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<b><u>C: Reports</u></b>		
<b><u>Office Bearers` reports</u></b>		
<p><b>Chair</b> Written report submitted</p>		
<p><b>Vice-Chair</b> Nothing to report</p>		
<p><b>Secretary</b> No report</p>		
<p><b>Treasurer</b> No report</p>		
<p><b>Planning</b> Planning application from Scottish Water was received to put water bottle filling station in Ancaster Square. It was noted that the principle of this application is welcomed but the level of information provided is currently inadequate to enable anyone to make any rational decision. RJ noted that the original McMichael drinking fountain which is placed to the rear of St.Kessogs should be returned to its original location. DM said he was happy to look at it.</p>		
<b><u>Citizen of the year + Outstanding Citizen awards (RW)</u></b>		
CCC received 2 nominations for the citizen of the year:		
<p>1) 1<sup>st</sup> nomination was made by Sue King. Nominees: students from McLaren High School who were involved in the FETCH team during the first lockdown.</p>		
<p>2) 2<sup>nd</sup> nomination was made by Douglas Allan. Nomination was for his neighbours, who were delivering meals all through the lockdown.</p>		
Voting: 12 votes in favour of the FETCH nomination. The vote was unanimous.		
<p>It was noted that all nominees should get a letter of congratulations saying that they were nominated for Citizen of the Year. RW proposed that the FETCH team could come back to us at a later meeting of CCC with a proposal of how they could be recognised. RW also suggested a public "Thank You" to all who helped the community of Callander to keep going during the pandemic. RJ noted that in the past a certificate had been presented to the Citizen of the Year and a letter sent to all nominees. RJ also suggested a plaque erected in a prominent place in recognition of everyone who had helped during the pandemic.</p>	<p>RJ to circulate suggestions for awards</p>	
<p>There was one nomination for Outstanding Citizen: Callum Menzies. This was unanimously agreed. RJ suggested a Quaich be presented to Calum with a suitable inscription.</p>		

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<p><b><u>Statutory Bodies:</u></b></p> <p><b>Police</b> Written report submitted</p> <p><b>Stirling Council</b> Cllr Martin Earl noted that a lot of people had expressed their concerns regarding the state of footpaths and how dangerous they were because of the cold weather. The way the Stirling Council policy is structured says that unless there is a prolonged period of severe cold weather forecast, the chances of getting the footpaths gritted are very slim. Noted that he would welcome any comments and thoughts from community councillors (if they received any from residents) regarding the state of footpaths during cold weather. If grit containers are full, people can help themselves when they need it. It was also noted that the pavements are generally in a very bad condition.</p> <p>Cllr Martin Earl also asked community councillors to contact him if they receive any notes from residents about the new brown and grey bins. There has been some problems but he will sort this issue out as soon as possible. MG noted that he had delivered a number of new bins to households who had not received the new bins. Cllr Earl asked MG to send him a note of what had happened.</p> <p>Cllr Martin Earl also noted that he had sent a link to CCC with NHS Forth Valley website regarding the vaccination programme and asked for it to be circulated as wide as possible. There was also a link about a scam message to do with the vaccination programme.</p> <p><b><u>National Park</u></b> There will be National Park stakeholder forum for the Trossachs area on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. This will include an update on what the officers have been doing in preparation for the next visitor season and also an opportunity for the communities to ask questions and raise any other issues.</p> <p><b><u>CCC Office bearers:</u></b> SH noted that Brian McKay had resigned on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as Treasurer and a member of CCC and Alex Mitchell had resigned on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as Secretary and a member of CCC. It was noted that both people wanted their resignations to be read out at the meeting in full, if needed or requested they could be appended to minutes, but they should not be posted on either FB page or the website. SH read out both resignation letters (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). SH said that new office bearers could be elected at this meeting or at a future meeting. 11 members were in favour of voting for a new Treasurer in this meeting and 1 member abstained. 7 members were in favour of voting for a new Secretary at this meeting, 4 members were against and 1 member abstained. Therefore, SH said that the elections should proceed.</p>	<p>MG to send Cllr Earl a note about bins</p>

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<p>Post of Secretary: Nomination: RJ - proposed by BL, seconded by ML. 7 votes were in favour, 4 votes were against and 1 member abstained from voting. RJ was therefore appointed as the CCC Secretary.</p> <p>Post of Treasurer: Nomination: EW - proposed by RJ, seconded by BL. 11 votes were in favour, 1 member abstained from voting. EW was therefore appointed as CCC Treasurer.</p> <p><b><u>Minutes secretary</u></b> Councillors agreed unanimously that a payment for taking December minutes should be send to KC by Brian McKay. SH authorised the payment officially.</p> <p><b><u>Facebook and Website</u></b> SH proposed MG to be responsible for managing the FB page and the website. DM seconded it.</p> <p><b><u>Payments to the FETCH scheme</u></b> HT has been in discussion with Ken Milligan about restarting the FETCH scheme due to the current lockdown. This cannot be actioned at the moment because CCC currently does not have anyone who can administer the banking system. HT asked that this be resolved as soon as possible.</p>	
<p><b><u>D: PROJECTS</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>Airtricity</u></b> BL outlined the current financial commitments (in round figures):  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£10,000 to go toward CYP special changing facility</li> <li>£4,500 to go towards Camp Place Play park</li> <li>£50,000 ring-fenced for the special community project.</li> <li>£15,000 left for future applications.</li> </ul> </p> <p><b><u>Camp Place Play park</u></b> MM submitted a written report and gave a further verbal update. A survey for younger children play equipment and also for inclusive play as been distributed. The survey was sent to Callander Primary School, McLaren HS and Callander Nursery as well as copies posted on Our Callander FB page, In Callander FB and Plus Forth Valley. The survey closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. Responses from it will go to SUEZ application. Two additional grant applications have been submitted: one for £40 000 and second one for £50 000. If successful in obtaining both grants then the redesigned play park will be fully funded, apart from a top-up of about £1000 needed to complete the repainting and cleaning of both playparks: Camp Place (existing equipment which is going to be retained) and Meadows Play Park.</p>	

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<p><b>St. Kessogs</b> EW submitted a written report. There has not been a working group meeting since the last CCC meeting.</p> <p><b>Flooding</b> SH had attended a Bridgend, Grant Court and South Church Street flood group meeting as a resident. Maria Lucey (Stirling Council flood officer) had visited 10 properties in Bridgend which can potentially be affected by flooding and discussed options for flood prevention.</p>	
<p><b><u>E: SPECIAL TOPICS</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>Local Place Plan (LPP) - (HT)</u></b> HT and RW have worked on the research plan which will take LPP to the end of 1<sup>st</sup> stage. There are series of processes and online tools which are prescribed to use in this. The approach to broaden the net of who contributes will be taken. Data from the last Callander Action Plan shows that there are whole areas of Callander which didn't take part. The plan is to make a series of small focus groups (no more than 5 people) that will be specifically targeted at groups of people, for example, people who moved to Callander in the last 5 years, specific age groups, High School pupils, parents of Primary School pupils and specific postcodes which were not represented last time. The next stage will be to get school children involved in prescriptive exercises from Planning Advice Scotland (they will do an audit about the quality and the quantity of the shops in the Main Street). It was noted that Callander has the lowest convenience retail percentage in Scotland. The idea is to start developing themes on 2-3 participative research projects, then these themes will be put to the whole community. Everyone will receive the paper copy of the final public consultation. There will be also an online survey to fill in. During the 1<sup>st</sup> stage only people of Callander will be involved, not the statutory bodies. This stage will probably take till the end of summer. There will be only one person as a representative from each organisation: CCC, CCDT, Callander PS, McLaren HS, Medical Practice, McLaren Leisure Centre, CYP and CE. Those people will be checking what's been done and reporting back to HT.  RW noted that in HT's report there was mentioned funding for a grant impact of visitors (tourism) on towns who suffered- there was a suggestion that either CCC will apply for this grant or if there is any other organisation interested in doing that CCC will cooperate with them. He requested CCC decide whether to agree the principle that an Airtricity award might be made towards this process. There was a discussion between councillors about potential funding sources: application for a grant, Airtricity money, money from an old bank account and Common Good Fund.</p>	<p>RW &amp; HT to prepare an estimate for EW on what kind of funding they are looking for.</p>

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<p><b><u>Communication (RW)</u></b> RW submitted a written report. The document was accepted by all councillors.</p> <p><b><u>Community Building (RW)</u></b> RW submitted a written document in three parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What the community is:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Community Population- age-groups, life-circumstances, location and social background</li> <li>2) Community Coming Together-community socialising, community places, community events</li> <li>3) Community Daily Life-Health and Well-being, education, commuting &amp; transport, business</li> <li>4) Community Leisure- sports/exercise, arts, culture, heritage and natural environment</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Can we empower our community together more often?</li> <li>3. Can we bring our community together more often?</li> </ol> <p>RW asked councillors to go through this document and get back to him with comments.</p>	<p>Councillors to respond to the document</p>
<p><b><u>F. Any Other Business</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>Extra meeting</u></b> SH proposed an extra meeting to look at those Matters of Concerns stated in January's Agenda. Vote: In favour:10, abstaining: 1, against:1. SH to email all councillors and SC with some potential dates for this extra meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021</p>	<p>SH to contact councillors and Stirling Council about dates for the meeting</p>

Appendix 1:

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**Brian D. McKay**

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20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Susan

Resignation from Cairland Community Council

It is with considerable regret that I write to inform you of my decision to stand down from Cairland Community Council and of course, as Treasurer of the same. I thought long and hard about this before coming to my decision, but ultimately, I came to the conclusion that I was simply wasting time that could be put to better use.

I put myself forward to be a community councillor at the 2018 election because I genuinely wanted to play a part in improving community life in Cairland. Having been elected to the community council, I quickly found that there existed, amongst a small number of councillors, an antipathy towards Cairland Community Development Trust (CCDT) that seemed to emanate from some kind of rivalry or distrust between these councillors and some individual CCDT Directors - again a relatively small number.

For a newcomer this was difficult to understand, particularly as the fruitful co-existence of community councils and community development trusts is commonplace across Scotland's villages, towns and cities. Recognising that such a toxic relationship was not advantageous for the community, I and other newcomers pushed for CCC and CCDT to hold joint meetings with a view to settling these differences and finding ways of working together for the benefit of the community. Some, from both organisations, approached this in good faith, but others did no more than pay lip service to it.

Over the last two years, this small group of community councillors has sought to invoke a bogus claim of "conflict of interest" in relation to those newcomer councillors who were also Directors of CCDT. Instead of embracing these councillors and welcoming the opportunity to find ways of working together effectively, they looked instead to see CCDT as a rival organisation and sought to shut down any contributions these councillors might have on discussions that impacted on or were impacted by CCDT. This culminated in the attempt, at the December 2020 meeting, to claim

'conflict of interest' should deny the three councillors, who were also CCOT Directors, from taking part in a discussion and the subsequent vote.

At that same meeting, there appeared to have been some hope that the community council could come together under the proposals put forward in the 'Community Building' and 'Communications' presentations, but that hope was dashed by the bad feeling engendered by the toxic debate over 'conflict of interest'.

The past two years has seen a determination by the majority of community councillors to try and get beyond the petty rivalry between a few councillors and CCOT Directors, but this has not transpired. So, while I feel that I have made some worthwhile contributions in that time, these have made no difference to the overarching bad feeling that continues to exist between these few individuals. As long as that bad feeling persists, I can see no prospect of the Community Council being able to take forward the kind of actions that will have a positive impact on our community. It is the lack of this prospect that has led me to my decision to resign.

In closing, I would like to assure you, Susan, that my decision to resign is no reflection of you or your leadership as Vice Chair and then Chair of the Community Council. I know that you have made every attempt to take the Community Council to a place where we could all work together effectively and in my view that could be achieved if you had the support of all councillors. Sadly, the handful of councillors who will not lend that support, make that task more difficult.

Yours sincerely

Brian D. McKay



## Appendix 2

### Letter of Resignation

It is a matter of deep regret to me that I must now resign from Callander Community Council, as I find further participation in this dysfunctional organisation too unpleasant to continue.

The specific reasons for my resignation are straightforward.

- A group of Community Councillors have formed a divisive clique, and do not co-operate with the majority.
- They send a stream of unwanted remarks and complaints by email either to Office Bearers' private emails or to the group, in the mistaken belief that they, and their opinions, are more important than others.
- They disrupt meetings by complaints about trivial procedural matters, thus preventing discussions on the real business of the Community Council - to discover community views and promote them.
- They have harassed and sometimes bullied Office Bearers, with the result that the first elected Chair resigned, and the hard working Treasurer resigned. They are harassing the current elected chair.
- One complaint was about the Treasurer appearing in a TV crowd scene at a political rally, when that same accuser had been photographed supporting a political candidate.
- They have harped on and on about Conflicts of Interest, an entirely bogus trope. The Community Council has no powers, that is why it is exempt from Freedom of Information legislation. It is not empowered to make any decisions that would be eligible for FOI scrutiny. Genuine Conflicts of Interest are vanishingly rare.
- Stirling Council supplied written guidance on Conflict of Interest, but the clique have refused to accept that.
- Another trope voiced by the clique, is that as "the only elected body in the town" the Community Council has oversight of other community organisations. This is arrant arrogant nonsense.
- The clique formed a sub-group to support a St Kessogs project. Draft versions of a report were presented to the whole Community Council, but these were never discussed in detail, awaiting a promised final version, which was never produced.
- Questions on the formation and representation on their proposed SCIO were contemptuously ignored.
- Suddenly "draft" was dropped from this unapproved report which was then described by them in the press as being a Community Council report.
- They arranged a leaflet drop in the town. The leaflet purported to be from the Community Council. They declined to reveal the source of funding for this leaflet, and declined to name the local organisations they had consulted. They did not consult the Development Trust or the Visitor Information Centre, subsequently described as their anchor tenant.
- Their leaflet led the community to believe a whole list of activities and facilities could all be encompassed within St Kessogs. The reality, that choices were required, was ignored. The community was confused, and many now feel let down.
- The collapse of their project has been blamed on the Development Trust, in a thoroughly vindictive way, which has caused further confusion in the community, and undermined the integrity of the Community Council.

Alex Mitchell  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2020