

CHAIR'S REPORT

Meeting: 11. April 2022

Date of report: 08. April 2022

GENERAL

Since the 14 March meeting, the main focus has been on progressing the various areas discussed there. These include the following:

1. BRACKLINN BRIDGE DEVELOPMENTS (LLTNP)

Further online meetings have been held between our Associate Member, Alasdair Wyllie, the LLTNP team responsible for the commissioning, design and construction of the new bridge and myself. The aim has been to ensure adequate ongoing information is provided to the Community Council and then to the wider public, with clear communication and ongoing updates a priority. The schedule now aims to have the new bridge in place by the end of December 2022.

The LLTNP team is now providing us with monthly updates. The first one is being circulated to Community Council Members, along with Alasdair Wyllie's own position statement.

Once the contract has been awarded, scheduled for the end of May, the sample design will be made available and will be circulated to the public via social media and the Community Council website, followed by progress updates.

2. CALLANDER SOUTH DEVELOPMENTS

The architects involved in this project gave a presentation of the almost-final report at the Callander Partnership meeting on 8 April. Various questions and comments followed and we hope to receive an update shortly.

3. FLOODING: STIRLING COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT PLAN

We are keeping in contact with the Officers responsible for the implementation of the various stages of the plan, which is on schedule. At present, the public comments and suggestions following the publication of the Plan on the SC website and via the Library are being modelled in order for a short list to be presented for further discussion during June. We are hoping this will be followed via a public meeting in September.

We are also in touch with the Bridgend, Grant Court and South Church Street Group.

4. UKRAINE

Following the input from Evelyn Tweed, MSP at our March meeting, we have been maintaining close contact both with her office, via Scott McMurray, and with Mairi Menzies for potential Callander-based 'welcoming and support' provision, and with the Doune-based group, Stirlingshire Support for Ukraine, set up by Jo Watson, to coordinate various county-wide initiatives and specific local needs and opportunities.

The aim is to then establish an ongoing factual link with Stirling Council to present updated and reliable information of use both to those arriving and to those offering accommodation, jobs, and general help, once this has been clarified by both the UK and Scottish Governments.

Establishing this communication link is a priority, hopefully to be followed by practical engagement with those who come here.

AGM

The AGM will take place after the 11 April General Meeting.

Following Stirling Council's Scheme of Establishment, all the Office Bearers will stand down.

The voting process will be run by a Stirling Council Officer, and the five posts (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Planning Correspondent) will be voted on by all the Full Members present.

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