

CHAIR'S REPORT

Meeting: 13 June 2022

Date of report: 10 June 2022

GENERAL

Since the 11 April scheduled business meeting and AGM, the focus has been on identifying key areas for discussion and development over the next year, and also on progressing various ongoing issues.

1. PLANNING AHEAD: SCHEDULED BUSINESS MEETINGS

Now that the pandemic restrictions are largely lifted, thought needs to be given to the format and frequency of the scheduled business meetings. This needs to consider their structure and management and also the various practical needs and constrictions on those attending them, in whatever personal or official capacity.

2. INCREASING NUMBER OF MEMBERS

We hope to be able to increase the numbers of both Full and Associate Members in order to represent wider sections of the community, contribute further areas of personal and professional experience, and to spread the workload more evenly over the members – all volunteers.

3. LPP: FINAL STAGES

With the 30.06 closing date approaching, we urge maximum participation across all parts of the community to ensure it is a true reflection of everyone's opinions and needs. These will shape our future.

4. ONGOING MATTERS

4.1. BRACKLINN BRIDGE DEVELOPMENTS (LLTNP)

Together with our Associate Member, Alasdair Wyllie, we now receive monthly updates from the LLTNP manager responsible for the planning and implementation of the Bracklinn Bridge replacement.

We expressed serious concerns over the safety aspects of the signage and barriers, and this was being revisited with a view to improving both.

The tender has now been awarded and the chosen contractor will be announced before the end of June, upon Scottish Government approval.

A detailed programme for the reconstruction and design options, will then be available for community information and comment. Our Associate Member will manage this dissemination and any resulting online discussion.

4.2. CALLANDER SOUTH DEVELOPMENTS

We are awaiting reactions to the comments sent to the architect and Stirling Council following the presentation to Callander Partnership. To be followed up in July.

4.3. FLOODING: STIRLING COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The Stirling Council Flooding Officer will update us before the 13.06 meeting. Meanwhile, she has provided this notification:

Due to the high volume of options identified during the long list phase, the shortlisting process has proven to be a more onerous task than initially predicted. Coupled with uncertainty surrounding the financial position of the Scottish Government for flood protection schemes, we have taken the decision to revise the community engagement schedule to ensure Stirling Council and the community of Callander are fully informed for a productive consultation experience over the coming months.

She and her colleagues will update the Ward Councillors this month and we will be sent a summary of that meeting.

We also keep in touch with the Bridgend, Grant Court and South Church Street Group and with various other residents, all of whom have expressed their concerns over the communication delays and the need for detailed information availability for all individual properties

4.4. UKRAINE

Stirling Council held an online information update session on 8 June. They now have weekly live information drop-in sessions for both hosts and guests, which are proving popular.

The Drop-ins booked for the remainder of June are all in the Cowane Centre from 12-2pm on the following dates:

Thursday 9th Tuesday 14th Tuesday 21st Wednesday 29th

Our generic email address for any queries is resettlement@stirling.gov.uk

They will continue to keep us informed about developments and needs. We all agreed this is likely to be a long-term and developing situation, judging from reports from elsewhere, so the two-way communication is important.

Susan Holden, Chair, Callander Community Council

