

CALLANDER PARTNERSHIP 15.01.21 MEETING

Summary report for CCC 08.02.21 meeting

1. Introductions.

Representatives present from: CCC, CCDT, Callander Enterprise, Callander Landscape Partnership, LLTNP, RSHA, Stirling MP, Town Coordinator, Visit Scotland.

The absence of anyone from Stirling Council was noted.

AP: *A note of regret to be sent to the Chief Executive, with a request for attendance at the appropriate level for future meetings.*

Topics covered

2.1 Claish Farm housing development (Fiona Maguire)

The first handover of premises is due mid-March, with allocations being made in February.

There were questions about the ease of access to the town centre or medical practice for pedestrians or those needing support, relating both to distance (eg 5 kms to and from the Co-op) and any path or pavement surface quality.

This linked into previous discussions about the potential footbridge over the river, giving more direct access to the town centre, which also feature in the overall footpath developments being discussed by the Landscape Partnership and featuring in the LLTNP forthcoming master plan (**Derek Manson**).

Alyn Smith will provide appropriate SC links.

AP: *Bring forward to March meeting for wider discussion.*

2.2 McLaren Leisure Centre (Trish Thompson)

There was an update on the current plans.

2.3 St Kessogs development

SC update: Nobody from SC was present.

2.4 Landscape Partnership (Paul Prescott)

Update on various ongoing developments:

- **Bracklinn Falls footpath:** heavily used.
- **Bochastle Car Park:** work completed.
- **Falls of Leny:** still problems over across-road access.

AP: *FP, PP, AS on-site meeting with Transport Scotland asap.*

- **Victorian Walkway:** upgrade discussions: Heritage item.
- **Online lectures:** ongoing programme - well attended (c300 people).

MM mentioned drainage problems for Ancaster Road properties as modeling being used no longer valid.

AP MM and PP to discuss and follow up as appropriate.

3. Visitor Information Centre (VIC) development (Frank Park)

Update on purchase of 55 Main Street (nearing completion) and potential timescale for essential works, transfer and fitting out, including retail sales stock, plus volunteer recruitment once dates on these and current travel restrictions are clear.

Discussions to be had on uses of upper floors – offices meeting rooms, residential... attic - for storage of Christmas lights?

4. LPP Project (Helen Terry)

Initial research underway, involving comparative discussions with Aberfoyle. Focus groups to cover different sections of community, including new residents and a wide range of age groups. Also an analysis of current retail makeup. Discussions to focus on suggestions, not 'current likes/dislikes', ie forward-looking.

Amount and costs of Town Coordinator time (ongoing) noted.

AP: Explore various supplementary funding sources, (including Airtricity).

5. Involvement in COP26

5.1 Providing accommodation (Marilyn Moore)

MM described the current problems for accommodation providers, in the context of poor infrastructure, high rents and lack of hardship funding.

Current discussion of using Callander as a potential host or extension destination, with tours and walks, live and/or online.

5.2 Tours to Callander for delegates (Roger Watt)

RW described a potential wide-ranging community and climate change project, currently under discussion with bodies including CCC, CCDT and Callander Enterprise, and hopefully extending to include others such as McLaren Leisure Centre, Callander Landscape Partnership, Callander Youth Project, the schools and individuals across age and other sectors, and spaces such as St Kessogs, a wooden tower observatory, and others, including the potential Claish Farm site.

AP: Update as the project develops (RW) and explore short and longer term funding possibilities (MM). Link into LPP (HT).

6. Roads, traffic and parking

The regular ongoing discussions with SC are focussing on:

- A84 exploratory speed restriction
- Car parks (including Meadows Car Park flooding consultation project)
- Signage
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- **NOTE (03.01):** BEAR have just announced a major surface upgrading of the A84 Main Street section for February, including lighting and box junction improvements. The announcement follows their detailed meeting with David Shearer (CCC) and Martin Earl.

AP: *Follow up at March meeting.*

7. Looking ahead: priorities and adaptations

There was discussion of the need to explore and discuss the changing needs of residents, businesses and visitors across the community and from various viewpoints.

AP: *Continue to explore and bring forward to the March meeting.*

8. Date of next meeting: Friday 12 March 10 am.

Subsequent dates:

Friday 14 May

Friday 5 July

Friday 10 September

Friday 12 November

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