



Callander Community Council

Adopted minutes of the meeting: Monday 19th December 2022

Venue: CYP Bridgend, Callander. Hybrid Meeting

Community Councillors present: Susan Holden (SH) – Chair, John Watson (JW) , Olga Watkins (OW), Ray Watkins (RW), David Moore (DM), Marilyn Moore (MM).

Associate Members present: Gordon Addison (GA) , Tim Crone (TC), David Shearer (DS)

Also in attendance: Gene Maxwell (GM) – Ward Councillor, Richard Johnston (RJ) – NP representative for Callander, Helen Terry (HT) -Town Co-ordinator, plus two members of the public.

Apologies: Regine Watson (RW) – Minute Taker, Moe Guertin (MG), Bev Field (BF), Alasdair Wyllie (AW)

Abbreviations: All in attendance will be referred to by their initials.

CCC = Callander Community Council; CE = Callander Enterprise; CCDT = Callander Community Development Trust; SC = Stirling Council; LPP = Local Place Plan; NP = Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park; FLS= Forestry and Land Scotland; FOI = Freedom of Information; CC = Callander Community, St.K = St Kessogs, BoD = Braes of Doune Windfarm Community Fund

Chair of Meeting: Susan Holden

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PART 1 : WELCOME AND PROCEDURES	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>SH welcomed all to the meeting and outlined the items which would be discussed, including several which had been added to AOCB.</p> <p>Apologies were received from David King (DK), Moe Guertin (MG) and Alasdair Wyllie (AW)</p>	
<p>Recording</p> <p>SH advised the meeting was being recorded solely for the purposes of minute-taking.</p>	
<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>None</p>	
PART 2 : SPECIAL ITEMS	
<p>Local Place Plan (LPP) – HT</p> <p>HT stated that this was about to go public. It has now been submitted to SC. A version will be put online. HT stated that Callander was the first community in Scotland to submit their Place Plan with all the additional documents required. Print versions will be available in Callander Library in the next week , for those unable to access the document online. A link will also be put on social media and on the Callander CC website and Facebook page. A copy will also be posted onto the SC Callander CC page once the report had been accepted by SC. It was noted that the photographs, taken by Carol McGowan, were of a very high quality and enhanced the overall appearance of the document.</p>	

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<p>CCDT is pursuing funding for a Community Development Officer post, to take the LPP forward in the future.</p> <p>JW thanked HT for all the hard work which had gone into producing the LPP.</p> <p>Co-option of member</p> <p>Co-option of David Shearer was proposed by OW, seconded by MM.</p> <p>and was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Another application will be considered at the February 2023 meeting.</p>	
PART 3 and 4: MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/ MATTERS ARISING	
<p>The minutes of the November 2022 meeting were approved, proposed by DW, seconded by MM.</p> <p>Matters arising from the minutes:</p> <p>NHS Dental services in Callander.</p> <p>RW gave an update, stating that slow but steady progress is being made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possible premises have now been identified – part of the Callander medical practice, which has remained almost empty for some time. The doctors in the HC are also keen for a dental practice to be sited there. ○ A petition has now been drawn up and is in three places – the library, Farrens Pharmacy and Callander Medical Practice. ○ There have been declarations of support from individuals in several nearby villages as well as from individuals in Callander. <p>OW will contact nearby CCs and ask them to put out the petition in their area. Chiara Fingland (a member of the public present) has offered to help OW set up an online</p>	<p>OW to contact CCs</p>

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<p>petition.</p> <p>ST. Kessogs – (St.K) ;</p> <p>TC gave an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £5,000,000 is needed to refurbish St. K ○ Two options will be considered – either continue with the project or look for another site for the business hub. The library building has been considered, with the library staying downstairs and the Business Hub being developed upstairs. No time scales have been provided by SC. Money from the City Deal only covers the development of a business hub, not the refurbishment of a building. <p>Questions to be sent to TC and DM, to be put to SC at their next meeting including asking for reassurance that at least the fabric of St. K will be maintained by SC. If no acceptable answers are given, GM will pursue.</p> <p>Bracklinn Bridge update:</p> <p>This is going well – on track to start 5th. January and will last 6-7 weeks, weather permitting. Should be open by March 2023. Area will be protected, with paths closed and signage to that effect put up. A map of the closures may be put in place outside the VIC.</p> <p>Flooding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter has been sent to SC with queries about the Flooding Report ○ Letter to Maria Lucey, about the delay in the engagement plan and the lack of communication from her department. Hopefully, there will be a meeting, open to the public, in the next few weeks, to include SC, SEPA and Scottish Water. 	<p>All- questions to TC/DM for SC</p> <p>SH to arrange meeting</p>
5. REPORTS	
<p>Community Council Office Bearers</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>A written report was submitted.</p> <p>Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alteration to October 2022 minutes was requested by RJ – LL planning changed to LL byelaws. This has been done. ○ FLS – a representative will be coming to speak to CCC in March 2023, to 	

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<p>discuss a fungal disease affecting larch trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SC Development Team is offering grants of up to £500, for any community project which offers the community the chance to get together during the winter months, which is free to participate in and which will hopefully become a permanent project. Closing date is 16th. January and the project needs to be completed by the end of April 2023. <p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>Written report submitted.</p> <p>The Treasurer said that no new applications had been received this quarter. She is in the process of developing a microgrant scheme with BoD and will update further when it has been agreed.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>Written report submitted.</p> <p>The report highlighted three new planning applications.</p> <p>DM has written to SC planners, reminding them that it has now been 18 months since the poor condition of the old Eagle Hotel was first reported to them. Very little has been done since then.</p>	
<p>Roads Report:</p> <p>Written report submitted.</p> <p>A84 culvert outside the Edinburgh Woollen Mill has now been repaired .</p> <p>The main road is BEAR's responsibility and all other roads are the responsibility of SC.</p> <p>TC stated that a defect in the pavement outside the library is a trip hazard and that the light outside the library needed to be replaced - he has reported the light to SC. DS will contact SC re the pavement defect.</p> <p>Stirling Council :</p> <p>GM gave a verbal report. Nothing specific to Callander was discussed at SC full meeting 2 weeks before. Several items were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduction in office space has been discussed ○ Providing soup and sandwich lunch for senior pupils was voted against by SC ○ SC was looking at disposing of unwanted buildings in their portfolio. ○ There will be an Armed Forces Day next year in Stirling <p>NP:</p> <p>A verbal report was given.</p> <p>New convenor is to be Heather Reid</p> <p>New deputy convenor is to be Martin Earl</p> <p>Budget has slightly increased this year.</p>	

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<p>Callander South Master Plan is going out to public consultation in Jan/ Feb next year. RJ has suggested that this be discussed at a public meeting in Callander.</p> <p>Motor home provision not specifically mentioned by NP – RJ has been asked to inquire about the possibility of an Aire pilot scheme in Callander, as there is one planned for Tarbert.</p>	<p>RJ to pursue motor home Aire pilot with NP</p>
<p>PART 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Snow plough – There was a query about a community snow plough. DS will pursue this, as no-one present knew what had happened to the one asked about. ○ Citizen of the Year – this is usually advertised at the turn of the year, asking members of the community to give nominations. OW will email all CCs, as she has a suggestion for changing how this is done, so that all persons nominated will be acknowledged, rather than a ‘winner’ only. ○ Air pots for hot water have now been purchased for use by vulnerable members of the community. They will be kept at CYP. GM has suggested MM looks at the purchase of ex-Army Norwegian soup containers. ○ MM stated that SC advised that any volunteers in a resilience group must firstly be risk-assessed by SC and then training given. It was felt by several councillors and others that this was ‘over the top’ and would cause a delay in recruiting volunteers– GM will take this forward. <p>The meeting finished at 9 pm.</p> <p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 20th February 2023 at 7.30 pm in CYP, Bridgend, Callander</p> <p>The meeting finished at 9 pm and was followed by a social event, with mince</p>	<p>DS to pursue</p> <p>OW to follow up</p> <p>GM to take forward</p>

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pies and mulled wine, which was attended by approx. 20 people.	