



MINUTES
Monday 6th March 2017 in the school
Draft for Approval

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

In attendance: Ian Denvir, + 8 residents.

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

1. Welcome from the Chair and any apologies

Apologies – Julie Hutchison

MV opened the meeting, welcoming those present

2. Declaration of interests –

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Police Report

No members of Police Scotland were in attendance and no report has been provided.

MV has had an email dialogue with Steven Graham regarding attendance and has also emailed Inspector McMenamy. She is waiting for a response.

4. Minutes of February meeting and Matters arising

There were no changes or omissions. The minutes were proposed by ML and seconded by RD.

Matters arising:

ML provided an update on the Dementia Fund. There is money available and she asked last month for suggestions about how this could be spent. She has had 4 suggestions: Dementia friendly signage for public buildings in the village would allow people with dementia to cope better in public areas and ML thought this might be a good use for some of the money. She had examples of the signs for anyone interested.

The church has requested funds to purchase a portable keyboard for use by the community, as singing is important for dementia sufferers.

The Playlist for Life project would like to buy an iTunes card to be held in the library.

Cuppa Time suggested using some of the money to have the piano tuned at Blanefield house, as some of the residents are able to play.

ML and Silvia Armstrong will continue to look at the best ways of spending the money.

ML also updated on the Strathendrick Care Home group. They have asked us to think about implementing Meals at Home in the village. ML has been in touch with Balfron about this.

RA asked about funding for the Christmas tree lights and signage for the locking pole. The decision to apply for funding was approved unanimously. SR and GE have looked at applying for Community Pride funding for this and will meet again in March to finalise the application.

RA has purchased 6 new keys for the padlock on the post at the park and believes that all those entitled to a key now have one. The post will be replaced at the end of the month. There is no clear policy about usage of this path so a statement about this will be included in the BVB this month.

MV reported that Community Hub Study has been renamed the Community Asset Study to make it clearer what it is about. The CC will have 2 representatives on this, plus 1 reserve. There will be a briefing session on this on Monday March 20th, followed by four workshops. MV will email CC members with the dates of these.

The CC meeting in May clashes with one of these meetings so MV proposed moving the CC meeting to Tuesday May 9th. This was agreed by all present. GE will alter the booking with SC.

Cllr Muirhead had asked the CC to express our opposition to proposed changes to Sports Services. MV has read the report and believes that it followed a clear process and that the proposal was then not unexpected therefore she did not respond.

5. Scottish Government Planning Consultation

JG talked through the paper, particularly the briefing for CCs. The proposals suggest a strengthening of the importance of CCs in planning.

There will be a new statutory duty to consult CCs. CCs will be able to register interest in producing their own local plan.

There will be a strengthening of the pre-application consultations on developments. The proposal is that a preliminary draft plan will be sent to a gate keeping procedure. It should then be possible to have a much shorter examination stage at the end, as most issues will have been dealt with at the gate keeping stage. It is also proposed that new plans will last for 10 years instead of five.

Planners want to be more leaders in the process rather than just reacting to proposals from developers. They want more emphasis placed on making things happen after approval has been granted for a site.

WO noted that the language used in the document downplays the supremacy of CCs by referring to "Community bodies". MV sees the CC being closely involved in the local place plan. CCs will have the opportunity to shape the local community place plan.

WO does not see the community doing detailed plans. The Community Action Plan has elements that would not be relevant to a local place plan. The place plan feeds into the LDP if local CCs request to produce one.

RD asked who would approve the request to put a plan forward if it is not from the CC. There could be a conflict if the CC disagrees with other bodies. MV pointed out that many places do not have a CC, but where they do it is hoped that the CC would provide the basis for ideas for a plan. AH commented that if a community wishes to establish its own place plan the first thing it should do is to form a CC. SR commented that comments from Dunblane are very pertinent for us.

There are many hurdles to be jumped from the idea of a place plan to its inclusion in the LDP

ML likes the idea that planning in the locality should be where things start rather than reacting to planners or developers. This readdresses the balance of the needs of the community being decided from outside. There is a lot of sense in the document and communities are more at the heart of things than they have previously been.

JG, AK and WO will formulate comments on the document and circulate these to CC members before the submission date of April 4th 2017.

6. Parking on Old Mugdock Road

WO reported on a site meeting he and JH attended with Angela McGibbon. SC are happy to raise a temporary traffic order to put double yellow lines on the co-op side of the road from Dumbrock Road to past the co-op. The work will not start until the next financial year. Angela McGibbon will co-ordinate with the CC so that we can put a notice of the work in the BVB.

There was also discussion about creating head on parking opposite the co-op. The financial issue may be about to be resolved. The Singh brothers own part of the required land. WO will try to contact them regarding this.

Alf Young contacted MV to tell her that one of the new street lights had been positioned in the middle of the proposed parking area. MV emailed everybody she could think of about this and got immediate agreement to move the light to a more suitable place.

MV recorded our thanks to SC for resolving the matter so quickly.

Alistair Smith noted that the co-op vans are too big for our roads. Angela McGibbon will need to discuss parking proposals with the co-op.

7. Elected Member's Report

There was no elected member's report

8. Planning and Licensing

a) 17/0074/FUL Garden House.

AK reported that this is a previous application which has lapsed. The CC has no issues with this application.

b) 17/00073/PPP Dumbrock House.

This may cause problems with access onto Old Mugdock Road. The neighbours have objected on access grounds. MV thinks we need to talk to the policy planners regarding more traffic on Old Mugdock Road. We will comment regarding increased traffic on the road.

AK checked that there is planning permission for the hut currently being constructed opposite the end of the Cuilt Road. Permission has been given but no access was requested. Andy Gardener, the Planning Enforcement Officer, will look into this.

9. Feedback

- a) SW Area Forum. MV, ML and WO attended this. The key speaker was Alistair Brown, Director of Localities and Infrastructure. Our area is Stirling Rural South. Each area will have a contact person. The issue of communication is important and a single point of contact will be helpful. Police, Fire service Ambulance service etc will all work to the new boundaries.

Carol Beattie from Economic Development is looking at mapping businesses in each area. MV raised the issue of how we marker our local businesses. There are no tourist signs for our area for example. We will invite Carol Beattie to a future meeting.

Tracey Patrick from BHS spoke about the Community Partnership event. Every pupil council meeting will have a standing item about what is happening in the various local areas. Next year the school plans to have a prefect with responsibility for communities. We need to ensure that we liaise with BHS on this.

- b) A81 closure Ballat Bridge. RD met with David and Stuart attended a meeting about this. The preferred option is to close the road during the summer school term, reopen it over the summer months and close it again in September to complete the repairs. The main diversion will be via Croftamie, which the residents there are unhappy about. There will be bigger signs and more notice to indicate the road closure.
- c) Carbeth Inn. AK and JG met with David and Stuart Fraser who have a lot of good ideas. Their priority is to move the car park entrance. The roads department seems to be in favour of this. The first phase of opening may be a drive-through coffee stop. Full re-opening is not expected until 2018. They will come to a CC meeting in April or May.
- d) AH noted that the development will help the Walkers are Welcome application.

10. Community Comments

MV raised the issue of parking at Dumgoyne. A resident has been in contact with SC and Bruce Crawford regarding this problem. They wanted parking reinstated where the bollards are but have not had agreement on this. Killlearn CC is also concerned about parking in this area. MV suggested that she would

contact Sir Archie regarding the possibility of a car park on the Farren site. This was agreed.

MV mentioned that the street lighting from Campsie Dene Road heading north seem to be on a different time switch from the rest of the village and come on later. At present it is very dark here in the early evening. MV will pursue this with SC.

ID agreed to red flag this with the appropriate person.

EN contacted SC regarding flooding in Kirkhouse Road. This has now been repaired, but is a culvert problem and should be inspected regularly.

MV has been forwarded photos of a manhole cover on the pavement near the entrance to Netherblane. The problem has been reported repeatedly to SC who is in dispute with BT over who is responsible for repairing this. ID said that David Crichton is in charge of this area for SC.

RA mentioned that the bin men have problems with houses having no numbers. This makes it difficult for them to identify houses where they need to pull the bins out. This issue will be highlighted in the BVB and ID will contact Waste Services to suggest that when people register to have their bins pulled out they are required to put a number on their property.

RD mentioned that bins are not being collected in some areas of the village. ID suggested contacting George Somerville at SC about the bins. ID Will email contact details to MV.

There will be an item in the BVB regarding broken glass in the play park and school playground. There appears to be regular drinking in the play park and in the school playground at weekends. SR suggested that we also flag up the issue to Tracey Patrick at BHS. This type of problem can be emailed to the antisocial behaviour enforcement team at SC who will come out. RA will contact them.

AH said that there is an increase in dog fouling in the village again, particularly near the school. SR suggested asking for Community Pride money to provide leaflets. MV will contact Sharon Cassidy to ask if she would like to have another competition to design anti-fouling posters. MV still has a banner that could be put on the school railings to highlight the issue.

11. Finance

Current Account £1478.00

Instant Access Saver £2336.00

A cheque for £50 has been sent as a donation to Planning Aid Scotland as agreed at the last meeting.

SR asked all CC members to submit expense claims ASAP

12. Correspondence

GE reminded the members that we need to provide proof of our spending of the Connect Fund money for succession planning by the end of April.

WO mentioned that there were 11 comments on the Westminster constituency boundary issues. He will collaborate with RD on this.

13. Date of next meeting – **Monday 3rd April 2017 in the Village Club**