

# Callander Community Council –October November 2020 Meeting

## Camp Place Play Park

Progress this month included:

### 1. Meetings:

- On-line Teams meeting with Stirling Council officers to discuss grant applications and timetable for applications.
- Meeting with Grounds officer of Stirling Council to discuss clearing of BMX track:
  - That area of Camp Place now so overgrown that the part of the track previously noted was not visible.
  - Grounds Officer has reported back that there will be suitable grounds staff retained over the winter period and no Community Service team, so I have requested that clearing is put on list for 2021.
  - Community member who is interested in BMX track clearance has been contacted to see if a local team could be raised to clear undergrowth instead. Response awaited.
  - Further visit to Camp Place to locate BMX track, now partly identified.

### 2. Grants:

- Two options for Stirling Council – both Landfill grants managed by SEPA:
  - FCC grant – limited availability, on tight timeframe, draft application in review.
    - Maximum grant £40,000
  - SUEZ grant – 2 part grant – rolling application – held until FCC application submitted
    - Maximum grant £50,000
  - Both grants require Third party contribution which cannot come from planning gain money.
  - Both grants have to identify source of Third Party contribution in application (i.e. now) although money not needed until grant is awarded
  - Urgent grant application made to CCDT for Third Party contribution for one landfill grant as local fund-raising events cannot be held, as indicated in last month's report.
  - Hydro application reviewed by CCDT Friday 6th November – decision deferred awaiting further information.
- **SUEZ Landfill grant:** Information provided for Stage 1 application
  - Draft application sent for review – being held over in preference to FCC grant which is on deadline
  - Stage 2 to be detailed specification plus full design to be submitted within 12 weeks of Stage 1
  - Third Party Contribution 11.75% - separate grant application required to cover this (Hydro application).
  - Decision on award for Landfill grant expected March 2021
- **FCC Landfill grant:** Draft application sent out for review using updated information provided to Stirling Council.
  - Two month window for application, closes early December
  - Separate grant will be needed to cover 10.75% of amount applied for as Third Party Contribution - to be raised prior to grant being awarded.
  - Alternative funding being identified for third party contribution.
  - Decision due March 2021

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- **Success - Community Pride Grant** awarded to cover professional cleaning and painting of existing play park equipment in both Meadows and Camp Place has been successful (news this week).
  - Maximum SC grant of £1500 has been awarded, total cost of cleaning and painting about £2500.
  - One local painter has committed to continue with upkeep of play park equipment for free as his contribution to the community.
  - Approached Rotary to see if any local funds available to top up quotes for cleaning and painting, but currently all their funds low and committed.

### 3. Other:

- Other grants to be applied for if grant or full package is not given such as Awards for All, Heritage Lottery Fund, Crowdfunding (meeting next week on how to arrange) etc.
  - Checking Terms and Conditions of funds as they open up to non-COVID applications
- New play equipment supplier identified who specialises in using recycled plastic – important as all grants ask for an environmental statement.
  - Advantage is that equipment has 30 year guarantee and is maintenance-free.
  - Further information awaited.
- Borders Estates management contacted re specific play equipment recommended by a local resident. Open invitation given to view their play parks which are the result of a multi-million pound initiative by Borders Council to upgrade their play parks.

### Lower Craggs Woods

- Stirling Council pegged out the lower woods to mark line of drainage ditches in mid-October.
- Report due from Stirling Council explaining the intended drainage, the intention being to send as much water down the Western Channel as possible and to keep water out of the ground to prevent the swamp in woods and back gardens.
- Materials have been ordered.