



MINUTES
Monday 4th September 2017 in the Village Club
Draft for Approval

Members Present: - Margaret Vass, Alan Hutton, Richard Arnold, Julie Hutchison, Grace Edmonds, Marian Lever, Willie Oswald, John Gray, Evelyn MacDougall, Mike McNulty

In attendance: Councillor Rob Davies, Barrie Monteith and Tom Melrose from Scottish Power, Stuart and David Fraser + 10 residents.

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

1. Welcome from the Chair and any apologies

Apologies – Ian Denvir, Avril Keen and Sue Rand

MV opened the meeting and welcomed Rev Murdo Campbell, the new minister.

2. Declaration of interests –

MV declared an interest in the Planning application for Campsie Dene Road as she is a neighbour.

3. Police Report

There was no police presence at the meeting so MV briefly summarised the report. The full report can be viewed on the web site.

4. Scottish Power Infrastructure Improvements – Barrie Monteith

SP Energy Networks is planning a major upgrade to overhead lines in our area, working in partnership with their service partners IQA and Generator Power. The work may cause some disruption to services but this will be minimised as much as possible. Premises, both business and residential, which are expected to see considerable disruption to supply, will be provided with generators.

The work will take place in the Kyber area from early – mid September, in Mugdock from mid – late September and in Strathblane/Blanefield from early – mid October.

Contact details for the contractors and to report any issues are in the leaflet distributed with the August edition of the BVB

MV thanked Barrie Monteith for attending and for his presentation

5. Carbeth Inn Development - Stuart Fraser

The Fraser family purchased the Carbeth Inn in December 2016 and plans for development of the site are still at pre-application stage. The cottage is currently being renovated and there are plans to replace the building behind it with a garage/storage area with a small flat above. This is still in the early planning stage.

The Frasers are working with the Roads Department to move the 30mph sign back towards the bridge. The entrance to the Inn car park is being moved to a safer place.

Disabled access to the Inn will also be improved

In the short term there are plans for a small coffee shop, which will eventually become a drive-through coffee shop and café.

The refurbishment of the Inn itself has just started but the family hopes to retain as many of the original features as possible with the addition of a glass wall in the restaurant.

MV commented that it is nice to have somebody come to give us an overview of their plans, which will put future planning applications into context.

She gave a huge thank you to Stuart for coming to talk to us.

6. a) Minutes of June meeting and matters arising

The minutes were proposed by WO and seconded by ML

Matters arising:

MV has been in contact with SC regarding grass cutting. We should have a 10-day frequency but this has not been the case. The problem has been due to lack of workers, but new workers have recently been hired so the issue should be resolved.

The yellow lines on Old Mugdock Road have not appeared. MV raised concerns about parking at the bottom of Campsie Dene Road, but has had no response from SC.

The quality of the infill on the pavements resulting from the lighting project is very poor. ML hoped that somebody from SC would inspect this before the project is complete.

EM asked if there would be a new schedule for bin emptying. RD said that new schedules are being printed.

b) Minutes of Special meeting 31st July

The minutes were proposed by WO and seconded by ML

7. Minutes of AGM 2017 for accuracy

The meeting agreed that these minutes are an accurate record of the meeting

8. CC members' responsibilities

In terms of succession planning the following roles were agreed:

Environment – JH

Roads – MM

Treasurer – EM will shadow SR this year

9. Planning and Licensing

ML took over the chair for this discussion.

Application to build two houses in the garden of Corrieknowe on Campsie Dene Road.

We would possibly want to raise concerns about access to these properties. WO suggested that we might object to two houses and suggest only one house of one and a half storeys. JG said we should put conditions in terms of size of the dwellings proposed. There is concern that these dwellings will be more visible when entering the village. The site plan supplied with the application has several errors. Neighbours are concerned about loss of views from their properties and that the density being added to the area does not reflect the character of the place.

This is an application in principal, but neighbours want to register major concerns at this stage.

JG asked if the meeting agreed to objecting to loss of character in the area and also objecting to the lack of accuracy in the plan. This was agreed.

Keith Vass mentioned the lack of passing places on Campsie Dene Road and suggested that there should be a submission that a new drive should be wide enough to allow a passing area.

JG will draft a response to planning and circulate this to CC members. He also clarified that CC members are happy with the proposals at Carbeth.

JG gave a brief update on the Gladman proposals. The Reporter is due to judge the housing need section of the LDP. This will be key to whether Gladman can use this aspect as a lever.

ML moved that the CC gave special thanks to JG for the enormous amount of work he has done on the Gladman application. This was unanimously agreed.

MV said there has been the usual notification of Public Procession for Armistice Day. We have no concerns about this.

JG asked if anybody is free to attend a training day in Edinburgh about the new Planning System on September 22nd. He will circulate the email to CC members. WO offered to attend this.

10. Feedback:
community asset study:

MV reported that there have now been 4 meetings. She thinks it has been a useful process in terms of the feasibility study. The next stage is detailed costing followed by another discussion about priorities. We are unlikely to be a priority for funding.

place-based approach pilot SW Rural Stirling Area

MV reported that this meeting was postponed.

local outcome improvement plan

MV attended a seminar in Stirling going through the local improvement plan. Those attending were promised feedback from this but this has not happened. She was disappointed that much of the discussion focussed on urban areas.

11. Community comments

MV has sent an email to Alan Milliken about the bothy but has had no reply. The transfer of title took 18 months. The CDT has been pursuing all the necessary approvals to renovate the building but this has been very slow. The building warrant was submitted in April. Building control is insisting that the existing toilet is reinstated but it is unclear why as the bothy will just be a shelter containing some local information.

ML gave an update on Health and Social Care:

The Shared Lives initiative discussed at the last meeting has been cancelled. The business plan for the Neighbourhoods of Care project has been agreed by the Integrated Joint Board and the area has been extended to reflect the catchment areas of some GPs.

The Stirling Carer's Centre offers a variety of support for carers in the area, including a Rural carers group. The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 will establish that carers who meet the eligibility criteria will have the right to support through an Adult Carer Support Plan. Those who do not meet the criteria will also have the right to other forms of support. The local authority will have a statutory duty to support carers.

Solicitors for Older People Scotland will provide help in creating a Power of Attorney if required.

Town Break has been working for 25 years to support people with dementia, largely in Stirling. There is now a new group meeting monthly in Killearn. Clients need to be invited and must have a diagnosis of dementia.

The CC now owns the two phone boxes in the village. There are plans to install defibrillators in both of these.

The Strathblane Community Fund hopes to purchase a Community Keyboard, which will be kept in the Village Club for groups to use. Dementia friendly signage will also be provided for the Village Club. After this expenditure the Church would like the CC to hold the remaining funds on behalf of the community. This was agreed,

WO gave a report on Community Resilience:

After a meeting in June to look at ways to make our Community Resilience plan more effective there are several suggestions that require approval by the CC.

There needs to be a central location to be a focal point for emergency activities. The Village Club seems ideal for this purpose. WO has raised this possibility with the VC committee and received a positive response. This was agreed by the meeting and WO will write a formal letter to the VC committee. It will be necessary to install a telephone landline base socket in the VC for it to be effective as a base for emergency activities. The cost for this will have to be covered by the CC. WO will include this in the letter. WO suggested that emergency equipment could perhaps be stored in the VC. At present it is accommodated by the chair of the CC. Again this will be included in the letter to the VC. SSE provides funds for emergency community generators. As we are outside the SSE area WO suggested asking Scottish Power to consider funding a suitable generator for use in the VC. MV suggested that we apply for a Community Pride grant to cover some of the cost of this equipment. The meeting agreed to the expenditure necessary subject to how much it is likely to be.

RA asked the meeting to finally agree to the signs at the park. This was agreed and RA will arrange for the signs to be erected.

RA has had no response from SC regarding a slab of concrete that has fallen into a dangerous position in the river. RD will look into this and RA will also follow it up. RA has also reported the wooden edging in the play park, which is rotting, exposing nails. SC said that this would be repaired the next week, but this has not been done.

RA also reported a sewage overflow behind High Pines. RA will contact Scottish Water.

Douglas McAdam asked if there has been any update regarding the new cemetery. SC has not responded to our enquiries about this.

MV thanked WO for repainting the welcome boards at the each end of the village. It has been suggested that there should also be a welcome board on Campsie Road. MV said we need to establish the cost of this and then apply for a grant.

12. Elected Member's Report

RD had nothing to report apart from areas already covered during the meeting. The road at Ballat will be closed from September 18th for several months. RD is concerned that the diversion via Blane Smiddy will make the situation with parking at Finnich Glen worse.

13. Finance

SR has transferred £1000.00 from the Instant saver account to the Current Account to cover the following costs:

Consultation survey and public meeting for the Gladman planning proposal - £283.63

The flowering tubs - £248.00

Monthly cost of the BVB - £120.00

Printing of the dog fouling posters - £135

The Village Club committee has offered to waive the cost of hiring the hall for the Gladman drop-in sessions. GE will write to the VC to accept this offer and to thank them.

14. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd October 2017 in the Village Club

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