

Callander Community Council
Minutes of AGM Meeting – 11th April 2022
Held in McLaren Leisure, Callander as a hybrid meeting

Community Councillors: Susan Holden (SH), Chair, John Watson (JW), Vice-chair, David Moore (DM), Marilyn Moore (MM), Olga Watkins (OW), Ray Watkins (TRW), Moe Guertin (MG), David King (DK), Bev. Field (BF)

Apologies: Regine Watson (RW) minute-taker, Cllr. Martin Earl (ME), Tim Crone (TC) -associate member.

Also in Attendance: Cllr. Jeremy McDonald, Crawford Bell (CB) – SC representative, plus at least six members of the public.

Chair of Meeting: Susan Holden

1. Introduction and apologies

SH welcomed everyone to AGM meeting. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of the minutes. Everyone agreed.

2. Minutes of October 2020 AGM

There were no amendments to the minutes, which had previously been sent out to all Community Councillors for comment.

Proposed by DM, seconded by JW

3. Report from the Chair – appendix 1

There were no questions from the floor.

4. Secretary report – appendix 2

There were no questions from the floor.

5. Treasurer report of Accounts for 2020 to 2021 – appendix 3

MM presented the annual accounts for 2020 – 2021 and the financial report.

All reports were accepted, with no questions from the floor.

MM proposed that the auditor be given a gift up to the value £30, as the work had taken some time to do, given the amount of receipts etc that had to be tallied due to the FETCH initiative.

This was seconded by DM.

6. Resignation & subsequent election of Office Bearers

Crawford Bell, Stirling Council representative, took over chairing of the meeting for the election of Office Bearers. He asked that the record should now show that all current office bearers had resigned and were now eligible for re-election.

There were 9 members of CCC, with 5 positions to fill: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Planning Representative.



Voting was done by a show of hands.

Chair: Nominee: Susan Holden Proposed by: OW, seconded by: DM

There were no other nominees.

The result of the vote was 7 in favour of SH and 1 against.

SH was elected by majority to the position of Chair.

Vice-Chair: Nominee: John Watson, Proposed by: SH, seconded by: MM.

JW was elected unanimously to the position of Vice-Chair.

Secretary: Nominee: Olga Watkins, Proposed by: DM, seconded by: BF.

OW was elected unanimously to the position of Secretary.

Treasurer: Nominee: Marilyn Moore, proposed by: RW, seconded by: MG.

MM was elected unanimously to the position of Treasurer.

Planning Representative: Nominee: David Moore, proposed by: OW, seconded by BF.

MM declared a conflict of interest, as DM was her husband, so did not vote.

DM was elected unanimously by the remaining CC to the position of Planning Representative.

Thanks were expressed to CB for his chairing of the election process and good wishes were given to JM in his future career, as he would not be attending the CCC meetings in future as a ward councillor.

7. AOB

There was some discussion about the number of meetings/year and days of meetings in the future – this will be discussed by all CC in the weeks ahead. JM requested that, if possible, the meetings should not clash with Kilmadock CC meetings, as was the case at present. The CC would also seek feedback from the community, when determining the most suitable day of the week to hold CCC meetings in future.

8. Date of 2023 AGM:

This could not be finalised until the date of the community council elections in 2023 was known.



Appendix 1:

Chair's report:

Callander Community Council: from October 2020 to April 2022

1. Resignations

Since the last AGM, in October 2020, the Community Council has had to continue its work while coping with the demands caused by a series of sudden resignations:

December 2020 Brian McKay – Treasurer

January 2021 Alex Mitchell - Secretary

April 2021 David Shearer – Vice Chair (due to ill health)

These were followed in June and July 2021 by those of the replacement Treasurer (Elaine Watterson), followed by those of the replacement Vice Chair (Roger Watt), replacement Secretary (Richard Johnson) and two Councillors (Brian Luti and Mike Luti).

We thank them for their work, but obviously have had to reflect on their reasons.

2. Consequences

The most serious consequence of these latter resignations was that it brought the number of Full Members below the threshold stipulated in the Stirling Council Scheme of Establishment, reducing it to 6: Moe Guertin, Susan Holden, David Moore, Marilyn Moore, Olga Watkins, John Watson.

The Minute Taker, Katarina Cech, resigned at the same time.

3. July 2021: Immediate action

After discussion with Stirling Council, we decided the priority was to work together to rebuild the Community Council by identifying problems, attracting new Co-opted Members, and collaborating constructively to fulfill our remit: acting as a bridge between the wider community and Stirling Council.

4. Growing again

As a result, a number of Co-opted Members joined us, and have become Full Members in due course: Bev Field and David King, followed by Ray Watkins, bringing their own wider views and experience from across the community.

In addition, we have gained three Associate Members with specific areas of interest: Tim Crone (St Kessogs project), Alasdair Wyllie (Bracklinn Bridge and LLTNP contact), Gordon Addison (traffic - still to be defined).

All this at a time of lockdown and in the absence of live meetings.

5. Stirling Council support: present and future

We appreciate the advice and support we have received since July 2021 from the Community Support team, above all from the Community Engagement Officer Stephen Bly, and from Crawford Bell, whose presence here tonight illustrates this.



We hope this will continue beyond this AGM.

Their support, and the possibility of consultation as any questions have emerged, have helped us to regain some of the time, focus and energy lost as a result of the spate of sudden resignations, and the inevitable bad publicity in the media. This gives us the confidence to continue.

6. Current outcomes

The practical progress on the Camp Place Play Park is due largely to the commitment, dedication and determination of the current Treasurer, working with Stirling Council and involving interested members of the community.

In addition, strong links have been identified with Stirling Council officers (and, where relevant, in the LLTNP and other community bodies) responsible for such areas as roads, speed limits, parking, visitor management ... and public toilet accessibility. All this demands, and is the fruit of, ongoing contact.

7. Developing further

Looking ahead, we hope to continue to benefit from the insights into the changing needs and opportunities across the community which the Local Place Plan is revealing. There are also the emerging Callander South proposals.

We aim to develop preliminary ideas for linking up with the High School to build a forum for identifying further forward-looking initiatives.

Also, potentially, to see how discussion of the Meadows possibilities could produce something of benefit to residents, businesses and visitors in the future.

My thanks to all the colleagues who have helped us to rebuild a functioning team.

Also to those members of the public who have refused to listen to rumour and allegations and have given us their trust. We hope we can continue to deserve it and to deliver results.

Susan Holden, Chair, Callander Community Council 11.04.22

Appendix 2:

Secretary's report:

I took on the role of secretary of Callander CC in July 2021, following the resignation of the previous secretary. My report will only be in relation to dates between July 2021 and the present, as I do not have access to any previous secretarial information.

In the 10 months since taking on the role, I have dealt with 528 email chains, which include queries from the general public, notices from public bodies for distribution and communication amongst community councillors.

Susan Holden, the Chair of Callander CC, and I were originally responsible for the minutes of meetings, as our previous minute taker had resigned in June 2021. I was delighted when Regine Watson joined the team as minute taker in December – she has been a joy to work with and I hope will continue working with us for a long time to come.



Between meetings, I am responsible for collating all reports and distributing them, putting out notices to the public about meeting dates and agendas and making sure that information and emails are dealt with in a timely manner. I am in regular contact with the community council team in SC and they have been very supportive to me all the way through.

Susan and I now post notices on the CCC notice board outside the VIC on Main Street and I post adopted minutes and notices to Callander library. This is to ensure that the general public is kept up to date with what we are doing.

The work is time-consuming but enjoyable and very interesting, although not quite what I expected.

As we move towards renewing in-person meetings, it is heartening to see that we have now had our first hybrid meeting tonight, albeit with some teething issues. Hopefully, in future we will maintain this system, so that as many people as possible will be able to join the monthly meetings, either in person or online.

Olga Watkins, Secretary CCC, 11/04/2022

Appendix 3:

Treasurer's report:

SUMMARY OF YEAR 2020-2021

1. Callander Community Council Administrative Account

The Treasurer's Report for the 2022 Callander Community Council (CCC) AGM covers the accounts for the year 2020/2021 because advice from Stirling Council indicated that due to the pandemic, the accounts should be filed shortly after this AGM. The accounting year ends at the end of each March and there are 6 months in which to have the final accounts lodged with Stirling Council.

Government lockdown, due to the pandemic, started in March 2020 and Callander Community Council's efforts to support the community were geared towards ensuring those who had to self-isolate, due to age, health issues or infirmity, were still able to obtain their necessary shopping. Pupils from McLaren High School initiated a programme to help those in need of support by using their young volunteers to receive shopping requests, purchase the items and deliver them safely.

CCC's support came in the form of managing the payments on behalf of the school. CCC set up a system similar to the original credit card payments, using a self-carboning triplicated form, which was completed on purchase by one of the two local supermarkets involved, with copies going to the shop, the purchaser, and CCC. CCC arranged payment to the supermarkets, whilst the purchasers paid CCC via Cardnet. The service was much appreciated by residents and the High School Students were awarded the Citizen of the Year Award as a result.

Other items of interest included a Community Pride grant from Stirling Council for £1500 for the cleaning and painting of the play equipment to be retained at Camp Place Play Park and also for the painting of some of The Meadows play equipment.



The Stirling Council Administrative grant covered 10 months of minute taking plus the AGM and Other expenses included Website maintenance which is now covered by the Administration grant.

A summary of income and expenditure is presented overleaf.

The CCC Administrative Accounts have been examined externally and the Treasurer would like to propose that a gift is made to the person who kindly examined them up to the cost of £30.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPT

Callander Community Council Administrative Grant

Main Receipts	2020-2021	2019-2020	Comments
Administration Grant	£983.18	£1106.21	
Website Grant	-	£960.00	
Community Pride Grant	£1500	-	For cleaning/painting retained play equipment
Unrestricted funds	£11.10	-	Carried over from closed Projects account
CCC Airtricity Covid Grant	£1000.00	-	To support lockdown measures in community
Stirling Council COVID Grant	£500.00	-	As above – used to cover set up for FETCH
Fetch Credits	£1746.56	-	
Main Payments			
Minute Taker	£410.00	£410.00	
Room Hire	-	£704.80	No room hire due to pandemic lockdown
Councillor Expenses	£118.73	£57.00	From unrestricted fund
Website development costs	£972.00	-	
Hosting costs for website	£315.00	-	From unrestricted fund
Fetch payments	£1720.32	-	
Banking system costs	£488	-	Includes Cardnet terminal & printing costs
Brought Forward to 2021/2022			
Covid Funds b/f	£1037.62		
Restricted Funds b/f	£2774.54		Includes Admin and Camp Place grants
Unrestricted Funds b/f	£2289.46		



Main Receipts	2020-2021	2019-2020	Comments
Total Balance Brought forward	£6101.62	£5557.25	
Total matching bank statements	£6101.62	£5557.25	

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2. Callander Community Council Airtricity Fund (Braes of Doune Wind Farm)

During tax year 2020 to 2021, Airtricity awarded grants as given in the table below.

Beneficiary	Purpose	Amount
Covid Support – CCC sub-group	To support the community in lockdown particularly those without funds	£1000.00
Cleaner Callander	Litter picking tools	£111.63
Callander Enterprise	Christmas lights for Ancaster Square	£191.41
Callander Youth Project	Hoist for inclusive Eco Pod	£10,000.00
Callander Brownies	Help with Affiliation Fee (£711)	£500.00
Camp Place Play Park	Third Party Contribution to £40,000 FCC Landfill grant for Junior Play Area	£4,300.00
Total	Paid out in 2020/2021	£16,103.04
Airtricity Grant	For 2020/2021, paid in Sept 2020	£16,960.73
Difference		£857.69
Airtricity balance	1st April 2020	£63,871.11
Airtricity balance	31st March 2021	£64,728.80
Difference		£857.69
NB: Callander Jazz and Blues Festival	Cheque returned due to event cancellation but reissued the following year (£2,000.00)	£1,950.00

Marilyn Moore