

Callander Community Council – November/December 2020 Meeting

1. Camp Place Play Park

Progress this month included:

1. Meetings:

- Several on-line Teams meeting with Stirling Council officers to finalise first major grant application and timetable for second application.

2. Grants:

Two grant options for Stirling Council – both Landfill grants managed by SEPA:

- **FCC grant** – limited availability, maximum grant £40,000. The application was submitted on 1st December and the outcome will be known in March 2021.
 - If successful must progress project within 6 months.
 - A 70 page application for equipment for the junior area of the play park was submitted.
 - Contained the summary of a recent survey of local schoolchildren for their choice of equipment for the junior area which was completed by 179 responders.
 - Quotations for chosen equipment submitted as part of the grant together with survey results and letters of support.
 - Third Party contribution provided by CCC Airtricity
- **SUEZ grant** – 2 part grant – rolling application – maximum grant £50,000
 - Part 1 of SUEZ grant application submitted and eligibility approved
 - Twelve weeks to complete second part which is more substantial
 - Outcome known a couple of month or so after receipt – no fixed time.
 - Survey underway for local choice of toddler and inclusive play equipment
 - Third Party contribution provided by CCDT Hydro Fund
- **Success – Residual money from the Towns Centre Accessibility Improvement Award** given to Callander Enterprise Grant for accessibility aids in Main Street can be used for improving accessibility from Camp Place to the play toddler/inclusive play area. Project to be initiated by March 2021. A quote is being obtained.

3. Other:

- **Donations/Crowdfunding** - Options for platform to be used. Guidance received on effective Crowdfunding campaigns – timing key to maximise donations. GoFundMe or equivalent might be alternative option. Any scheme will start after Part 2 of the SUEZ grant application has been submitted.
- **Outdoor gym equipment** provider recommended by Stirling Council, has provided a quote for some outdoor gym equipment which was very popular in the survey so is being considered. The company owners have moved from Kent to Crieff and are keen to have a stronger foothold in Scotland.
- **Recycled Plastic** - Stirling Council less keen on recycled plastic so have advised selecting metal equipment for longest life.

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2. Flooding/Environment - Lower Craggs Woods

- Stirling Council pegged out the lower woods to mark line of drainage ditches in mid-October but following suggestions by local residents, the line of one of the ditches may be changed.
- Report received from Stirling Council explaining the intended drainage, and circulated to residents. Comments received have been sent back to the engineer at Stirling Council who has responded helpfully.
- Materials have been ordered.
- Unfortunately the work is not on this next 8 week works schedule – now included for February before end of financial year.

3. Airtricity - Jazz and Blues Festival Grant Application

- Request received from John Martin for CCC to agree to support the grant application for funding for next year's Jazz and Blues Festival.
- Email acknowledgement confirmed widespread favour amongst councillors but need agreement recorded in the minutes.

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