



Callander Community Council

Minutes of the meeting: Monday 16th September 2024

Venue: CYP, Callander 7.00-9.00pm

Community Councillors present: Marilyn Moore (MM), John Kennedy (JK), Olga Watkins (OW) left at 7.30pm, Fiona Kerr (FK), Ruth Barrie (RB), Loucas George (LG), David King (DK), David Moore (DM), Robert MacLean (RM).

Also in attendance: Caroline Stewart (CS), minute taker, Chiara Fingland (CF), Development Officer LPP, Ian McCourt, Chair, Callander Flood group, Elaine Watterson Ward Councillor, plus 1 member of the public.

Apologies: David Shearer (DS), Richard Johnson (RJ), National Park and Police Scotland

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 = Community Councillors, St. = St Kessogs, BoD = Braes of Doune Community Fund

Chair of Meeting: John Kennedy

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PART 1: WELCOME AND PROCEDURES	
<p>Introduction, Apologies and Meeting Procedures JK welcomed all to the September business meeting and gave apologies from David Shearer and Richard Johnson. There was a discussion on the resignation of Ray Watkins and the Chair asked if there was the need for a re-vote as there had not been a majority at the last vote in the August meeting. It was agreed that this wasn't required as Ray had chosen to resign.</p>	
<p>Recording/Conflict of Interest JK advised that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of minutes taking and asked if there was likely to be any conflicts of interest. None were declared.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the previous meeting The previous minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were 2 amendments requested - one on the statement made regarding communication and the other on details about the new leader and chief executive of Stirling Council. The minutes were approved (based on these changes being made) by DM and seconded by LG.</p>	
<p>Matters arising from the previous minutes. MM reviewed the matters arising from the previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Johnston co-ordinating with CF to produce an events Calendar – no further forward. • Councillor Earl to pass on contact detail of ward councillors to John Knox – this had been done. • Ian McCourt and MM had written to SC regarding Callander Flood 	

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<p>protection and the need for clarification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor homes discussions – MM sending info to ME, had a reply from SC in discussions with the NP. 	
<p>Report from Police</p>	
<p>No representative was present from Police Scotland. Apologies had been sent prior to the meeting, as no representative was able to attend due to work commitments. JK read out the report that had been submitted. Councillor Watterson advised that presentations had been provided by community police in other areas on scamming. Councillor Watterson stated she was happy to contact community police to see if they could organise a similar talk in Callander. The presentation had been delivered outwith the community council meeting in other areas.</p>	<p>EW to contact community police re talk on scamming in Callander</p>
<p>5. Special Items</p> <p>Post office and bank update</p> <p>CCDT and two local retailers had applied to take over the running of the post office.</p> <p>Royal Mail appeared to have made the decision to close Callander sorting office and had been in touch with Councillor Earl advising that mail would be transferred to Dunblane. There was a discussion about residents of Callander being unable to get to Dunblane on public transport. It was hoped that any undelivered parcels would be taken to the new post office instead of to Dunblane.</p> <p>Callander Flood group</p> <p>Ian McCourt gave an update. He had circulated information prior to the meeting and he discussed the main points. New documentation had been issues by SC, which included a multi criteria analysis for flood protection in Callander. The consultation period was open until 14th October. There would be a drop in session taking place in the library on Wednesday 20th September between 10am and 1 pm, another session in the library on 26th September between 2 and 7pm, as well as an online session on 3rd October. Anyone who wished to attend the online session needed to register for it by 27th September. CCC and Flood group had planned a joint meeting on 8th October between 12.30 and 2.30 pm. Ian stated it was important that as many people from CCC attended this meeting as possible. MM would circulate the invitation to all CC. It was also open to residents who were impacted by flooding.</p> <p>The flood group had highlighted to SC that the consultation period was not long enough as there was a lot of information that needed to be read. There had been 120 properties identified as being liable to flooding in Callander, but SC were unable to provide information on where these properties were located, objectives from the original report had also been changed and it was unclear who had approved and made these changes. There were also errors with the areas highlighted as key areas for flooding in Callander. Ian had written to SC about this and would continue to pursue it.</p> <p>Callander Flood Group had arranged a meeting for 7th October to prepare points</p>	<p>MM to send invitation to 8th October event to all CCs.</p>

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<p>for the 8th of October meeting. If anyone had any questions to add please send them to Ian McCourt. Ian also stated that there was no money to do whatever the preferred option was, after March 2025.</p> <p>Vice Chair</p> <p>Due to the resignation of Ray Watkins, there was currently a vacancy for vice chair. JK stated that as he currently had his own health issues there may be an imminent need for a vice chair.</p> <p>JK asked for nominations – LG volunteered to stand in as the Vice Chair with support from MM. This was seconded by MM with no objections. LG was formally appointed as vice chair.</p>	
<p>6, Questions from members of the public</p> <p>No questions raised</p>	
<p>7. LPP/Callander Connect</p> <p>CF gave an update of the main items in her report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be drop-in sessions every Monday in Callander Connect where staff were happy to answer any queries about the LPP. • Progress had been made with the bike lockers in Station Road, now had permission from SC to get them installed, still sorting out some technical details prior to installation. • Meadows and Station Road Master Plan was progressing well. The first engagement event was due to take place on Sunday 22nd September in the Meadows; CF had some posters available at the meeting. RB stated that she felt that CC did not feel involved in these events. CF advised that she was happy to take feedback about how things could be done differently. • Looking for a new CC representative on the Meadows Master plan project due to Ray Watkins’ resignation. LG was already involved due to links with Callander Flood group. LG and JK were happy to volunteer and CF would get them added to the meeting correspondence. • Continue to investigate funding including for the 3rd sector resilience grant which CC could apply for. CF would send details to MM to see if the CC want to support. • Recently facilitated a partnership meeting with representatives from CCC, NP, SC, McLaren Leisure Centre etc. • There was an update on the new school campus application which had not been determined through planning process yet. • The LLTNP Strategic Tourism Infrastructure plan was now available with the condition of the cycle infrastructure to be addressed at Station Road, queries on heritage considerations discussed as well as discussions on recruiting new members. • There was a discussion on internal communication. It was stated that there was not enough time to read all the reports before the meeting and that emails were not being received by everyone. • At the last meeting CF had asked to arrange a meeting in October to review the LPP prioritises to ensure that everyone was still happy with 	<p>CF to send info to MM</p> <p>All -put forward dates for October</p>

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<p>the agreed actions. CF asked for some dates to be put forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming events, one on Sunday and one planned for October. The October event would include fun events suitable for all age groups. If anyone was keen to get involved, to let CF know. <p>JK proposed that everyone should think about ideas on how to make information available freely and easily.</p> <p>JK proposed that all community councillors should come to the next meeting with ideas on how to encourage more people to get involved with the CC.</p> <p>FK suggested groups put in a short report with an update on what had happened at their meetings.</p> <p>There was a request to send the minutes direct to all members of CCC to avoid delay. JK proposed that the draft minutes be sent to all CCC members as soon as they were ready. There was a unanimous vote in favour of sending the minutes direct to all CCC members.</p> <p>RB proposed a change of venue such as the church hall in the Main Street where people are more likely to pop into a meeting. There was a discussion about alternating venues. JK proposed that the Kirk Hall be investigated as a possible venue. 4 were in favour of looking at other venues. RB would investigate and report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>meeting</p> <p>All -contact CF if want to get involved. All - think on how to make information easily accessible and how to encourage new members for CCC</p> <p>Draft minutes to be send to all CCs as soon as received from minute taker</p> <p>RB to investigate alternative venues for CCC meetings</p>
<p>Reports from office bearers</p>	
<p>Chair</p>	
<p>JK raised the issue of fortnightly surgeries, which he felt were now too frequent. It was agreed that the surgeries would be held once a month on the Saturday before CCC meeting between 11am and 1pm, as any issues discussed then could be brought up at the next CCC meeting.</p>	
<p>MM proposed that all meeting reports were submitted before the Saturday, so that CC's attending the surgery were doing so fully informed. CF would arrange for the meetings dates to be changed in Callander Connect.</p>	<p>CF to arrange for dates to be changed at Callander Connect.</p>
<p>Planning</p>	
<p>Planning - nothing contentious. It was highlighted that the old Eagle Hotel had been sold and was in the process of being signed over to the new owner.</p>	
<p>Secretary</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The joint project between the Development Trust and CCC for the regeneration of Main Street included Mark Griffiths from Development Trust, MM from CCC and Mark Nichols from Ancaster Square Coffee shop. It had been difficult to get quotes for the painting so it had been agreed that grants applications would be made to buy the paint even if there was no-one identified as yet to do the painting. Guidance was being sought from the NP regarding appropriate colours in conservation areas. Even if the businesses did not have someone to do the painting, they might be able to do it themselves or arrange their own painter. MM was approached by Thornhill Development Trust at a meeting she attended regarding the rural bus service. They asked about the 	

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<p>possibility of having a bus that linked Thornhill, Callander, Doune, Deanston and Dunblane. This had been raised in the LPP and the Development Trust had raised this again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preplanning advice was being sought for the public phone box in Camp Place, to find out if planning consent was needed for a change of use. It had been agreed that the Development Trust would take on and manage the phone box. • BEAR Scotland - concerns were raised that there was not going to be as much spent on pavements as was anticipated this year. The plan was to complete the work that was put on hold earlier in year due to a burst pipe. Another scheme on next year's programme will include Main Street. • Joint app CCDT/CCC for a Forth Environment link grant had been successful and £1000 had been awarded to enhance the Meadows Master Plan. <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of signatories to the bank account were still in progress. • The current balance was £2852.07, payments made since then as money had been ringfenced for work on the playpark. A grant was also applied for by Callander Enterprise, who then did not use all the money, so they still had £1700 left. MM would go back to SC to clarify on what would happen with the remaining money. • B of D - there was a meeting with the majority of CC to discuss B of D community fund applications. There were queries on 3 out of the 5 applications with 2 being granted, one to the rotary fund, for social events and the other to Callander festival events to allow the lampposts to be upgraded to take festival lights. The current balance was £68,031.78. <p>Roads</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Licensing</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Stirling Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Sinclair had been appointed as the new Chief Executive; she had had a series of meeting with her committees. There was also a new council leader, Margaret Brisley, elected to replace Chris Kane who was recently elected as an MP. • There would be an event taking place at McLaren Leisure Centre on Monday 23rd September to support rural businesses, with a view to setting up a rural business hub. • A full Stirling Council meeting would take place on 10th October with a normal agenda. The agenda at the last meeting was to appoint committee members and a new council leader. <p>St Kessog's</p>	<p>MM to clarify with SC</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LG had arranged for Chris Kane to visit St.K's on 27th September at 11am to do a walk through. • Duck feeder – LG asked whom he should contact to find out if planning permission was required. Councillor Watterson suggested he contact either Drew Lesley or Tracy Mills. JK would contact Stephen Bly to clarify who was the correct contact within SC. 	<p>JK to send information on the duck feeder to Stephen Bly</p>
<p>AOCB</p> <p>FK noted overgrown bushes at roundabout coming down from The Mollands to A81 Mollands Road. FK would send photos to RM.</p>	<p>FK to send photos to RM</p>
<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Monday 21st October 2024</p>	