



## Callander Community Council

Minutes of the meeting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Venue: CYP, Callander 7.00-9.00pm

**Community Councillors present:** John Kennedy (JK), Fiona Kerr (FK), Ruth Barrie (RB), David King (DK), Loucas George (LG), Olga Watkins (OW).

**Also in attendance:** Caroline Stewart (CS), minute taker, Richard Johnson (RJ) (National Park Board Member), Councillor Elaine Watterson, plus 1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** Marilyn Moore (MM), David Moore (DM),

**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 (JK)

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Introduction, Apologies and Meeting Procedures</b></p> <p>JK welcomed everyone to the April meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded for the purposes of minute taking. Apologies were received from MM and DM. David Shearer and Robert McLean have both resigned since the last meeting. A member of the public was keen to express his thanks to DS for the service he has given to the community and to RMcL for the input he has had recently. JK and MM will write an official letter of thanks to both.</p>	<p>JK/MM to write letter of thanks</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes and reports were emailed on Sunday, and concerns were expressed about how late the reports are being issued. MM only received the reports at the weekend and OW reminded everyone that as volunteers the secretary cannot put pressure on individuals to send in reports sooner. There have been previous discussions about better distribution of work, and it was an agenda item to be discussed later in the meeting.</p> <p>Amendments were requested to the March minutes before being approved. They were as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The minutes need to be amended to remove the word “partnership agreement”. The CC will work with the development trust on a case-by-case basis as any partnership agreement had never been formalised or discussed.</li><li>• Discussion about Callander Connect. This is to be amended to, A member of the public highlighted the issue with no other alternatives that are free of charge.</li></ul> <p>It was agreed at the last meeting that Freddie would attend the meeting in person, unfortunately Freddie had to send his apologies but had submitted a performance report for Callander Connect.</p>	

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<b>3. Matters Arising</b> No actions outstanding	
<b>4. Report from the Police</b> No-one was present from Police Scotland. The chair read through the report.	
<b>5. Special Items</b> <b>CCC meeting schedule – AGM date change</b> The AGM will take place on 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2025.  <b>Resignation of 2 CCC members</b>  Due to the resignation of DS and RMCL there is now the option to co-opt two new members. LG asked for clarification on the co-option process and OW referred him to the Scheme of Establishment on the SC website. JK asked everyone to encourage new people to join. MM has a copy of the Co-option form if anyone is interested, and it is also available online.  <b>Delegation of tasks within the CC</b>  A special meeting took place to discuss if the May and June meetings should go ahead, due to several members of the CC not being able to attend. It was agreed that both the May and June meetings would go ahead and therefore other people will need to take on additional responsibilities. MM had provided a checklist of the tasks that need to be completed for the meeting to go ahead and had passed this to OW in the first instance to see what tasks she could help with.  JK proposed that they take the list of tasks that need to be covered and go through them.  <b>Chair</b> – JK will only be unable on 19 <sup>th</sup> May, LG will step in and chair the meeting as Vice Chair.  <b>Secretary</b> – MM is suggesting that OW takes this on while she isn't available. OW happy to take on this role short term.  <b>Planning</b> – FK will take on this responsibility and JK will provide support.  <b>Communications</b> –OW will deal with Secretary inbox and any queries. OW suggested that the CC speak to SC to find out if other CC get named email accounts and how they do it. LG will discuss with Stephen Bly on how to make the process easier.  <b>Surgeries</b> – Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May with CC meeting on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May. FK and RB will cover if RB available, RB will need to check her work rota. CC open 11am to 1pm.  <b>Agenda preparation and Distribution</b> – LG will put together the agenda for the May meeting that he will chair.  <b>Minutes review and distribution</b> – Unedited version will go out within the week and all comments will be given at the next meeting. Approve the version at the meeting subject to the amendments. The minute taker will amend the minutes with any amendments agreed at the meeting.	

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<p><b>Other reports distributed prior to meeting</b> – sent reports to the google group within a timely manner. FK advised that the group needs reviewed.</p> <p><b>Responding to individual queries</b> – OW will deal with initial query and send on if need further support.</p> <p><b>Circulation of SC information</b> – OW will deal with initial query and send on if need further support.</p> <p><b>Setting up domain name and individual emails</b> – LG will investigate further.</p> <p><b>Budget saving ideas</b> – all</p> <p><b>Co-opting</b> - all, if more than 2 people apply as part of the co-opting process there will need to be a vote by the CC.</p> <p><b>Emails</b> – OW will deal with, answering queries that come into the inbox.</p> <p><b>Potholes and hedges</b> – work previously done by DS and RMcL, RB has been supporting recently. OW reminded everyone that residents can go directly to SC and they will respond quickly and provide a reference number. It was suggested that an article go in the next Ben Ledi view to remind residents how to raise issues directly with SC. However, there still needs to be a procedure in place to deal with issues involving BEAR. JK agreed to communicate with BEAR and DK offered to provide support. JK and DK will discuss outside the meeting.</p> <p>OW highlighted that other tasks need to be completed before the May meeting including posting the agenda on the notice board and put an agenda into the library. The adopted minutes would also normally be taken and given to the library. Someone will also have to set up the Zoom meeting in case anyone wants to join remotely and record for the minute taker. record the meeting next meeting and set up the Zoom meeting in case anyone wants to join remotely. OW will show LG how to set up the meeting.</p> <p><b>Braes of Doune application</b> – RJ asked what will happen with regards to applications. JK will clarify with MM.</p>	<p>JK/DK to meet to discuss work with BEAR.</p> <p>OW to show LG how to set up Zoom.</p> <p>JK to clarify with MM what is happening with B of D applications.</p>
<p><b>6. Questions from Members of the Public</b></p> <p>Nothing raised</p>	
<p><b>7. LPP/Callander Connect</b></p> <p>A twenty-page performance report was provided by Freddie and circulated to everyone. The information was only received last night so people have not had the chance to read over it yet. It was agreed this would be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	<p>Performance report to be discussed at next meeting.</p>

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LPP update – no one present, and no report provided.	
<p><b>8. Reports</b></p> <p><b>Chair</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Nothing significant. JK went through the main points of the report. JK will query if the listed building consent for The Craggs is retrospective. He will also investigate the building consent for CYP and find out if funding has been granted.</p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p>A report from MM was circulated. JK read through the report. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to both DS and RMcL to express the CC thanks for the work they have done. The letter to RMcL will advise if his health improves, he will be welcome to rejoin in the future. It was also highlighted that he is still to receive his Citizen of the Year award. The Complaints protocol has been drawn up by JK and MM. JK will also ensure that MM and RB meet to do a handover of Treasurer's role.</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Roads</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Licensing</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Stirling Council</b></p> <p>Councillor Watterson provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consultation for the visitor levy is live on the SC website and there are also paper copies available.</li> <li>• BT are holding a consultation on the digital switchover. BT will explain if there are any issues with the digital line, what alternative will be available in emergencies. OW directed people to Age Concern website for further information regarding provision for individuals with no mobile phone.</li> <li>• Stirling 900 went well.</li> <li>• The next full council meeting is on 1<sup>st</sup> May, key issues including council tax have now been decided.</li> </ul> <p><b>LLTNP</b></p> <p>RJ gave an update for the National Park:</p>	<p>JK to look in The Craggs and CYP further</p> <p>MM/RB to meet for handover of Treasurers role.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local development plan, RJ has been helping with environmental section.</li> <li>Full day meeting has been arranged around AI.</li> <li>OW asked if there is any update on the Trossachs Explorer. RJ advised that the NP wants it to run again this year and in the future.</li> </ul> <p>An evaluation report has been prepared that showed its value to both the local community and visitors. RB proposed that an application is made to the B of D. However, it was highlighted that the CC can't apply. RJ can apply through the constituted organisation that himself and his wife manage, and he will clarify if this is an option with the NP, however RJ highlighted that for it to be a sustainable option needs to be a source of funding that would offer support long term. LG proposed that RB communicate with NP to find out any updates. Seconded by OW.</p> <p><b>9. AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complaints procedure, as people have not had time to look over the information it was agreed it will be carried over and discussed next month</li> <li>The information needed to take over the Treasurer role will be passed to RB before the next meeting and if this isn't possible it will be added to the agenda.</li> <li>DK will be organising "The Best Garden competition" for the best garden both large and small. Mike Luti will be the judge.</li> </ul>	<p>RB to communicate with NP re: Trossachs Explorer.</p>
<p><b>10. Date of the Next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b></p>	