

CHAIR'S REPORT

Meeting: 15 August 2022

Date of report: 12 August 2022

GENERAL

Since the 13 June meeting, the focus has been on:

- following up on action points
- ongoing communication on general key areas such as the Bracklinn Falls Bridge development and the Stirling Council Flooding Engagement Plan timescales
- investigation of various formats and requirements for the September (and subsequent) meetings
- checking on coverage during the holiday period.

1. SCHEDULED BUSINESS MEETINGS: FORMAT AND PLACE

Following the discussion of the pros and cons of live and hybrid meetings for the range of potential participants, it was decided to adopt the hybrid format, using a room at the McLaren Leisure Centre.

One key requisite was time for relevant CC members to set up a technical rehearsal in advance of the meeting to test equipment, sightlines, spacing and acoustics. Given the holiday period, this has proved impossible to organise, so the August meeting will be live, but using the room which we hope to use for hybrid meetings from September onwards. An update will be posted on the meeting notice/draft agenda on 9 September.

2. INCREASING NUMBER OF MEMBERS

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

The co-option process can take some time, given the need to check residency status, and confirm details, but it is hoped we will be able to announce the position on current applications at the September meeting, and also to invite further expressions of interest.

3. ONGOING MATTERS

3.1. BRACKLINN BRIDGE DEVELOPMENTS (LLTNP)

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

We had an on-site meeting with the Project Manager and the just-appointed contractors, together with Paul Prescott (Callander Landscape Partnership/CCDT, on 6 July. This was useful for establishing personal contact, expressing our concerns over the clarity of the safety signage and barriers, and identifying future danger points.

Information for public information and comment is now available on the NP planning website. Our Associate Member will also include this on the CCC website and FB pages and pass on any resulting online discussion.

3.2. CALLANDER SOUTH DEVELOPMENTS

Reactions, comments and questions on the proposed Callander South Development were discussed with representatives from Stirling Council, the LLTNP, RSHA, Callander Enterprise and CCDT at a Callander Partnership meeting on 12 August. Further information in relation to timescales and wider community information will be discussed at the next meeting, on 9 September, with an update available for the 19 September CCC meeting.

3.4. LPP

The results and community implications of the LPP project feedback also formed part of the same Callander Partnership meeting. Given the overlap between both of these, it is planned to treat them as the ongoing core topic for Callander Partnership activity and meetings.

3.5. FLOODING: STIRLING COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The Stirling Council Flooding Officer updated us before the 13.06 meeting, and has since sent a more detailed update, which will be circulated and discussed at the August meeting.

4 FINAL JUNE ACTIVITY

Perhaps the most rewarding activity after the last meeting was to be able to present the 2021 Citizen of the Year award to Mark Nicols at the Camp Place Play Park event on 19 June. Done in an upbeat atmosphere, with a wide range of happy-looking participants of all ages.

Susan Holden, Chair, Callander Community Council

