

Callander Community Council – January/February 2021 Meeting

1. Camp Place Play Park

Progress this month included:

1. Grants:

- Second major grant application submitted to SUEZ.
- Survey for younger children and inclusive equipment received 123 respondents and the junior survey had 179 respondents, but the schools were closed for the younger persons' survey.
- Questions received on FCC grant application so is under review. Outcome due March 2021

2. DDA Path from the Towns Centre Accessibility Improvement Award

- Quote for DDA path received with up to 3 wheelchair picnic tables being able to be included. In correspondence with Steve MacDonald over timing of the money.

3. Other:

- **Procurement** – based on surveys very careful wording needed to ensure equipment as near to preferred options as possible goes into the procurement list.

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2. Flooding/Environment - Lower Craggs Woods

- Several meetings with Stirling Council on the work schedule. Now work will concentrate on the eastern end of the woods to line and clear ditches and pipes which lead into private land
- Work started yesterday and western burn was cleared and ditch under low bridge over path was dug out which should alleviate any issues of flooding from western burn onto Ancaster Road
- Today work started on the eastern ditches but due to a COVID outbreak in The Council Depot, half the staff have had to self-isolate. Message this afternoon that all operators on capital jobs are to concentrate on manning the road gritters and other emergency work until 12th Feb. Only started work will continue after that. SO the woods should be cleared.
- Ancaster Road drain causing current flooding will be jetted and a CCTV camera used to see what the issue is.

3. COP26

Further to an email from VisitScotland asking Callander Enterprise for ideas to help boost our tourist industry and an email from Carol McGowan, a link was made between opening up visitor opportunities to help the town, COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021, the Climate Change Observatory proposal submitted by Roger Watt in 2019, the LPP and a funding opportunity from VisitScotland. This resulted in a small group getting together (RW, HT, TT, SH, MM) from Call Ent, CCDT, CCC and McLaren Leisure to discuss how best to create an opportunity for the town. To involve schools, Pamela Horne has asked to join the group.

Firstly we decided to offer accommodation to COP26 (11,500 hotel beds in Glasgow area and 33,500 visitors expected if not held on-line). Various people including VisitScotland have been approached with this – progress is slow but developing.

Secondly we decided to offer study tours and guides based on Callander's unique landscape and opportunity to see how climate change has and will impact the town from various locations around town.

The VisitScotland grant has been applied for (closing date 26th January) with a proposal for four Climate Change Experience On-Line Trails to be developed by interesting Digital on the back of existing information.

RW to present at February meeting