. Both organizations could perhaps discuss this this in detail at the next joint meeting. There are two parallel fact-finding exercises and it needs to come together. AM: again, confirming that the is for feasibility only. ME: wondering how much was applied for for the feasibility study AM: They think it will be around £110 000. It is up to Scottish Land fund to make a decision. They will either award a sum of money or not. RJ: noting it would be valuable to do an open day for us to see the St Kessog's and to do a community consultation. The report of RJ is aimed to be completed at some time in January. [NB: Above figures not accurate. Clarification on the exact figure required for	
	any further discussions] Claish farm tourism development- it was agreed with CCDT to reject the three options proposed. A formal response to SC is being prepared.	
j) Visitor Info. Centre	Written report submitted It would be useful for CCC to have a physical address- could it be the VIC? CC cannot see a problem with that.	
7. Updates from other Organisations	a) Police Report: Police attending the meeting to discuss the position in relation to drugs and drug offences in Callander area due to some concerns being expressed.	
	Conversation ongoing between the Police and the school officer, but the PCs attending not aware of details/cannot comment. The way they deal with drugs in the area is the same across Scotland and in	

line with the Lord Advocate's guidelines.
Possession and supply of drugs are the two offences.
<u>If they suspect possession</u> , they can search the person and the vehicle, but need to have reasonable cause to suspect that they have drugs at that time;
i.e. being a known user is not enough. Need to be able to document why they standard and soarched company: they can some under a lot of scruting for
stopped and searched someone; they can come under a lot of scrutiny for
searches, especially with children. Searched high school kids recently and
recovered some drugs.
If they find drugs on someone- can search them and their vehicle, but not their
home on the possession alone and sheriff would not grant a warrant.
Various ways to deal with possession based on factors such as any previous
offences and dealings with drugs, how much drugs found, no criminal record -
can deal with a warning initially, above considerations also considered by a
Sheriff if any case goes to Court.
If small amount of drugs are found and the person had no previous dealings
with drugs and/or convictions then a warning is issued. It's the same across
Scotland.
Suspicion of supply- need to apply for a warrant. Sheriff considers evidence.
Can also rely on information from the public and information from other
officers, assessed by the intelligence departments. They assess, grade it and if
sufficiency is there, then can go and apply for a warrant. House search with a
warrant is invasive. They need to make sure they are working within the law,
so don't take it lightly; they have often forced entry.
2 warrants granted in the last month, search carried out but insufficient
evidence to charge these individuals.
Police doing proactive work in the area to build up an intelligence picture:
There can be cars stopped with drugs- Police would ask where they got them
and try to obtain info
Figures: Callander- covering Port of Monteith and all the areas around
49 drug possessions
32 recorded police warnings
16 reports to PF
1 youth referral
1 control drug report
2 drug warrants- report to PF for possession
Drugs in Callander certainly not worse than anywhere else. Drug-related
crime- not very high or very little compared to bigger cities.
E.g. housebreakings, shoplifting and disorder - little of them are drug related
compared to e.g. Stirling.
Where people report any disorder and abusive behavior they have attended all of them, relying on information from the public as much as they can
of them, relying on information from the public as much as they can.
Trying to get a message out there that people can contact them in the office or
Crimestoppers as well. All that is fed back to the intelligence office.
Questions:
CC: Number of incidents compared to other areas? E.g. Balfron
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Police: Don't have the figures but very similar. Majority of the offences
personal small amounts and many of them people coming into the area, so
more of these occur during the season.
People get stopped, the loch-sides are getting checked, they proactively stop
people and vehicles.
BM: 13-year-old with possession in the report – what happens with young
people when found? Referral to social services?
Police: Our criminal justice system doesn't punish children. Different from
adults. We put in paperwork. Liaise with school and social services. All about
welfare and prevention with children.
EW: Soft drugs merely?
Police: Yes, majority of recoveries are of cannabis. Now and again ecstasy
tablets.
DM: County Lines scenarios, how does this affect the area
Police: No evidence of organised crime groups coming here. Not a new
problem. We don't have such issues here as they have in England.
ME: feels one of the things going off the radar is a lot of underaged drinking.
Shouldn't lose sight of that. When talking about drug use, there is a lot of
embedded drinking.
Police: if they get an indication of kids drinking in public places, they are trying
to get on it as quickly as possible
The game has changed in relation to kids - easy for them to contact each other
via social media when they know we are around - more difficult to catch them
Meeting at high school agreed- slight problem but not bigger than elsewhere;
school more concerned about cybercrime and bullying
ML: pleased to hear that they are working closely with the school. ML is
supportive of police. Off topic, but would police be supportive if CCC tried to
convince the SC that we need some portable CCTV on the Main Street/
generally in Callander.
Police would be supportive.
ME would like to see a joint agreement between the SC and the Police in terms
of this/finances.
Police: Would welcome CCTV but would have to speak to someone higher up
then the constables in terms of funding.
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Police summary: When giving warnings- it's only for cannabis- recreational
small amounts, please don't believe that we give out warnings for cocaine or
something like that.
If someone has a previous conviction for drugs, they cannot get a recorded
warning anymore.
EW: do they have to be over 16? Police: Yes
EW: Wondering what people's general reaction is to a warning.
Police: Generally, they are reasonably accepting that they have been caught.
EW: Does it stay on their record? Police: Yes
EW: Do they apologise? Police: Not generally.
JW: More than 50% of people caught are resident outwith the area?
Police: Don't have the figures but significant numbers of people travelling into

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the area, so it's not locals all the time.
<b>b) Callander Community Development Trust:</b> No report submitted. Matters covered throughout this meeting under other topics.
The Woodlands Group (the asset transfer group)- no real change there- submission to Forestry for the asset transfer of Coihallan Wood accepted and notices have been put up at the entrances to the wood. Notice has also been put up in the square, post office and CCC also shared the notice and offer for people to comment
BL: wondering if the Forestry are they going to be asking the community council's view- and if so, what the CCC's view was. Will we be expected to formally comment? When RJ talked about this during this time as a Chair it was decided at the time
that until anything put in front of the community council to base a view upon, that we would not be able to comment. But nothing has still been put to CCC. There is just an application to get money to possibly buy it, but no business plan put forward. BM: noting that the application has
CC: understood that if the application goes forward there will then be a proper detailed updated business plan. Just to clarify – this is not application for funds. This is an application to transfer the asset and then there will be an application for funds with a revised business plan.
ME: looking for a clarification. If an application has gone through to actually transfer the asset and it is agreed will there then be a second application? BM: Yes, the transfer will be agreed in principle and then an application for funds accompanied by a revised valuation will be made; and that would also require a business plan.
ME: So, if the business plan is found not to be sufficient then an application could be rejected? BM/AM: Yes
<b>c) Town Co-ordinator:</b> Written report submitted
EW: asking about the meeting with MM about the playpark and town centre fun project. EW had asked SW three times for a copy of the email that she submitted to SC for funding. She would like to know when and where it was agreed and how much was involved. MM: general email went out to everyone asking if anyone had any
applications. As MM was dealing with Callander Enterprise, it was agreed that they would do one. MM noting it was £12,000.

	EW: of the view that we need to find out who took the decision on where the	
	funding would go to; was there a consultation? Perhaps with CCDT or was it a	
	decision from Callander Enterprise. In any event, it didn't come back to CCC.	
	MM: explaining the Accessible Callander Group applied, which is a subgroup of	
	Callander Enterprise	
	EW: thinks funding allocation in principle was fundamentally wrong. It should	
	have come to CCC as the elected body to decide how this money should be	
	spent in Callander	
	CC: suggesting this should be discussed with SW, the Town Coordinator when she is here	
	d) Callander Partnership:	
	Written report submitted	
	e) Callander Landscape Partnership:	
	No meeting. No update.	
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	f) National Park:	
	There was a meeting of the group put together to look at the safety of	
	Bracklinn Falls and NP was there. No landowners were able to attend. The	
	group is looking at some improved signage. And there is an investigation about	
	any type of buoyancy aid that could be put there.	
	Motorhome survey – NP representatives will come to the next CCC meeting –	
	ME thinks that one will need to come up with an action before the start of next	
	season.	
	ME understand that the Housing Allocations Policy is undergoing a	
	fundamental change. No details at present.	
	g) Stirling Council:	
	N/A	
8.AOCB	Callander Citizen of the Year Award: RJ very disappointed that the office	
	bearers have not yet advertised the nominations for this award. Traditionally	
	the award was given to the winner at the December meeting.	
	EW noting last year we were also late due to the elections	
	CC: noting they will try and get something out asap	
	RJ: Of the view it needs to be properly advertised and needs to be advertised	
	in the Ben Ledi View	
9. Close	Date of Next Meeting: 7.30 pm on 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 at CYP	