

Minute of Community Council Meeting 18th May 2020 (Online)

Attendees: Chris Corden (Chair) Susan Holden (Vice Chair) Brian McKay (Treasurer) Brian Luti, David Shearer, David Moore, Marilyn Moore, Elaine Watterson, John Watson, Roger Watts, Dick Johnston.

Apologies: Lucia Luti (Secretary) Mike Luti. Michelle Flynn

Attending: Helen Terry, Martin Earl, Evelyn Tweed. Jeremy McDonald (Part)

The Chair introduced the meeting and explained the protocol and asked if anyone objected to being recorded. There were no objections.

The Chair paid thanks to HT, MM and BM for their work on the Callander Support Service and FETCH and also thanked other councillors for the work they were doing.

The Chair noted and asked that it be minuted that ML and BL objected to the Coillhallan Wood Asset Transfer going ahead. Chair checked with BL that he was happy with this and BL agreed.

BM went through the **Treasurers** report.

BL asked if there was any progress on the VIC. CC indicated that it would be discussed at the next meeting. The Tourism sector outlook is not good and the VIC Board will discuss the best approach and let CCC know. HT has been looking for funding for the VIC, but it does not meet the required criteria for support, however she will keep looking. ME agreed that NP are not expecting there to be much of a visitor season in 2020. Looking at self catering as an area for growth.

CC asked if there were any projects that could be supported.

BL reminded the meeting that we had the CAOS situation and advised caution. DM agreed. There was agreement that this would be sensible. RW advised holding back funds for assisting the more vulnerable residents.

DM advised on the **planning** update and highlighted that the CYP objection had been withdrawn and replaced by observations. CC asked DM to write to CYP to confirm this. There were some comments on 161 Main Street, but no objections.

Website. BM reported that the website went live in April and now has a News panel. Stats for the site usage will be available next week. SH praised the site and thanked BM for the work. CC asked that the minutes and video of this meeting should be available on the website.

Roads etc. No queries on the report.

Town Coordinator

1. The Support Group has funding now to provide meals until July– 120 meals a week going out on 2 days a week. Marc Nicholls doing a fantastic job (Tigh Mhor) but thought will need to be given to what happens post July. CYP providing premises and MF is working closely with HT on identifying and providing support. CAB are also referring people. Anne Docherty is the gatekeeper. Most people in this category don't have internet. SH stated that this need will continue beyond the current situation - current volunteers will need to go back to work. Community response has been amazing but we need to consider the strategy. EW is providing amazing support to lonely and frightened residents who are not attending U3A

or the Craigard Club. EW has set up a buddy system and will continue this once the lockdown is over. Very important work that needs to be supported. All agreed. DS volunteered to take on another tele buddy. BL mentioned that the Airtricity fund might be able to support these people. ME praised the work both EW and HT were doing.

- 2. National Park. (ME)** Messaging going down well, although as lockdown unravels, it will need to be well managed. Discussions are underway with Police Scotland and the involved councils. Planning happening on line. Much concern over the levels of water in Loch Venechar. RW suggested a trial day and then a couple of days to consider the outcomes of how visitors come to the town. Many people turning up in Callander will be overwhelming. ME agreed to look at how this could be managed. RW stated the police are going to be key. All councillors showed concern.

Questions were asked about the infection rate in the National Park, but there are no figures available. HT stated that the majority of cases have been in Falkirk and the number of cases in Stirling is falling.

HT expressed concern over the Co-op's social distancing approach, particularly with regard to the confusion it caused for visitors, but was uncertain how to approach them about it. BM suggested that, through his work with FETCH, Ken Milligan had built up a good relationship with the Co-op and that HT might ask Ken if he'd be willing to talk to them about it.

3. Stirling Council (ET)

ET discussed waste management issues and said that SC hoped to have tips open by June 1st as well as restoring brown bin emptying. Glass recycling is available at Callander tip. Work at recycling centre is being undertaken see if it can be made drive through.

Issues with visitor numbers will need to be addressed. Any ideas to ME or ET. Police are stretched but trying hard.

ET queried if there was a need for further information on FETCH – generally agreed that demand was falling and it might benefit from a further leaflet drop. Food Train and Start up Stirling are doing an excellent job.

Advice being provided on how to go back to work by SC- all queries to ET.

SC going for Microsoft Teams as their preferred platform for virtual meetings.

AOCB

1. The Chair thanked RJ and EW for all of their efforts following the sad demise of Hamish Menzies.
2. ME mentioned the Care home report (CC to circulate) – It only covers Ashwood but is promising. Mauricare have agreed to join Callander Enterprise.
3. DJ asked that the letters of thanks be circulated (CC agreed to do this)
4. DM talked about how the Leisure Centre might reopen – a lot of effort is going into how this might be managed.
5. JW impressed by the job the Police are doing with limited resources. CC agreed

6. SH talked about Communication. A) It should be clear whether articles are personal or on behalf of the CCC. B) All CCC communication should be checked by another councillor. C) Associate member is not sure about the status of the flood group.
7. DJ asked for clarity re the flooding sub group. The Chair stated that DJ was leading the response and all information should go through him.

The meeting finished at 2100. Date of next meeting 8th June.