



Callander Community Council

Approved Minutes of the meeting: Monday 18th November 2024

Venue: CYP, Callander 7.00-9.00pm

Community Councillors present: John Kennedy (JK), Marilyn Moore (MM), David Moore (DM), Fiona Kerr (FK), Ruth Barrie (RB), David King (DK), Robert MacLean (RM), Olga Watkins (OW) joined online

Also in attendance: Caroline Stewart (CS), minute taker, Richard Johnson (RJ) (National Park Board Member), Gene Maxwell (GM) (Ward Councillor), Chiara Fingland (CF), (Development Officer), plus 1 member of the public in person and 1 online.

Apologies: Police Scotland, Loucas George (LG), David Shearer (DS),

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

Chair of Meeting: John Kennedy

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<p>1. Introduction, Apologies and Meeting Procedures JK welcomed everyone to the November meeting, Ganga Bhandari, one of the new owners of Ashley House joined online along with Olga Watkins. Apologies were received from Trossachs and Teith Police as well as LG and DS.</p> <p>Recording/Conflict of Interest JK advised that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of minutes and asked if there were likely to be any conflict of interest. RJ declared a conflict of interest and advised that he would not be taking part in any discussion regarding the new primary school as he is on the National Park planning committee.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting MM had made an amendment to the October minutes prior to circulating them to send apologies for DM as he only set up the meeting online but did not attend the full meeting. The minutes were proposed by FK and seconded by RMcL.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK wanted to thank RB for placing the wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. • The car that was parked on the A84 has now been moved. • SEED fund application – JK still to get more clarification. MM is in touch with CF to discuss how it can be used for community events to promote climate change. • CF clarified that there are no proposed changes to the LPP. There has been a query from SC and further clarification is needed on how the LPP fits with SC local development plan. Both parties are in discussion to ensure that it is in line with legislation. SC have agreed that the NP would 	

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<p>be the primary authority for the LPP. CF was keen to provide reassurance that nothing has changed. RB asked about the plans for the top car park and consultation with residents. CF agreed to address this question during her update later in the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping system to find out details of SC assets – MM advised that she has access to some of this information which she is working on alongside Chiara and Ellie to try and piece together. Councillor Maxwell advised that there is public information available through the GIS (Geographic Information System) which can be accessed through the SC website. A member of the public asked if paper copies of the information can be provided for people who don't have IT access. Councillor Maxwell agreed to ask if this would be possible. • MM attended the meeting regarding the Trossachs Explorer and offered the support of CCC. MM clarified that the invitation to the meeting was personal didn't come through CCC, but she will request to extend any future invite to RB. 	<p>Councillor Maxwell to look into possibility of providing paper copies</p>
<p>4. Report from Police</p> <p>MM went over the police report as no one was in attendance from Police Scotland. Along with the report they had also issued a document on security which has been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>MM will add the document to the CCC Facebook page.</p>
<p>5. Special Items</p> <p>Update on Primary School</p> <p>An email was received from the National Park Planning and Access Committee. A meeting is due to take place on Monday 25th November in CYP at 10am. The CCC has been invited to attend and to put any questions in writing before Wednesday 20th November. The meeting is also open to the public however CCC only received the invitation recently which has been shared on Facebook and other social media platforms and information has been displayed in Callander Connect.</p> <p>It was highlighted that some members of CCC have not seen the proposed plans for the school, and they haven't been discussed. JK advised that there have been several meetings where concerns have been raised. DS and JK plan to attend the meeting on 25th on behalf of CCC.</p> <p>A member of the public asked for the CC stance on the new school. JK advised that CCC still have questions that they want to put to SC and National Park Planning. CCC have raised concerns previously around access and capacity.</p> <p>CF clarified that the committee report will be presented with recommendations to approve Appendix 1. She suggested that everyone read through the 22 conditions included in the report and if there are still questions. A link is included within the document where people can add comments. CF will also make printed copies of the report available in Callander Connect for people to pick up. There was a discussion about meeting in person prior to the deadline however it</p>	

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<p>was decided that any questions should be sent to the Community Council secretary email address and MM will collate them for JK.</p>	
<p>6. Questions from Members of the Public</p> <p>Ganga Bhandari joined the meeting online to give some more information on Ashley House. She advised that there is renovation work that needs to be completed before it can be opened. She is currently speaking to the Care Inspectorate on a weekly basis and things are still at an early stage.</p> <p>The plan is to reopen it as a nursing home. Ganga is a qualified nurse herself and her family have experience of running other businesses around Scotland. There will be accommodation for 21 residents available, the same as the previous Ashlea House but with a renovated layout.</p>	
<p>7. LPP/Callander Connect</p> <p>CF gave an update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meadows Master Plan project - the second engagement event took place in October to look at emerging ideas. Draft information is in the window of Callander Connect and still happy to take further feedback. • RJ has also attended steering group along with SC. Ryan Campbell is due to attend from the SC Flood Management Services. The Meadows Group is trying to keep everyone informed and obtain a range of different views. LG also attends regularly. • The application for £1,000 that was made to the climate SEED fund by CCC has been approved by FEL (Forth Environment Link). JK and MM will meet with the Meadows Master Plan Group and feed into a project event in January 2025. • The LPP surgery takes place every Monday between 12 and 2pm at Callander Connect and is open to everyone. • Funding opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Callander Enterprise under the CCDT banner have applied to the UK Shared Opportunities Fund Premises Improvement Grant (PIG) being managed locally by SC. The deadline was 12th November. ○ Together with 10 other local development trusts, it is planned that CCDT will put in a bid in for the National Lottery Climate Action fund. Part of its criteria is to encourage rural communities to come together to build relationships. The group will also look at other sources of funding. • It is hoped there will be a joint meeting of CCC and the Development Trust to consider whether there are any changing priorities and to ensure those set out in the LPP are still applicable. • The joint meeting will also be held in discussion with building owners and artists regarding other plans for regeneration of Main Street. • RB asked about plans for the Meadows and parking. The parking is not set in stone, but it is likely it will be reduced but sufficient parking will be maintained for property and business owners. <p>The Steering group meeting was attended by LG and RJ as well as SC, car parking issue was raised especially the possible loss of parking spaces including in the</p>	<p>JK to liaise with CF re any updates</p>

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<p>Meadows. SC still planning to build flood alleviation which isn't included in the plans.</p> <p>OW highlighted that Station Road car park is not fully utilised so unlikely to cause issues if spaces are lost. JK called the discussion to a close and suggested that people bring any suggestions to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>8. Reports from Office Bearers</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>The main issue that was raised at the last surgery was speeding on Stirling Road. The problem has been discussed previously and it was asked what the CC can do about it? There were several ideas put forward including police sitting on the road with a speed gun, have more of a police present or traffic calming measures. It was agreed a letter will be sent to SC to communicate with BEAR and feedback to the police.</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>Not a lot of activity over the past month, 4 applications, one of which has been approved and 3 outstanding which haven't been considered yet. Nothing contentious included so no further comments needed.</p> <p>Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration of Main Street, MM is on the group representing CCC with Mark Nichols (business owner) and Mark Griffiths (CCDT) as well as Chiara and Ellie. Quotes have been obtained for the painting of shop fronts and for new signage. The application was submitted on 12th November. • 110 emails received and 50 sent some to own account on CC business. • Discussion on C60 bus service and public phone box which is now owned by the community. A member of staff from the Woodland Trust hopes to come along to the meeting next month. They have been working with CCC to identify the owner of a public bench on the A821, however so far have had no success. • Representatives from CCC (RB, DM and MM) attended the remembrance service and RB presented the wreath at the cenotaph. • As MM has been unwell, she has not been to the bank, so change of signatories is still in progress. JK and RB will be added as signatories. The only expenditures for the last month have been for the website, payment to DK for the engraving for the trophy for the horticultural society and to CS for the September minutes. • The annual funding allowance has been paid in to the BoD account from Schrodgers-Greencoat, the owners of the Braes of Doune wind farm company. The amount this year was £22,339.51. There has been no further activity on the account this month. <p>MM has sent round the proposed CCC meeting dates for 2025 and has had a letter from SC advising that they need confirmation of the dates in the next few weeks. There was a discussion about looking at new venues in the new year however it was highlighted that notice has to be given to CYP. OW raised</p>	

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<p>concerns about moving to a new venue where there is no option to offer hybrid meetings. It was asked if dates can be agreed. They were proposed by JK and seconded by DM.</p> <p>Roads</p> <p>RMcL advised that the pavements won't be resurfaced this year. He is hoping to set up another meeting with BEAR to get an update.</p> <p>Stirling Council</p> <p>Councillor Maxwell provided an update. "The Big conversation" is live again and SC have listened to comments they received last year about the style and now have more open-ended questions and comment boxes. The Scottish Government have a 1% increased resource grant and 10% increase in capital available. The implication of the increase for NI for organisations is still being discussed to consider how this will look for the local authority. The Scottish Budget takes place on 4th December and will find out the settlement from the Government on 12th December which will allow the council to set their budget in February 2025. Officers are currently producing a list of things that can be done differently, and it will be down to Councillors to come up with suggestions on how to fill the gaps as a balanced budget has to be produced.</p> <p>As Stirling is celebrating its 900 anniversary Elaine Watterston is now titled Lord Provost.</p> <p>National Park</p> <p>No update</p> <p>Callander Flood Group</p> <p>The report had been sent round prior to the meeting and MM read it out. The final preferred option for the Flood Alleviation Scheme should be agreed on by the summer of 2025 but will not be submitted for funding as the current finance package has ended. The current short list will be reviewed and final options chosen to take forward by 31st March 2025. Will now need to wait and see what Scot Gov offer for the next round of funding.</p> <p>Callander Flood Group had a meeting with Scottish Water with regards to the operation and management of Loch Katrine/Venachar to see if any amendments could be made in the lochs' control to further reduce the risk of flooding.</p> <p>Callander Flood Group now have their own Facebook page – Callander Flood Forum.</p>	

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<p>9. AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for Callander Citizen of the Year 2024 are now open. • There was a discussion about the need to recruit new people to CCC. JK will put out an appeal on various local platforms and in the Ben Ledi View. MM confirmed it was in the most recent edition for Dec/Jan. • There was a discussion about RJ maintaining website and Facebook page. MM advised that the CC have a long-standing website and the minutes etc are added to it and also the Facebook page which is regularly maintained and updated. • BEAR is upgrading lampposts with 20 out of 30 already completed before the Christmas light switch on. The tree will be delivered by Cambusmore estate on Monday 25th November and the lights will be put up shortly after this with the switch on taking place on Saturday 30th November. • The next surgery in Callander Connect on is Saturday 14th December will be staffed by JK and MM. 	
<p>10. Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting would be on Monday 16th December 2024</p>	