

Callander Community Council

Minutes of the meeting: Monday 10th August 2020

Community Councillors: Susan Holden (SH-Vice-Chair), Lucia Bobkova (LB-Secretary), Brian Luti (BL), Mike Luti (ML), David Moore (DM), Alex Mitchell (AM), David Shearer (DS), Marilyn Moore (MM), Roger Watt (RW), Richard Johnson (RJ), Elaine Watterson (EW).

Apologies: John Watson (JW), Cllr Evelyn Tweed (ET), Brian McKay (BM-Treasurer)

Also in Attendance: Cllr Martin Earl (ME), Cllr Jeremy McDonald (JMCD), Helen Terry, (HT-Town Co-ordinator, Katarina Cech (KC -Minute Taker), 1 member of the public

Chair of the Meeting: Susan Holden

Item	Action
<u>1. Introductions and Apologies</u> SH welcomed everyone and thanked KC for taking the Minutes.	
<u>2. Declarations of Interest</u> SH- Director of CCDT & Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Board MM- Secretary of Callander Enterprise and representative on the CCDT board AM- Director of CCDT and VIC	
<u>3. Co-option vote: update</u> (a) LB noted that there had been a very good interest from the community in the vacancy. There are 3 possible candidates to choose from. In terms of eligibility criteria, they have to be over 16; have to live in the local area and have to be on the electoral register for this area. There are some delays in terms of electoral registration. The office bearers had taken a view to give the candidates a chance to sort this issue out. In September, if these issues are not yet resolved, CCC will have to decide whether candidates who comply with other eligibility criteria will be given more time to sort the electoral registration. Hopefully in September there will be a live meeting which will allow more meaningful discussions and meeting the candidates before any vote as well. (b) <i>Co-option voting</i> : CCC has taken advice from SC regarding voting. The person who will be picked has to be supported by two-thirds majority of the councillors.	

1st step: All candidates will have to get a proposer and a seconder at the meeting. If they don't get a proposer and a seconder, then that is them out of the race right away.

2nd step: Candidates were asked to prepare a presentation in terms of introducing themselves, their background, experience, why they want to join and what they can bring to the community council and the community. 3rd step: Then they can be asked to leave the room and the councillors will discuss the candidates. What was advised by SC advisers, in terms of what other community councils had done, was voting for one person. Hopefully, during the discussion, CCC will pick a candidate that they think is best suited to join CCC and then CCC will be voting for that person to see if they have a two thirds majority of votes. If they don't decide on one candidate, CCC will have to take a vote and the candidate with the fewest votes will be out of the race and then CCC will need to try and get a two thirds majority for the next one.

There was a question asked about the option of not co-opting any of the candidates. Could this be an active choice or could this happen only through failure of the candidates to get two thirds majority? LB understands that it can be an active choice. If the councillors present and CCC decide that none of the candidates are suited for the post (for example might be a skill/expertise shortage), in terms of the rules, CCC is allowed not to co-opt.

In terms of confidentiality, it is not a secret, confidential vote. It is a public meeting, it is an open show of hands vote.

4. Minutes of the May and July meetings

May Minutes approved. Proposed by BL, seconded by DM.

July Minutes:

1. Item 3 confirmation of a co-opted member as full member
Delete "*for Lucia becoming a full member of CC*" and substitute "***that Lucia Bobkova, having been co-opted member for a period exceeding six months, should become a full member of CCC***"
2. Item 4 May Minutes
Delete "*May minutes are pending. Subject to be approved at the next meeting.*" And substitute "***approval of minutes had been held over from the June meeting as a potential amendment was unclear. That was still the case, so it was agreed to approve the Minutes subject to a possible amendment at a later stage.***"
3. Item 5 Vice Chair's Report
Delete "*SH took over 4 weeks ago. She was the Vice Chair before.*" And substitute "***In the absence of a Chair, following Chris Corden's resignation four weeks ago, Sh as Vice chair***"

has assumed the Chair's responsibilities until such time as a new Chair is elected.

4. Item 6- Treasurer's Report
 - a. Delete "in the report it was mentioned that there weren't any new FETCH transactions. But it has changed, there have been 4 new FETCH transactions." And substitute "***BM advised that the situation regarding FETCH transactions had changed since the report's submission and that there had been four new transactions since then.***"
 - b. Delete "BM checked and said that Project Accounts has..." and substitute "***BM has spoken to the Bank about the Project Accounts and had been advised it had...***"
5. Item 13 Date and place of next meeting
After Monday 10th August 2020 add "***The AGM will also be held on 10th August, but only if Covid restrictions preventing indoor meetings have been uplifted.*** "
6. Item 6a - Police Report
Delete "unforeseeable cameras" and substitute with "***hidden cameras***"
7. Item 8c - Town Coordinator, Picnic Tables
 - a. Delete "signage for Picnic Tables" and substitute with "***signage***".
 - b. Delete "But it was taken away from Callander, it was abandoned." and substitute with "***But SC determined that picnic tables were a better option for the grant and more likely to be successful.***"

Proposed by BL, seconded by AM.

5. Reports from Office Bearers

a) Vice-chair

- Received a note from RSHA Donna Birrell regarding the recording from the last meeting. She felt that some of the things which were said might make it possible to identify the people who have been referred to. SH responded to her and assured her that CCC is careful about what is being said and that it doesn't mention people's names. SH wished to repeat to the councillors not to mention things that could identify people especially as meetings were recorded and recordings published. SH noted that if any members of CCC have any queries, SH can get them in touch with RSHA and Police. Everybody agreed
- Attended various meetings. In one of the meetings SH&BL (CCC), NP, SC, Police and 3 residents were present discussing what's going on in the Invertrossachs Road and problems

connected to that. Residents are worried about what has been happening with weekend visitors.

- SH attended a meeting with MM, HT, and DS at Meadows looking at benches and litter. More details to follow in these Minutes under item 8c.
- On Friday, there was a Callander Partnership meeting discussing volumes of visitors, litter, visitor behaviour, etc. SH noted that behaviour was concerning and also how Covid-19 was affecting us all and how it would affect us in the future whether one is a visitor or a resident or a business.
- It was noted that when NP decided about picnic sites at Loch Venachar, the whole area up to Invertrossachs Estate was well recognised to be for “quiet enjoyment and recreation of locals”. We should keep that principle at mind.

b) Secretary

- Action from the last meeting- it was agreed to write to Chris Cordon (former Chair) to express the thanks for the work he had done on behalf of the CCC. Chris replied and thanked the CCC for the appreciation that we have expressed.
- We have received a notice of resignation of the associate member, Ian McCourt. He is unable to continue with his membership of CCC. LB received his resignation, accepted it and will inform SC of the change of membership.
- AGM - in terms of the phases of the easing of the lockdown restrictions and the advice from SC, we are still unable to hold an AGM. It requires to be a live meeting, hopefully in September. The vote is an open, non-confidential vote at a public meeting. Either a returning officer or one of the SC councillors take over the chairing of the AGM; they would ask for candidates for the Chair first of all. If there is only one candidate, they need to get a proposer and a seconder and would be deemed to have been elected. If there are more candidates, similarly, we can ask them to leave the room for voting if we wish. It would also need to be agreed in advance if any votes should be done by a ballot or show of hands again and then we could do the actual votes for the Office Bearers.

Question arose whether the AGM meeting had to be announced 14 days or 10 days before the meeting. LB will double check how many days before the AGM meeting should be announced.

BL suggested that the CCC should propose to have the AGM every month coming and hope it would happen.

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<p>Question arose whether the councillors could vote by proxy if they cannot attend the AGM in person. LB clarified that the CCC members were not allowed to have a proxy vote.</p> <p>It was suggested to ask SC what would happen if the acting chair decided not to continue? LB noted that in terms of the rules, the Vice-chair takes over until AGM or such time that we elect the new Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DM had offered the Leisure Centre premises for a possible meeting where about 30 people can be accommodated with social distancing if the leisure centre is able to reopen. • Cllr ME noted that community councils not able to have community engagement officers present is becoming a problem. It was noted that SC have had long enough to address this issue and provide an answer about how community engagement officers can access these meetings. Cllr JMcD noted that he had some discussions with community engagement officers about this and that actually both Scottish and UK Government use Zoom meetings. Both councillors are looking at this issue. • LB asked CCC members to try and provide the reports on time, by Friday evening before Monday meeting. <p>c) Treasurer- Treasurer’s report was held over on the basis that BM was not present at the meeting</p>	
<p><u>6. Updates from other organisations</u></p> <p>a) Police report- written report was submitted by Police Scotland and no further comments and questions were asked.</p> <p>b) Town Co-ordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FETCH did their last shop on Friday, regular callers were made aware and prepared for it to end. Some of the people who became the regulars still need the assistance, so HT has been in contact with Food Train and made referrals to them about these people unable to shop for themselves. One or two people who are regular callers will still require some attention and HT has people on hand to take care of that, subject to possibly getting proper clearance for them; speaking to Michelle about that. • The meal services were also coming to an end on the last Thursday of the month. The funding had been spent. By the time it is finished, 2-2.5 thousand meals will have been delivered over a period of 5 months. People who have been receiving meals are being informed that this service will be closing. People who 	

belong to the Craigard Club will continue receiving meals using Craigard funding and delivery service by the Trossachs Search and Rescue team. If other people want to continue taking meals, there will be a small charge. Service will be scaled down to once a week. When people are able to meet up at places then Craigard Club will probably relocate to CYP.

- Problems getting VIC website up and running. It has been problematic from the outset. The website will interact with visitors in the same way as with someone in VIC personally. For example, you will ask questions, it will provide answers to you. It is hoped that the testable version will be up and running by the end of September 2020.
- Next community action plan (CAP) - HT has been looking at methodologies that encourage communities to engage with it, which includes town audit. Over the next couple of months, it needs to be figured out how it should be done. HT has been considering a really powerful marketing tool called Experian Mosaic and applied for funding for that through the Park. But there isn't anyone who would do a simple postcode marketing print-out for Callander using news ad Scotland, HT needs to follow back on the idea of doing the town audit.

CCC expressed appreciation to HT for her work on behalf of elderly and vulnerable people

c) National Park

- The biggest issues are at south Loch Venachar. There was a meeting previous Tuesday with CCC, Police, NP, SC and 3 representatives from the community. Problems with litter, human waste, party camping, parking issues, access problems for SC waste vehicles and emergency vehicles and open fires were discussed. It is a small location with very limited capacity for camping and parking. Residents are very frustrated. There were certain measures agreed at the meeting. It was also noted that formal parking restriction should be put in place, but it has to be enforced not only by the Police but also by SC enforcement officers. SC has a problem because they need volunteers for the weekends. SC are looking into engaging temporary extra enforcement officers.
- Restriction of open fires- Mark Backlen (Visitor Operations Manager) is speaking with one of the residents about this particular issue and its progress.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Litter pick is scheduled for probably tomorrow, but there has to be more regular scheduling of litter collection and human waste collection. It was noted that NP have finally got the message that they may have to look at the number of available permits for the area and at condensing them down. There has to be a balance between camping and also daytime visitors who go there for example for a walk. More rangers should be on the ground over the weekends. <p>A question was asked about how much power the rangers had. It was noted that the rangers had the power to enforce the camping management zones and the parking permits. But on the other hand, they were not treated respectfully as police officers and sometimes people just ignored them and did not treat them in the same way as police officers.</p> <p>It was noted that NP were not the owners of the land so why did they issue camping permits on the land where they did not have the permission to do so. Cllr ME was interested in seeing the paperwork about the ownership and some investigation about the ownership. It was also noted that some people did not have camping permits and just came and camped without a permit anywhere. ML is going to send the legal paperwork to LB to look at it and will send it Cllr ME.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was also noted that in the long-term measures that the police are actively pursuing extending the alcohol prohibition fine up to the south Loch Venachar area to match it in with the camping management zone because they feel that would be very useful for them to have that extra power. From CCC point of view it might be useful (this is upon CCC to decide) whether it wants to formally support the area of having parking restrictions formally imposed on it. ● Meaning of wild camping was discussed. It was noted that this goes back to the failure of the outdoor access legislation to properly designate wild camping. <p>d) Stirling Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr JMcD attended a meeting about the petition about bins- SC don't want to hear the petition at the moment. That is the battle which will continue. ● Cllr LMcD will take the issue with community link officers further. 	<p>ML, LB</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC has picked up on the issue of Saturday’s waste collection problems Callander has been facing and they were going to fix it. <p>BL noted a problem with the traffic on the Main Road that the fire service has faced when they are trying to get through the Main Road to the fire station. Cllr JMcD has noted that he had been working towards sorting this issue. SH noted that they were having discussions with Transport Scotland, SC and various bodies about A84 and various road matters. This issue can be included in those discussions.</p> <p>e) Rural Stirling Housing Association There hasn't been any report submitted from them.</p>	
<p><u>7. Matters arising</u></p> <p>a) Airtricity (BL) Cleaner Callander group received the original payment of £98 and by the time they were purchasing items the costs went up, so the Airtricity group took the view to let them have the extra £11 which was the price difference. No objections from other councillors to that.</p> <p>CAOS- The group are facing a substantial bill as their show was cancelled. Airtricity group continue to liaise with them, CCC could be looking at an application to cover some £3,000-£4,000 of losses to make sure they are able to continue their activities. CCC will be updated on the final figure. CCC previously told them that we would support them in principle.</p> <p>b) Planning (DM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Written report was submitted. Half a dozen of new applications - residential small-scale alterations and extensions, a tree preservation order and a tree removal. ● A question was asked about a removal of trees in the old Pine Wood Hotel garden. It wasn't clear if it is one of the two big Pine Scotch trees in the front garden or back garden. ML was interested in those trees in the front garden and asked DM for an update on that. DM noted that it is still current and will inform ML about any decisions taken by the officers. <p>c) Flooding (RJ)</p>	<p>DM</p>

- The Flood group met last Thursday but notes from that meeting are still not out, RJ apologised for that.
- Ian McCourt has decided to leave the group, he has formally resigned. RJ thanked him for all the work he has done for CCC and the community. Ian is still involved in the Bridgend Group.
- During the month, a very good communication has been developed with SC flood officer. A lot was discussed and resolved quite a few issues. The group has a further meeting planned with Maria on Friday of this week. SC is still developing their flood models to improve them, they are hoping to do some further surveys in the town. They sent out letters to people whose gardens they wish to access, but they were having a little bit of difficulty because the access they used is under restrictions at the moment.
- Flood group made some suggestions for other types of flood alleviation measures. In relation to the wall in the Meadows car park- SC still employs the consultants WSP and every time the Flood Group comes up with a sensible idea, SC are asking WSP to test the model to see if it would help.
- Looking at different range of flood events (different return period floods) to see if the measures that we can implement and afford can give us the greatest protection against flooding. We're still looking at all types of flooding, not just the main river but also small burns that flow into Callander, through Callander into the main river and also overland flooding issues.
- Some of the flood prevention works have been suggested (for example the wall in the Meadows car park) - Flood Group talking to SC about it, they want any flood prevention work to be designed effectively but in keeping with the town. Last Thursday a burn around the back of the Bridgend was discussed- it is already a natural burn, what they need to do is to extend and rise that burn.
- In terms of consultation- there was an article in BLV asking the community about flooding experience in recent times. Community consultations are not allowed at the moment, currently looking at producing leaflets which will go through every door in Callander.
- Next edition of BLV- looking at possible 2 pages spread on the types of alleviation schemes they were thinking of
- Funding- seeking a little bit of more clarity from SC. They do understand that funding had been provided by SC and Scottish Government for all this investigative work but at the moment there wasn't any capital funding available. Everything was still being developed and planned but there weren't any plans to actually start building anything, that was quite a long way away

SH noted that she as a member of the Bridgend group could pass the information in both directions between the Bridgend group and the Flooding subgroup.

d) Roads and pavements (DS)

- A written report was submitted.
- Comments & Questions: weeds growing out of the storm drains up at Mollands- DS will be checking it in September. It is when all this work is getting done.
- It was noted that DS is doing a very good job at gathering the information and writing reports for SC about those problems. Behaviour of the visitors was discussed. It was noted that the CCC wants visitors to come to Callander but also wants them to leave the place as they found it. SH noted a point from Cllr ET who said that it appeared that a different type of visitor was coming. People who set up camps, light fires, make a lot of mess and at the end of the weekend simply get in their car and go home, leaving everything behind them including the tented contents of the fire which is sometimes still lit. It was noted that it is a shifting behaviour which needs to be monitored. Cllr ME noted that none of this is a new behaviour and there is going to have to be a national visitor management strategy finally in this country that doesn't let Visit Scotland promote visiting without any responsibility, looking at how sites and locations are being managed. There has been a complete imbalance and we don't have the resources and money to manage those things. What the Covid crisis has done, it maybe finally lifted it to a level where everybody must take notice of it and therefore we mustn't let it slip back as a one off. It was also noted that there has to be a wider camping management put out. If they are going to allow people to come and not just the wild camp but "dirty" camp. If there are going to be areas where they are likely going to do dirty camping, the facilities have to be made available, so they have toilets. So that they are controlled in some way.
- ML noted a paper which community councillors received regarding how we define responsibility within the access code. This has to be looked at. This needs to come from the Scottish Government. It was noted that the whole aspect of access will be discussed when this bill goes through. And that is the time when we should put our views through, everybody individually. Nobody has been able to tell ML what a proper responsibility out in the countryside is. Obviously, a landowner and a picnicker will have

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two different ideas about what the word responsibility means. There is a good discussion about the whole access code and the definitions should be more acute.

- SH asked ML to keep CCC updated on the date when that will happen.
- It was also noted that there was a good study done about the Fire Loss Project a few months ago. It was quite a big study that NP did, it might not be totally relevant to this but might be a good starting point for us.

e) St Kessog's update (RJ)

Quite a bit more work has been done and reassured that it was reported to CCC. If there are any comments, councillors should feed them back by email over the next few days.

Main thing that the group members have been doing is attempting to consult with the community as we were instructed to do at the CCC meeting a few weeks ago. It is difficult without an ability to have a public meeting but we have been doing a few things. We sent the report to as many community groups as possible plus Stirling councillors, MP and MSP. And we had the comments back from most of them and we and the working group met with the community groups as well. We've been getting very good support and helpful comments from them. One of the comments was that we need to make sure that, whatever we propose to develop in St Kessog's isn't going to impact any existing community facility. This continuation of consulting with other facilities is important not only in this developing stage but also when it will be up and running to have monthly meetings with managers of those facilities to make sure there isn't any conflict or overlapping and that all facilities are complementing each other.

- Discussions with SC: they remain very supportive of the records. They are developing a formal proposal for the city region deal and they think that our report is going to be looked at extremely favourably and will be part of the formal application for a city region deal.
- Article in BLV was published about outlining the proposal and asking for comments. Up till today we have had about 12 "Yes voters" and 0 "No voters". People want to get involved and want to volunteer whereas other people just said Yes. Everybody has been supportive.
- RJ was approached by Stirling Observer, they want to do a piece this week which will again angle that ad and will try to get feedback from the local community. We are asking people to provide us with their postcode in order that we know they are people from our local community, not from outside areas.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An easy read version of the report was also produced, it is a 4 page flyer which will get printed and distributed around the town soon. That again it provides contact details to send any comments to. - Starting to look at the actual layout. We have feedback from people that they like the concept but where is it all going to fit in. It is also important for us to understand how the whole community facility will fit together, that will decide the actual uses, users, the floor space we will occupy, the types of events which help us determine our income and rent we have to pay to SC. - Looking at the digital hub in a lot more detail and seeing how that could be developed and how the community groups can benefit from it. <p>- Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How SC is progressing the Code Base suggestion for the digital hub. RJ noted that this question was asked and that Code Base are only involved in Stirling hub. They are not involved in any of the discussions for Callander digital hub as far as we understand. • Does the report need to take into account social distancing in longer term or by the time the building will actually be refurbished social distancing will hopefully be a thing of the past. We are thinking about at least an 18 months period till opening so hopefully we will be out of this situation by March 2022. <p>SH noted that it would be useful to know which groups have seen the report and commented on it. RJ noted that a review will be put together.</p> <p>f) Landscape Partnership Update (ML/MM)</p> <p>ML would like to be considered for Landscape Partnership in the future if CCC agrees.</p>	RJ
<p><u>8. Current situation</u></p> <p>a) Sub-groups overview & new group proposal (DS/RW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two page document from DS was sent to members of CCC. DS and RW provided an update on the idea: Idea of thinking of Callander in zones and thinking of Callander in different age groups. <p>Comments: RW noted that in the next few years CC will have more work to do. The idea that will force us to take anything that comes up and look at it from different perspectives. Each group will bring a different perspective to an issue. 3 geographic areas mentioned are</p>	

<p>business in the Main Street, residential area round about and countryside. These are very important considerations in it and anything that happens in it has implications for all of them. Input from each age group, e.g. young group, middle age group are difficult to recruit because their time is consumed by building families and careers. People have different reasons for being in Callander. Things we are talking about need to be seen from different perspectives from different age groups. RW's idea is to extend the idea of DS to have a checklist of different perspectives that we take when we deal with bigger things which come along.</p> <p>RW supported DS's idea. HT would like to be involved. HT noted that she would like a very different approach to the next CAP based on focus groups. It was suggested that RW, DS and HT could talk together via email before the next meeting to put forward something with a bit more detail. It was also noted that CAP should be continually refreshed as the environment changes, not a fixed document. It should have people in its heart, not pages. It needs to be a strategy, not prescriptive. If it is a good strategy, it will allow to build flexibility and will be able to respond to changing situations without having to go back and restart everything again.</p> <p>Everybody interested in this discussion to get back in touch with DS, RW and HT before the next meeting.</p> <p>b) Car parks, parking, toilets & litter update (BL/DS)</p> <p>BL and DS have been monitoring car parks. SH noted she received an email from Cllr ET who is concerned about the actual opening times of the toilets. They are going to be talking to David Crighton from SC about it and also expressing the concern of how much cleaning the toilets are getting, given the current situation. ML noted that Colin is back at work and streets look much cleaner.</p> <p>c) Benches and tables in Meadows car park + entrance signage (pinch point) (MM/BL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM noted that one of the memorial benches which was rusty, has now been reinstated. The other benches are of a very poor design as far as our visitors use them. Most of the benches and picnic tables were damaged. Only one probably in a dozen is accessible. We need to make them accessible for wheelchair users. There is no path leading to picnic tables close to the playground. These could be considered to become wheelchair accessible by putting the path right across there. • <u>Bids - Town Resilience and Recovery Grant</u>- MM and HT didn't have any updates on that from SC. MM tried to contact the people who are in charge (Steven McDonald and Fiona Buchanan) again but she hadn't heard anything back. MM noted that we needed to find a way to be able to raise money. MM noted that if she 	<p>RW,DS HT</p>
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<p>couldn't do it through CCC (she wasn't sure what grants CCC could apply for) she would try to do it through Callander Enterprise, because the more takeaways we had, the more benches we needed to let people sit on them and eat their food and hopefully to have litter bins nearby to put their waste in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pinch point about the entrance to the Meadows- MM noted that they received comments from Callander Enterprise members about parking at Meadows car park using the entrance for cars as the in and out pavement (for pedestrians) and when they get to the Main Street they are then at the tight corner where there are about 4 establishments which have queues outside at the moment and then there is no way where people can safely socially distance themselves. MM sent an email to SC asking them if it was possible to have some nice friendly signs "Welcome to Callander but please be aware when you exit this car park you are approaching a pinch point so take particular care and try to observe social distancing". ● DS noted that he was going to arrange a meeting to do a complete survey of the Meadows. 	
<p><u>9. AOCB</u></p> <p>a) Memorial fountain: Request for support</p> <p>A family member would like to put up a memorial bench or something similar in the area from Ancaster Road which takes you up to the Golf Club car park (the grass area). All costs would be paid by the family. Family asked for verbal support from CCC. It was noted that CCC had to get in touch with SC and they would only accept benches from their people who would install and look after them at a certain price. CCC members voted unanimously to support it. MM will send a picture of a bench to DS and he will pass it on.</p> <p>b) Stirling Observer litter campaign</p> <p>Chris M has asked SH if CCC would support the litter campaign they were doing each week.</p> <p>ClIr ME noted that details of this campaign are interesting. Local authority should be required to enforce litter dropping and there should be much higher penalties. It was noted that you couldn't force local authority to do that unless you resourced and did it properly.</p> <p>It was also noted that every litter campaign coming forward should be supported. It was noted that it is not only a Callander problem but also a UK problem. It was also noted that bins at Ancaster Square weren't emptied on Saturday night. We have to push for night shifts on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. SH will feedback this problem to David Crighton from SC. MM understands that SC had to stop working a night shift because they couldn't afford to keep their staff on. Alternatively, we</p>	

could ask them to make Callander a first stop because we are a tourist town. DM noted if we wanted Callander to succeed as a tourist town it needed to be cleaned, fresh start in the morning. SH suggested that CCC should keep pushing on it with relevant bodies.

It was noted that the design of the bins was not very useful. Cllr ME noted that for the bins to be bird proofed was raised ages ago- it had been done. CCC needs to raise something specific and wants to see special action on it. We have to keep pursuing and pushing on things. MM noted that not everybody in SC was convinced that bird proofed bins work. And secondly, we could encourage some of the NP bins to be bird proofed and see whether the litter in that area is better managed than maybe in SC, in order that we have something to compare it with. Thirdly, the cost of those bins is about double of what their volume is, e.g. 250 litre bin costs £500, 1000 litre bin costs £2500-£3000.

c) Callander events area

RW would like to know whether CC could continue with the idea to have a place outdoors which is sheltered when the weather changes. Callander Enterprise and CCDT could work with us so that we could go to the community with a simple message that we needed this because the rain wasn't going to stop. We identified all the possible places where it could go. Next step would be (if CCC agrees) to get Callander Enterprise to agree. EW mentioned retractable canopies- it would be taken out only when the rain is on. If it is nice, it would be put back. The cost is about £38,000 and the planning permission took 3.5 years in Fort William. ML and BL supported it.

MM noted that CE asked about covers in general about 3 or 4 years ago. The problem which came up then was who would take the responsibility for it. Because if the weather is bad it needs to stay out till it dries. Who would be responsible for putting it back when it was dry. It needs to be a consideration. It was noted that the key thing is how it was going to be managed once it is in place.

d) Gold hunting

ML noted that LB emailed him to say that she had a gentleman who wished to hunt for gold at the Keltie and Bracklinn burns and was looking to find out who the landowners were. ML provided all the names of the landowners and assumed that the gentleman got in touch with them but ML didn't mention that the CCC should get a percentage of anything he retrieved.

Thanks to the Chair.

10. Date of next meeting (14th September 2020) + possible AGM