

Callander Community Council

Minutes of the meeting: Monday 9th November 2020

Community Councillors: Susan Holden (SH-Chair), David Shearer (DS- Vice-Chair), Brian McKay (BM-Treasurer), Alex Mitchell (AM- Secretary), David Moore (DM- Planning), Marilyn Moore (MM), Roger Watt (RW), Elaine Waterson (EW), Brian Luti (BL), Mike Luti (ML), John Watson (JW).

Apologies: Katarina Cech (Minute Taker-KC), Richard Johnson (RJ)

Also in Attendance:

Stirling Councillors: Cllr Martin Earl, Cllr Evelyn Tweed

Candidates: Moe Guertin, John Kennedy, Wayne Johnson

Public: 10 attendees.

Chair of Meeting: Susan Holden

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome, people attending + apologies</p> <p>SH welcomed the general public, reminded them about raising a hand before being invited to speak, and Chair's ability to close the meeting if there is any disruption (SC rules).</p> <p>SH introduced new office bearers elected at last meeting.</p> <p>SH explained that discussions over the new agenda structure had delayed posting 7 days in advance, but still following SC rules to do so 'in advance'.</p> <p>BM explained protocols and asked for agreement to record the meeting. All agreed.</p> <p><i>AP: Draft agendas will be posted 7 days in advance; revised agenda on day. Add any further amendments agreed at the beginning of the meeting.</i></p>	
<p>2. Focus of this meeting and declarations of interest</p> <p>SH noticed that there should be a focus on looking ahead rather than backwards. Councillors would like to enable space to listen to people, listen across the community, encourage people to bring their questions and their disagreements in order to discuss things.</p> <p>Perceived conflict of interests: some discussion about whether "conflict of interest" related to the whole agenda or specific items.</p> <p>SH noted that Conflicts of Interests applied to agenda items, declaration at start of each meeting, or, if relevant, during discussions.</p> <p>She asked SC for advice and received this guidance:</p>	

“For the sake of clarity, there is nothing in the Scheme, that states that on being elected as a Community Councillor you have to forego/ give up your involvement/membership/affiliation with other organisations/ bodies in community/civic/political life, nor indeed any private commercial interests. There is also nothing in the Scheme which states that if elected to an office bearer position on the Community Council, you cannot hold an office bearer role in another organisation.”

Discussion:

Nicola Luti noted that she wanted a register of Conflict of Interests. AM explained that there isn't such a thing - there could be a Register of Interests but SC says we don't need one. AM noted that we needed to follow rules, because we have no power to alter these rules. BL noted that in page 2 of their manual there is something else written. SH noted she will seek the clarifications about the document which BL will send to community councillors. Olga Watkins noted that declaration of interest at the beginning of meeting should be enough, no need for register of conflict of interests.

SH

Co-option of new member: presentations+ voting

SH explained rules requiring an applicant to have 2/3rds majority (i.e. 8) to be appointed. Vacancy 1 will be voted tonight. Vacancy 2 will be voted in December 2020. BM explained process starting with presentations in alphabetical order.

- Moe Guertin- gave his short presentation.
- Wayne Johnson- gave his short presentation.
- John Kennedy- gave his short presentation.

Voting round 1: Cllr Evelyn Tweed checked voting.
 MG 7 votes WJ 3 votes JK 1 vote JK eliminated
 Voting round 2: Cllr Evelyn Tweed checked voting.
 MG 8 votes WJ 3 votes MG was successful and had been elected as a co-opted member of Callander Community Council.
AP: AM will advise SC of the result.

AM

3. Invited visitors:

The Cricket Club and Lovells (Claish Farm housing development) manager did not attend.
AP: AM will invite to the next meeting

AM

Bev Field- a member of the community read out a statement as a member of the community.
 a. Coilhallan Wood consultant's report stated - it was not a commercially viable project, but the report concluded it was a viable proposition, community consultation met criteria for community ownership. She feels

<p>that she should apologise for the project she was managing may have contributed to the mistrust between the two community bodies.</p> <p>b. Social media has had criticisms of cross-over of membership of CCC and CCDT. This is not something new. There have been only 3 years since 2004 where there are not 2 or more community councillors who are also CCDT directors. It is vital that people co-operate.</p> <p>Nicola Luti wanted to know why she hadn't been asked to speak. AM said those who had objected to the original scheme (Coilhullan Wood) should get together with others in the new scheme. Olga Watkins said that the community should be working together. Malcolm MacAdam complained about lack of consultation, that those things should be available for discussion on the website. He also asked why he cannot participate in co-option voting.</p>	
<p>4. <u>General public input: questions and comments</u></p> <p>Lucia Luti was unable to attend the meeting so she sent a statement in relation to the conflict of interest discussion to councillors and asked them to read it out during the meeting. Lucia was a community councillor and a former Secretary of CCC. She works as a solicitor in the public sector and is well trained in the topic of conflict of interest. In her statement she explained what the test of conflict of interest is and that the community councillors are not prohibited from being members of other community organisations, on the premise that they will be objective, honest and unbiased. She also stated that some community councillors and public are concerned that the judgement, views, decision-making and sincerity of some councillors with dual office bearers positions, are indeed being influenced by activities and interests of other organisations. She recently posted on a local Facebook page her concerns and found out that the concerns are shared by over thirty people who commented or sent her a private message. There were five who didn't agree/didn't think Facebook was a good forum for the discussion. In the statement she expressed her concerns.</p> <p>There was a comment from ML about possible conflict of interest over CCC/CCDT management role in the St Kessogs project. AM pointed out the CCDT Chair's proposal had not been taken forwards and there had been no CCC discussion over the proposed SCIO.</p> <p>5. <u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> <u>Amendments</u></p>	

- Page 3, item 5a) Police report, delete “**was**” and substitute with “**would be**”
- Page 5, item 5e) Stirling Council, delete “**Leny Feus**” and substitute with “**Re road works on A84 near Leny Feus**”.
- Page 6, item 6a) Airtricity, delete first sentence “ **There has been an application for a very special changing room to be added to the disabled part at the Youth Project.**” and substitute with “**There has been an application for special changing room equipment to be added to the disabled pod at the Youth Project.**”
- Page 6- formatting is incorrect. Item 5e) Stirling Council should have been Item 5h).

Proposed by DS, seconded by BL.

It was noted that action points should be checked every time when discussing minutes of the last meeting to make sure that action points are carried forward.

6. Office Bearers` reports

a) Chair

Written report had summarised various meetings SH attended, regular meetings on roads, traffic, etc.

b) Vice-Chair- written report was submitted.

c) Secretary- set up Google group to consolidate communication for community councillors, the system enables all of the community councillors to see all incoming emails. The rules on the use of this script were circulated.

Rules:

- The group is only for elected councillors.
- Any email exchanges within the group are strictly confidential to the group members,
- if any councillor has a worry about disclosing private information, then don`t disclose it but remember the point of confidentiality,
- the purpose of the group is the dissemination of information. It is not a chat forum, it is not a vehicle about complaints of other members, and it is not a 24/7 continuous community council meeting.

AM proposed to adopt these rules, seconded by BM and DS.

BL expressed his concerns about security of google groups being discussed it with an IT specialist. He wanted this IT specialist to examine the google group security. AM refused this. BM noted that there was a worry about google groups security in general 2 years ago, however it can be resolved simply by 4 settings of the security of the google group and that is for the Google Group admin person to set up.

AM proposed that members who continue complaining, will not be able to contribute to the Google Group.

Proposed new Assoc was not created, not the old Assoc being

reinstated.

AM proposed that CCC join the Trossachs Area Network, seconded by DM, all councillors agreed to that. NPA questionnaire answered by AM as no one else contributed.

d) Treasurer- written report was submitted. BM noted that there have been increased visits to web pages.

e) Planning- planning panel report was submitted. This report will be in due course attached to these minutes and added to the website. There are 4 minor local applications to comment on, 2 of them are domestic things with no comments, 1 related to domestic and 1 related to a woodland track.

Recommendation was added that the planners request a bit more information about these applications.

ML noted that Forest Land Scotland has a different planning process system, they have to notify NP.

7. Written Tabled reports: questions arising and action points

a) Police- no comments

b) CCDT-

It was noted that CCC had nominated a representative on CCDT (who is BM) BM produced 2 pages report covering 7 topics. ML proposed to ask CCDT for approved minutes to be sent to CCC. BM will attach CCDT approved minutes to his report. It was noted that CCDT purchased the old Royal Bank of Scotland premises. There was a question asked about where the money came from to purchase it. It is a bank loan which doesn't affect the Hydro Fund.

BL asked if the "gagging order" put on Directors of CCDT affect what Directors can say? BM explained that Conflict of Interest rules apply.

DM formally objected to "Gagging Order" phrase.

c) Town Co-ordinator- no comments or questions on written report

d) Callander Partnership- no comments

e) Callander Enterprise

ML noted that he fully supports 20mph limit in Main Street. DS noted that it has been pursued with Callum Fraser to get signage throughout the whole town. MM pointed out that some users can get to 40mph, some of them are heavy lorries. Sustrans have a survey, which was on SC website and they had 5 projects that Sustrans are putting forward, none of them are in Callander. If Sustrans is concerned about safety and encouraging people to cycle to work, what they can do to help us is to promote a 20mph speed limit and also to do something with our existing pavements

BM

(to improve them). ML suggested a trial limit -SH pointed out that an experimental period is 18 months and this is now probable.

f) Landscape Partnership- no comments

g) Roads, Parking and Pavements- no questions. DS noted a safety concern at Meadows, there aren't any warning signs between the pavement and the river.

h) National Park- Cllr Martin Earl noted that there are going to be a lot of meetings and a lots of reports pending as is gathering data on visitors` season. Planning service is under pressure at the moment because of working from home. BL emphasized that when applications are submitted, they should be competent and complete.

AM asked about the Active Park report and Cllr Martin Earl noted it is an Outdoor Recreation Plan which came to the board in March 2020 after a consultation period and was approved. MM was interested about tourist data for CE. Cllr Martin Earl said it will be mostly about water and loch-shore locations and also issues about motorhomes where they should go and be serviced properly.

i) Stirling Council

School holidays will be altered to 2 weeks in October from 2022 and a week shorter in summer. It has also been approved in Clackmanshire and Falkirk. Leny Road works will be done in early December 7th&8th- the road will be closed and repaired. This is only a temporary repair, the full repair will be at a later date. BL asked why we can get it properly fixed, why it has to be done twice. ME answered that the road is badly damaged and to repair it permanently would take a lot of time. So they try to fix it quickly and then re-do it.

8. Groups updates for discussion and decision

a) Airtricity (BL)

CE application for £198 for cables to tie the Christmas lights to make them safe. All councillors agreed.

BL explained that Airtricity has rules and under one rule Airtricity can't grant aid to anything which the local authority should be paying.

b) CAP and Local Place Plan

HT explained that it is not CAP anymore, it is Local Action Plan. Government hasn't published the final guidance at the moment, but it seems to be more focused on space and local involvement. The evidence gathering has to be as inclusive as possible. There are 3 stages: evidence, visioning and registering formally with SC and

<p>NPA. We should start looking at how we engage with everyone and how we contact them. It should be aimed to get at least 50% of responses from people who live in Callander. RW noted that it was regrettable that the plan is focussed on place rather than community, admirably to aim at a large number of people responding, but it is more important to get full spread of layers. SH suggested that councillors interested should email Helen and put together a group. Cllr Martin Earl suggested that HT should contact Joyce Kelly from Strathyre because she would be a really useful contact.</p> <p>c) Roger Watt and Brian McKay document Next steps are to go and talk to the other organisations about this and come back to CCC probably in a couple of months. DM seconded RW`s proposal. Approved by a majority.</p> <p>d) Camp Place Play Park MM explained that we got £1500 grant from Community Pride for giving both play parks` equipment a good clean and paint. Application for FCC grant (early December closing date) and Suez rolling grant (Landill grant). There has to be 3rd party contribution to either of these grants, MM asked the Hydro Fund to make a contribution towards one of them (Suez). MM proposed to go ahead for crowd funding to raise the 3rd party contribution if necessary, BL and ML seconded that. All councillors in agreement. SH noted that CCC should approve applications for funding before it is sent. Jen Shearer asked why SC is not cleaning and painting equipment. MM replied that SC is only dealing with safety issues maintenance, because of Covid-19 cut backs. BL asked MM for break down list of what can`t be paid by SC and to see if Third Party contribution could be covered by Airtricity.</p> <p>e) St Kessogs- Stirling Council Working Group First meeting on Wednesday coming. EW had left the meeting earlier. DS proposed a high priority for a changing places toilet and shower facility about 12sq m be in St K`s. BM seconded DM`s proposal. All councillors unanimously agreed. BL said DM`s position seemed to break the SC rules, but rules have probably changed. ML asked about the group. SH said reps from CE, CCDT, McLaren Leisure Centre, CYP, Heritage Society and CCC. SH will send the names to ML.</p> <p>f) Flooding Bridgend and South Church Street groups had a meeting. They have been exploring from the very local aspect what they need. They decided to contact SC themselves and are waiting for the response. SH wishes to invite SC (Maria Lucey) to next meeting. DM pointed</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>SH</p>
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<p>out there would not be enough time, better to invite her in a near future meeting. Everybody in agreement with DM.</p> <p>g) Other groups ML suggested perhaps residents of Ancaster Road, Craggs woodland, maybe Invertrossachs Road might form group. MM said drainage on Craggs was planned and marked out with future drainage from Craggs (FLS land) to Kelty Burn sometime in the future.</p>	
<p>9. AOCB</p> <p><u>Christmas lights</u></p> <p>RW pointed out this Xmas will be very hard, and he will circulate ideas for celebration. Anne Docherty had confirmed tree ordered. Lights are planned for North and South Squares. Planned live feed for Christmas lights switch on, because no public gathering.</p> <p><u>Citizen of the year</u></p> <p>RW proposal is to split award into a) Citizen of the year (usual time)-awarded for duties and contributions to Callander over the year and B) lifetime award for outstanding citizenship-long-term contribution to Callander's life. Seconded by MM & BL.</p>	
<p>10. Focus and date of next meeting (14th December 2020)</p> <p>SH wants focus on how CCC improve contact with the community. Nicola Luti claimed her concerns were not answered and will submit in writing and ask for a reply. Moe Guertin confirmed that the light problem at the Primary School playing fields was sorted. JW noted cladding material from works at Glen Gardens had been left at Lagrannoch and was encouraged to contact Stirling Council to have it removed. All councillors agreed to that.</p>	<p>JW</p>