



**MINUTES**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Village Club**  
**Final**

**Members Present:** - Willie Oswald; Margaret Vass; Richard Arnold; Evelyn Macdougall; Alan Hutton; Mike McNulty; Grace Edmonds; Sue Rand; Julie Hutchison; John Gray

**In attendance:** Councillors A Berrill and G Lambie; I Denvir; Scott Craigie, Police Scotland; Stuart Geddes SC + 7 residents.

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

**Apologies:** Marian Lever; Avril Keen

### **1. Welcome from the Chair and any apologies**

MV welcomed those present to the meeting, particularly the parents of Primary 5 pupils. She mentioned succession planning and pointed out that there are only a few more meetings before the CC elections in September.

### **2. Declaration of interests –**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Road Safety in the village**

The meeting viewed the video on road safety made by Primary 5 pupils, presenting their views on road safety issues in the village. We are pleased that the pupils have raised these issues, regarding traffic calming and parking in the village. SR said that the children were so eloquent about what they needed to say, both at the meeting that she and MV attended and in the video. MV noted that we are aware that SC lacks funds to tackle these issues but thinks there are some more inexpensive things we could do. The main road is a problem as it cuts the village in half. We need to make drivers aware that they are entering a village. SR pointed out that the mini roundabouts are not successful, as many drivers do not know how to use them.

RA mentioned that a number of cars sit with their engines running outside the school. This is a particular problem at the library. This is a matter of concern due to the particulates emitted in the vicinity of young children.

AB asked if there was a way of using the children as advocates as many problems are caused by parents. SDR said that the school has tried to do this. MV pointed out that the current primary 5 pupils could be part of a three-year campaign. .

SG said that SC has agreed on a best practice framework for school travel plans and has appointed a Travel Plan co-ordinator to help schools to ensure that their plans keep to this framework. At present Strathblane Primary's travel plan does not meet the guidelines, but the co-ordinator is due to look at it soon. SC is work-

ing on a parking bond agreement for parents – zigzags will be enforceable and parents will agree to park sensibly.

MV said that we would like to look at ways to slow traffic on the A81 and Campsie Road. AH measured a length of Campsie Road and used the stopwatch on his phone to time cars on two occasions. He timed 65 vehicles and only 3 were within the speed limit. SG acknowledged that the measures that Cala was asked to put in place on Campsie Road are not working. There are plans to move the speed limits here. He said that suggestions for the A81 need to work off the School Travel Plan when it is complete.

WO pointed out that it is the long straight stretch of road from the top of the hill to the mini roundabout that causes the problems. He suggested speed cushions but acknowledged that emergency services vehicles find these difficult. AH said that this stretch of road is a long term problem that needs a long term solution. SG reiterated that we are likely to get best results by waiting for the Travel Plan.

MV asked about a possible 20mph speed limit in the village. SG said that this would be done in conjunction with the Travel Plan.

PC Craigie has talked to the school about a road safety campaign. He plans to talk to the pupils about ideas for a campaign when he visits the school. He mentioned a trial in Strathyre that involved putting 30mph stickers on the bins so that drivers would see them when the bins were out for collection. He will try to get some stickers for us.

WO said that the 20mph roundels on the roads in the village have not been replaced following resurfacing. AB and GL will find out about this.

SC has hand held radar units that residents can use to measure speeds and report back to SC. A resident asked if these come with instructions regarding number of measurements etc. SG said that they recommend 100 measurements in each direction. This would be used as evidence for allocating funds. SR suggested mentioning road safety in the BVB.

Annabel Sharp passed on Miss Allen's apologies and said that the children appreciate that their opinions matter and are being heard. MV will feed back to the Primary 5 pupils on the evening's discussion.

#### **4. Police Report**

PC Craigie pointed out that his report was written on Friday night before the anti-social behaviour on Saturday. Police attended the play park about 8.30 and found a group of young people but no alcohol so no action was taken. He assumes that the group responsible for the litter and broken glass must have been there later.

SC is still the only Community Police officer in the area but is hopeful that somebody else will be appointed soon.

MV asked about the village being iced up recently and noted that the Police has closed the Cult Brae. She asked if the Police reported this to SC. The police log all road issues and inform SC who send out gritters as soon as possible.

MV thanked SC for attending.

#### **5. Minutes of December Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes were accepted. Moved by AH, seconded by SR

Matters arising: JH attended the Mugdock management meeting and reported that most of the discussion was about roofing the courtyard. This is too expensive at present. They also discussed potholes and resurfacing of the temporary car park. They are looking for funding for this. They may have to start charging for parking. GL has thought about approaching Mugdock regarding resurfacing of the road at Craigallion. JH suggested that the Park could use the BVB to disseminate information to the public.

WO said that he circulated comments on the Planning Bill to CC members and then submitted our comments before the deadline. MV thanked him for his work on this matter.

JH mentioned a concern from a resident about the logs blocking Jenny's Burn. RD was looking into this and also the flooding issue on Milndavie Road and on Stockiemuir Road on our behalf. There has been no feedback yet on any of these. SC needs to take action, especially on Stockiemuir Road where the flooding is dangerous to traffic. AB and GL will also look into this.

RA said that the post at Park Place is still not being replaced. He thinks this is probably the horse riders. MV suggested that this could be mentioned in the BVB.

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## **6. Glasgow Airport Flight Path Consultation**

A very detailed document has been produced regarding this. First reading suggests that we will have fewer flight paths over our village than we had previously. There is a drop-in session for information at Bearsden Hub on March 16<sup>th</sup> and MV thought somebody from the CC should attend this to ensure that we understand the new routes correctly. She has raised a query about why Stirling councillors and MSPs have not been included on the consultation list, although the CCs are. MV suggested putting the map of the proposed new routes on the website.

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## **7. Feedback from Priority Based Budgeting Meeting**

MV said that it was useful to get the report in advance. MV has submitted our comments following an email discussion among CC members. She noted that some proposed big actions – removing support from the Smith library and from Big Noise – seem to have been stopped prior to the meeting. GL said that public opinion had been against these proposals.

We disagreed with several proposals: we do not agree with the sharing of primary school head teachers as the head of the primary school in a village is one of the leaders in the community. GL noted that SC has been operating shared headships in some primary schools for several years.

We have major concerns with reducing the frequency of grass cutting, the removal of flowerbeds and planting on roundabouts and the removal of the deep clean service. GL has requested to have grass cutting removed from the process but has not had confirmation of this.

MV suggested that refuse collection could be looked at again.

AB thought that the process was good in the first couple of years but feeble in recent years. It would be useful to re-vamp the process.

MV said that she wonders if the public are aware of the need for changes in council spending and the volume of job losses among council employees. These are seldom mentioned.

## **8. Planning and Licensing**

MV attended the local review body at Corrieknowe today. A decision on the site will be made at the end of February.

There were no new planning applications this month.

## **9. Elected Member's Report – Councillor Alistair Berrill**

The budget will be set on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is likely to be a rise in Council tax of about 3%. The council has received an extra £2.8 million from the Government. Some of this may be left in reserve to cushion cuts next year. An increase in the roads budget would be welcome. MV noted that there is no roads programme attached to the roads budget this year. It will follow after local consultations. GL also thinks that this is unusual. AB and GL think that the rural councillors should work together on roads issues, as city-based councillors do not understand rural issues. JG welcomed this idea and said it was good to see local councillors organising themselves along community lines rather than party lines. Rural Transport had extra money last year and has published a whole range of things to improve transport.

GL asked for the A811 to be trunked. This was refused but can still go to the minister. WO asked GL to let us know next time he plans to address this.

There is a tentative opening date for the aqueduct bridge to reopen at the end of March.

GL said that Christina Cox (Head of Planning) is considering allowing planning correspondents to refer proposals to a hearing without going through elected members.

## **9. Community Comments**

RA said that Blanefield residents would like a new bus shelter. This has been provided in the past few days. The bridge repairs at Park Place seem to be com-

plete. There is severe erosion of the edges of the burn after the recent rain. RA has reported this to SC. RA also noted that nothing has been done about the edging of the burn behind the temporary fencing at the King George 5<sup>th</sup> Park. Lorna Young said that children have been under the fence and could fall into the water.

GE attended the Neighbourhoods of care meeting this afternoon. There was a brief update on the project. Staff have been identified and 4 training sessions set up for them in February and March. Bonnie McDowell from the Presbytery of Scotland gave a presentation on ways of helping those in community who live with dementia and bringing awareness of this to the community. A successful pilot has been put in place in Dunblane with local residents and shops taking part to help those living with dementia. David Brown from SC attended to talk about local transport. He talked about greater use of DRT and raising awareness of the availability of this in the community. Most DRTs are not available on Sunday and David Brown suggested that we should email SC if we want Sunday DRTs. It is not clear how much of our area is served by DRTs and MMcN will contact David Brown to clarify this. Killin Health Centre is looking at some kind of car scheme to help with transport to Forth Valley Hospital.

## **10. Finance**

Current Account - £1312.93  
Instant Saver - £1185.75

SR reported that we still do not have anyone willing to examine the books. She asked if we could advertise in the BVB to see if anyone is available. EM will ask her neighbours if they would be willing to do this.

## **11. Correspondence**

MV has a letter from Scottish Water about the service from Burncrooks Water Treatment Works. This is due to be decommissioned and the service transferred to Milngavie. Scottish Water will keep us up to date.

## **12. AOB**

MMcN asked residents to keep logs of broadband issues. He has had no response. People are generally unhappy with the service but don't provide details. MV said that there is nothing we can do if people won't report issues. WO suggested an article in the BVB nominating a particular week when people could log issues and send these to MMcN. MV said this is a good idea.



16. Date of next meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 **in the Village Club**

**Copy date for the BVB is February 19<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

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