



MINUTES OF STRATHBLANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Monday 6th June 2016 in the primary school
Final for approval**

Members Present: - Margaret Vass, Alan Hutton, Richard Arnold, John Gray, Julie Hutchison , Grace Edmonds, Rob Davies, Sue Rand, Marian Lever, Elspeth Neill and Willie Oswald.

In attendance: Councillor Graham Lambie , Ian Denvir, Community Link Officer + 2 residents.

*(SC = Stirling Council. CC = Community Council. CDT= Community Development Trust *
Denotes an action)*

1. Welcome from the Chair and any apologies

Apologies – Avril Keen and Police Scotland.

2. Declaration of interests –

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of May meeting and matters arising

There were no changes or omissions. Minutes were approved by ML and seconded by GE

Matters arising: Item 9 – MV informed the meeting that Brian Friel, with whom we worked closely over the matter of the print works, has unfortunately died suddenly. MV will represent the CC at the funeral. She noted that he had been exceedingly helpful to the CC during the work on this issue.

RD mentioned an area of yellow hatching on the Stockiemuir Road at Auchengillan. It has not been placed in an optimal position for drivers turning right. GL noted that there was no mention of this hatching in the roads report. Julie will follow up on this with SC. GL has contacted Angela McGibbon regarding speed activated signs at the distillery.

4. Police report – this had been sent out in advance to members.

There is an on-line survey for Police Scotland on the Police Scotland website at present and MV encouraged members to complete this.

MV was contacted by a resident regarding a collision with the wall at Wood place and will forward details to the police.

JG queried the police sign that points to Leddriegreen Road. This is an old sign and can be removed.

For details see full police report on-line in **Appendix I** at www.strathblanefield.org.uk.

5. Health and Social Care Integration

ML and GE attended a meeting at BHS on May 17th. The only other CC represented was Balfron. This was disappointing as the Integration team is looking for help and support from all the local CCs.

Strathendrick Home: agreement has been reached that SC will continue to be responsible for maintaining the building but running costs will be the responsibility of the Integration board. The Government has produced a long list of services that have to be devolved and budgets have been agreed. The council paper that Marian referred to last month was submitted and passed.

The Integration team has already formed strong links with the Fire Service, who may be the first point of contact for service users. Stronger links with Police Scotland are also beginning to be put in place.

Tele-care: The team is hoping to start a system of electronic appointments for service users and is looking at developing a self-assessment tool that users can log on to, to check symptoms. They will then be directed to take further action if necessary. There was some concern among CC members that some service users may not have access to the Internet to allow them to use this. RA asked about the possibility of using Skype or Facetime for contact with healthcare professionals. ML replied that the team are checking all sorts of ways to check on people who live alone.

There are no plans at present to trial anything in our area although local interest in the Meal makers scheme means it may be trialled here.

Feedback on the Strathblane Community Event was due to be given by Gillian Taylor, but she handed this over to ML without any prior warning.

Foundation Apprenticeship for Social Care: the team is scheduled to speak to young people in BHS about interest in this two year HNC programme.

Placements could be carried out in Strathendrick Home.

ML noted that there is not much money available across the board so some of the things discussed at the meeting might not happen.

There was a feeling that there is some duplication of services at present – for example ALFY and Living it UP seem to do much the same thing. The integration Board needs to re-organise these areas in the interests of cost effectiveness.

Strathendrick will be a base for various professionals to meet and possibly for the local MECS team. ML raised the issue of our local district nurses being overstretched. ID said they hope to encourage local first responders to ease the burden on the nurses. Anne Allison is happy to attend a CC meeting to demonstrate equipment available to help first responders. MV suggested that we should arrange a special event for this.

AH mentioned that the team at Blanefield House is keen to sponsor links with the community and that we should foster this. ML will arrange a CC visit to Blanefield House, when such possibilities can be discussed.

Trossachs Search and Rescue have submitted their bill for the defibrillator batteries. This will be paid. They have produced an APP showing the locations of local defibrillators.

ML is unable to attend the Community Health Partnership Public Forum on June 22nd, which will discuss ALFY and carer engagement. She will attend the Workforce Integration meeting on June 13th.

6. Summer Fair

This will take place in SPS on June 11th. The CC will be holding a consultation about housing for older people and succession planning for the CC.

7. BHS Community Partnership Event - September 20th

Representatives from local CCs will be talking to pupils about opportunities for volunteering in their local communities and possible links to the citizenship aspects of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme SR, GE, RA and AH will attend. MV suggested liaising with Killearn CC. This event will provide a valuable opportunity to engage with young people.

8. Feedback from Southwest Area Forum

This was largely a presentation from Waste Services about the new refuse collection system that is proposed for September. SC is holding an information session in Strathblane library later in June.

GL suggested that the CC should engage with SC on this and we will encourage members of the public to engage with SC also.

9. Website Demo

This was rescheduled for the August meeting.

10. Planning and licensing

MV covered this area in AK's absence. There was nothing that we needed to consider this month.

11. Elected member report – from Cllr Graham Lambie

Much of this had been covered in previous sections of the meeting. GL briefly mentioned the new waste disposal plans and also the Road maintenance Programme discussed at our May meeting.

He had attended a site visit to the Killearn Hospital site and there was an open session on this in Killearn on May 16th.

GL and Councillor Muirhead have met with the Head Teacher at BHS and are happy with the provision being made for pupils during the structural work. The local councillors are all pleased that the Boundary Commission recommendations make no changes to our boundary.

For details see the full report in Appendix 2

MV noted that the Head Teacher at BHS has thanked all the CCs for their support during the recent problems with the school building.

WO said that he did not see any information about the Killearn Hospital meeting. He noted that any development of Strathendrick Home is limited by the footprint and suggested that the Killearn Hospital site could be used as a hub site for Strathendrick. GL said that there was concern that this could detract from what Strathendrick is trying to do, but it could be seen as an add-on to Strathendrick which will need more capacity in the future.

SR suggested that the age for offering care to those suffering from early onset Alzheimer's should be lowered. ID said that at present the Care Inspectorate only allows care homes to take people over 65, but that the community could challenge this. ML suggested asking Blanefield house if they have the ability to offer day care to local residents.

12. Community comments.

MV received an email from Sheila Hall asking for help from the CC regarding access to the main road from the Village Club. The owner of the neighbouring property has been asked to cut back the hedge but has not done so, resulting in poor visibility of the road. MV said that we could write to the owner but that we need guidance about the best way to tackle this issue. GL said that the council maintains the hedge on the Village Club side and that they can cut it if the owner does not. WO said that he has had previous conversations with the owner, resulting in the hedge being cut, but not far enough back from the road. We could ask the council to cut their side back to where it should be and then ask the Road Safety Department to speak to the owner. MV will contact Land Services and the Roads Department.

A resident had asked GE to raise the issue of the broken glass in the bus shelter on the main road near the War Memorial, which looks dreadful especially when contrasted with the stone shelters at the other end of the village. MV said that we could fund raise to build a stone one there too. ID will find out who will repair the present one in the meantime.

13. Finance

Current account: £2576

Instant Saver account: £2331

14. Correspondence

RA had already forwarded all relevant correspondence to CC members.

15. AOCB

EN will organise the planting of the tubs around the village this week. JG said that the website funds need to be signed off and the bill paid. SR will organise this.

MV said that the Strathblane War memorial Trust is one of a number of small trusts that no one has claimed. SC meeting gave approval to a proposal to roll the money in these trusts into one fund and donate it to Start –Up Stirling. MV said that the money has not been claimed because nobody knew about these small trusts and is concerned that no consultation took place with CCs before the money was redirected. GL and IM contested this use of the money at the SC meeting and there will be a review of the decision. He said that the CC should contact the Council about this. JG has written to the Council on behalf of the Tennis Club. The meeting agreed with AH that there should have been consultation on this issue, particularly as SC claims to want to engage communities. The Council decision is available on the website and the CC should contact SC about the lack of consultation.

MV asked for approval to draft a Community Pride grant application to support the 50th anniversary of SPS. Pupils will perform a play about the heritage of the village working with the Smith Art Gallery and the Heritage Trust. This was approved. Part of the preparation for the play will involve getting stories from older people in the village. MV has offered on behalf of the CC to host an afternoon tea in the school for older residents in September. MV and SR will request insurance for this.

RD informed the meeting that there is a Broadband meeting in Kippen Inn from 6 -9pm on ~June 15th. He will attend this.

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 1st August 2016 in the Primary School f

Blane Valley Bulletin Copy date Monday ??

Contact us at cc@strathblanefield.org.uk . Telephone numbers for Community Councillors are on the notice boards, in the library and in the Blane Valley Bulletin.

Appendix 1 : Police Report

Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Strathblane Community Council

Reporting Period:

June 2016 Compiled by PC Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

On 20th May 2016 anon report of noise coming from Dumbrock Crescent. No noise on Police arrival.

On 24th May 2016 a report was received about a male asking for window cleaning money to be paid however resident knew this male wasn't the male who cleaned her windows. No money was handed over and no further reports were received.

On 24th May 2016 a male was found in possession of cannabis within Queens View car park.

About 0920hrs, 24th May 2016 a report of bomb was received within Strathblane Primary School. Children were evacuated from the school and it quickly became apparent that this was a hoax call. Other reports were received in other schools around the country and it is clear that these are all linked. No obvious adverse effects were shown from the pupils or teachers when spoken to the next day.

On 26th May 2016 a report of poachers in the Craiggallian Woods was received. The area was searched but no trace. This area will be regularly visited as we are aware that poachers frequent this area during this time.

On 11th May 2016 a male ran off from Police within Mugdock Country Park. Male caught arrested and later charged with possession of drugs and attempt to pervert the course of justice.

On 31st May 2016 2 males were found in possession of cannabis within a car park at Mugdock Country Park.

On 13th May 2016 a male was found in possession of cannabis within a car park at Mugdock Country Park.

Theft

Between 0730 and 1500 hours, on Tuesday 10th May 2016 a house was broken into in Kirkland Ave, Blanefield. Entry was gained by smashing the rear window. A tablet, jewellery and a quantity of alcohol was stolen.

Between 1700hrs on Saturday 21st May and 1100hrs on Sunday 22nd May a quantity of fish were reported stolen from a pond in the rear garden of an address in Cragifern Dr.

Overnight on 28th May 2016 items were stolen from 2 garages within the village of Mugdock. One was forced open and one was left unlocked. Tools and golf equipment was stolen.

If anyone has any information or remembers observing any suspicious activity around this time period, please contact Police Scotland or CrimeStoppers.

Road Safety

No Road Traffic collisions were reported to Police since the last meeting.

Speed check are continuing to be conducted in Blanefield and other villages.

There is a Summer Drink/Drug Drive Campaign for the next fortnight. This will commence on Friday 3 June and will end on Friday 17 June 2016.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

PCs Steven Graham and Raymond Murphy are the Ward officers in the Forth and Endrick area. They have continued to carry out high visibility patrols in the local area and have liaised with local schools and businesses. They can be contacted at Balfron Police Office, or by email at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Other Incidents
/ Activity of
note

Summer Drink/Drug Drive Campaign 2016

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Air Weapons Surrender Scheme

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 comes fully into effect on 31 December 2016. The new law will require any person who possesses, purchases, uses or acquires an air weapon to have a certificate to hold them legally.

It will be an offence not to have a certificate for these purposes from 31 December 2016, unless you are exempt, but from 1 July 2016, you will be able to apply to Police Scotland for a certificate.

The new Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act will:

- Clearly define the air weapons which will be subject to licensing
- Broadly follow the principles and practises of existing firearms legislations
- Enable a fit person to obtain a licence to own, possess and shoot an air weapon in a regulated way without compromising public safety
- Ensure appropriate enforcement of the new regime with robust offences and penalties to deal with any person who contravenes the regime

Police Scotland is running an Air Weapon Surrender Scheme between Monday 23rd May and Sunday 12th June 2016. Local Police divisions have designated Police Offices where specially trained officers will be on hand to accept and make safe surrendered air weapons. Your local designated Police Offices are Stirling, Callander and Balfron.

Further information can be found at
<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/airweapons/>

Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey - Your View Counts

The Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey was launched on Thursday, 7th April 2016. In previous years, the survey was paper-based and involved community officers delivering and collating the surveys from members of the local community. This year, the survey has been placed online.

The survey allows local communities to provide feedback to Police Scotland in relation to a variety of topics, including the views of local people and what they feel local policing priorities should be in their communities.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, and everyone is encouraged to participate in it.

The survey and further information can be found at www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts .

Issues raised

**Community
Council
Feedback**

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Appendix 2: Elected member's Report

Councillor Graham Lambie
Forth and Endrick Ward
Stirling Council

Forth and Endrick News - Strathblane - Monday, 6th June 2016

*Arnprior Balfour Buchanan Buchlyvie Croftamie Drymen Fintry Gargunnoch Killearn Kippen **Strathblane***

Councillor Lambie Report

- **New Waste Collection Service:** There have been concerns raised about changes to waste and recycling collection policy. The new policy will see residents given 5 recycling boxes under the following collection timetable:
 - **2 Week Collection:** Brown Bin (Garden & Food Waste); Blue Bin (Plastic, Cans & Cartons);
 - **4 Week Collection:** Grey Bin (Non-Recyclables); Green Bin (Paper & Cardboard); Blue Bin Small (Glass)
- The service are keen to work with residents and CCs on this. For example with people living in flats sharing of bins will be a preference which should cut down on the number of bins. The service are also planning on running collections on a 7 day week basis - what time will this be - early Sunday mornings may not be appropriate. The service will be investing in new, rear loading collection vehicles which are easier to operate. It is important that residents and CCs make their views felt as I understand the revised service is due to be 'live' by September 2016.
- **Road Maintenance Programme 2016 - 2017:** This is due for ratification at the Environment Committee on 14th Apr. The Forth and Endrick programme: **A Roads:** A811 (Redlairston - Buchlyvie) Inlay = £60K; A811 (Strewiebank - Kippen) Structural Inlay = £40K; A811 (Glinns Road on Kippen Gargunnoch Straight) SD + Patching = £45,000; A811 (Touch Bridge - Cambusbarron Turnoff - Ward 5) SD + Patching = £27K; A81 (Garrauld Balfour Station) SD + Patching = £35K*; A81 (Balfour Station) SD + Patching = £65K*; **A81 (Devil's Elbow - Strathblane) Inlay = £55K***; A809 (Finnich Blair - Croftamie) Structural Inlay = £45K B Roads: B818 (Loch Walton - Fintry) Overlay = £50K; B822 (Balafark - Kippen) Overlay = £50K; B818 (Bogside - Fintry) Overlay = £40K; B837 (Milton of Buchanan) Overlay = £50K **C Roads:** C54 (Ballochrui Rd - Balfour) Structural Inlay - Passing Places = £20K; **C56 (Mugdock Country Park) Overlay = £30K**; C21 (Station Rd - Balfour) Inlay = £40K **Unclassified Roads:** Barnsford Rd. (Gartness) Full Reconstruction = £100K* Streets: **Kirkhouse Rd/Crescent (Strathblane) Inlay = £50K**; Glinns Rd (Kippen) Overlay = £40K
 - **Notes:** Key: SD = Surface Dress; * Questions to Roads officers
 - **Roads Spend to Save Proposal:** Following a question to council and information supplied by roads officers at the May 2016 Strathblane CC meeting the council is currently resurfacing 2.6 % of the road network - it needs to do 4% to maintain the status quo. Cllr Muirhead and myself are looking at methods where the council can lever extra resources on a **spend to save** basis where it is more cost effective to resurface on a 25 year future proofing model than leave a road to deteriorate with ultimately a more expensive bill. According to roads officers we are looking at circa £90 million to fully repair the council road network of 1100 kms. We have asked if the CDF City Development Framework resource planning will factor in investment for rural roads.

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- **Roads Spend to Save Example – A81 Devil’s Elbow at Strathblane:** A request was made to Roads officers, after a message from Strathblane CC, to switch the above job to the A81 stretch west of Blanefield, this move was also supported by Killearn and Baifron CCs. However, the road condition at the Devils Elbow is such that if left will cost the council considerably more. A **spend to save** plan could provide the resources to complete an individual road within one/two financial years. This could include all of the outstanding works on the A81.
- **A809 Works:** The 40 mph signage has been approved and will be installed near the Carbeth Inn and will extend to just beyond the Edenmill Farm entrance – well before the Queens View. We are very pleased to see the big improvements at the Turn Off for the B821 (Cullts Rd) at the A809 which has greatly improved sight lines, and removed the near suicidal right hand turn from the B821. The Edenmill cafeteria car park has also been approved and the mitigation conditions attached to the original application can now be implemented – the combination of these and the council works should make a significant contribution to road safety at this location. **Update:** I drove along the A809 on Thursday evening 2nd June and was very pleased to note the new rumble strips and yellow hatching at the turnoff to Edenmill. I’ve contacted Roads officers and Mark (Gibson) at Edenmill to check what remaining works are required and when the council are planning to install the 40 mph signs.
- **A81 Distillery Safety Signage Installation:** This came about after a meeting with my-self, distillery management, and council officers. This represents a significant safety benefit for distillery staff, customers, and all road users. As part of the agreement the council are now required to install speed mitigation measures including road markings and rumble strips.
- **Strathendrick Care Home Meeting – Killearn Village Hall:** This was a very well attended event, and a response to concerns that the home was to be sold off for a capital receipt to part pay for the care village concept on the site of the Stirling Community Hospital. Communities and councillors were also concerned about the lack of communication over the above and called for a meeting with officers. The minutes of the meeting are contained in **Appendix 1**. Also, to be fair to officers the Local Care Hub concept had been developed in 2015. However, there are still concerns about the number of bed spaces (what would happen if there was a big increase in demand for respite care provision) and what is the situation with building repair (Will the council still provide resources for this).
- **Killearn Hospital Site:** I attended a site visit to the Killearn Hospital site on 19th Jan with – Gerard O’Sullivan (Director of Corporate Operations) and Graeme Sword (Owner). This was productive and the officers are actively working on strategies to clean up the site. I’ve raised the issue about establishing a care/health facility on the site and have suggested setting up a medical research centre perhaps on similar lines to the Beatson in Bearsden? This would be longer term as any developer would want to recoup clean-up costs via initial construction of executive type housing. The site owner also held an open session in Killearn Village Hall on 16th May and a number of comments have been submitted including those from a number of non Killearn residents.

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- **Balfron High School:** As reported in the press and on the BBC website there are ongoing structural building checks including the stairwell, and the missing wall ties between the atrium walls. The school will be closed for S1 to S3 pupils who will be accommodated in other sister secondary schools until temporary accommodation is installed. Senior pupils will be able to sit their SQA exams including Highers and Advanced Highers in Balfron High. At this stage the reasons for these structural defects are still been ascertained. Cllr Muirhead and I met the Head Teacher, Assistant Head of Education, and Director of Environment at the school and we left very satisfied about the contingency planning for SQAs etc. However, there are still questions to be addressed about what is a structural failure, and not a wear and tear issue to be expected in a 15 year old building, which will be transferred to full council ownership in 2027 and will be expected to last for a further 25 years. **Update:** A motion for an independent audit was made at the last full council meeting but this was rejected by the administration.
- **Policing - Report:** It was good to see community ward officers at a number of recent CC meetings, and the 2016 Drymen Show. Alongside the ward officers are response officers who provide 24/7 cover for the ward. For major incidents such as serious road collisions ward officer could be called to assist with these. Contact details for local police are ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk or use the 101 number. For Stirling Police matters check the **Stirling Police Twitter** at <https://twitter.com/stirlingpol> Another useful website given the weather just now is <https://trafficscotland.org/weather/>
- **Stirling Council – Local Government Boundary Changes (LGBC): Update:** I have spoken to a number of Community Councils on this issue and there is consistent opposition to this proposal. This is also the view of the Forth and Endrick Ward elected members. The final decision will likely be made after the May Scottish election. **Update:** I have just viewed the Boundary Commission recommendations and the good news is there is to be no change to the Forth and Endrick and ward boundary. This is excellent news and vindicates the clear position of the Forth and Endrick CCs that they did not want the ward to be expanded to include Cambusbarron. Cambusbarron also remains as part of the Stirling West ward. The only significant change I can see is the formation of a new ward called Stirling North which includes the old Stirling Castle ward, the University and Riverside. This new ward will be a 4 member ward which will bring the elected member number up to 23 councillors. These recommendations still have to be ratified by Scottish Gov. Ministers, but I'm not anticipating any late changes.
- **Planning – Stirling Council:** Both the Park of Keir Tennis Centre (Dunblane and Bridge of Allan), and Airthrey Kerse (Graham's Dairies at Bridge of Allan and Causewayhead) are now subject to appeals by the applicant as they were both rejected – Park of Keir by the planning panel and Airthrey Kerse by full council. Cllr Muirhead and myself supported both applications.
- Councillor Graham Lambie Stirling Council, Old Viewforth, Stirling
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Appendix 1:

Note of Community Meeting on Strathendrick Care Home and Developing a Local Care Hub Thursday 14th January 2016 Killlearn Village Hall

- Strathendrick is currently a 12 bedded residential care home, however, there is a diminishing need for residential care.
- People who require 24/7 care tend to be assessed as requiring a nursing home rather than a residential home.
- The model of care is changing under the Reshaping Care for Older People agenda and increasing numbers of people can and should be supported to live well in their own homes.
- In the future there will be an increasing demand for Intermediate Care which provides intensive short term intervention to support older people to stay at home.
- A pilot is currently running in Strathendrick where by 4 of the beds are being used for people receiving short term intermediate care after being discharged from hospital. Evidence shows that most people in short term beds who receive re-ablement and rehabilitation are able to return to their own homes (over 70%)
- Is there the possibility of developing a care hub at Strathendrick to provide more intermediate care, respite and re-ablement to better meet future needs?

Questions	Answers
What is the future for Strathendrick given the current budget situation?	<p>There is a Council commitment that Strathendrick will not close for as long as any of the current long term residents wish to continue living there. However, in 2008/9 Strathendrick was earmarked for land receipts for the Stirling Care Village. We are now in a different landscape with Health and Social Care Integration and there is more of a move towards local provision. As a result, there is the potential to use the Strathendrick building in the future as a care hub to provide services to support people in the rural south west area. Services such as assessment, respite and rehabilitation could all be provided from the care hub. We would need to work together with the community and partners to build a case to be presented to Stirling Council based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost effectiveness• Advantages of local provision• How we could shape, resource and deliver this in partnership with other agencies and the local community
Next Steps	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <p>An engagement programme be established.</p> <p>Volunteers were asked to put their names forward to take part in a steering group with an initial meeting taking place in February 2016.</p>