



MINUTES
Monday 6th November 2017 in the Village Club
Final

Members Present: - Willie Oswald; Sue Rand; Julie Hutchison; Margaret Vass; John Gray; Richard Arnold; Evelyn Macdougall; Marian Lever; Alan Hutton

Apologies : Mike McNulty; Avril Keen;

In attendance: Councillor Alistair Berrill; Tom Melrose, SP Networks; Gregory Addison-Smyth, IQA + 7 residents.

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

1. Welcome from the Chair and any apologies

Apologies – as above

MV welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests –

There were no declarations of interest.

3. This was an extra item due to recent damage to the bridge on the Ash Track.

TM from SP Networks apologised for the damage and said that a blacksmith has looked at the damage and will repair it. This is likely to take around 6 weeks. G A-S also apologised on behalf of IQA.

AH mentioned vehicular damage to the link path. G A-S will look into this.

MV mentioned that trees have been cut down. TM said he did not think this was done by SP, but would look into it.

RA raised the issue of mud on the path along the playing field and the railway line. SP intends to clear this once the work has finished.

MV thanked TM and G A-S for their attendance.

4. Minutes of October meeting and matters arising

The minutes were passed; proposed by JH and seconded by SR

Matters arising

The Bothy: Issues with Building Regulations have now been resolved and we expect to get a building warrant shortly.

Review of Community Councils: WO and ML will attend a seminar at Viewforth on November 25th. JG will act as reserve. MV proposed that CC members have a short meeting to complete the questionnaire as a council as well as completing it individually. This was agreed and a suitable date will be found.

Seat in the play park: Sue Graves from SCDT has said that it should be no problem to have the seat repaired, however MV still hopes that SC will take responsibility for the repairs.

Yellow lines on Old Mugdock Road: JG mentioned that none of the residents seem to have been notified about the proposed yellow lines.

ML reported that she has tried repeatedly to contact the lady who had problems getting medical attention for her husband, but has had no success. She has now written to the lady asking if we can help in any way.

5. Dates of Future CC Meetings

These have been sent to SC and GE will circulate the list to all CC members. It is planned to have all future meetings in the VC. SC has undertaken to pay for the lets for 6 months and the CC will pay if this is not extended.

6. Police Report

Two cars have been damaged outside the co-op this month. There has been a report of a suspicious vehicle in the village and the police are reminding people of the importance of reporting anything they may think is suspicious.

There has been sheep worrying at the top of Old Mugdock Road, resulting in the death of a sheep. The police are investigating and reminded everybody that dogs must be under control, preferably on a lead, when among livestock.

Speed checks are continuing on Campsie Road and 60 speeding tickets have been issued in the last two months.

The full report is available on the website.

7. Community Asset Study

MV had hoped to have a good discussion about this but has still had no formal discussion with Fiona Scott at SC about how to take this forward. She reported that most of the participants had stopped attending by the final meeting. She proposed to leave this off the agenda in the meantime.

MV mentioned that, apart from the pre-school provision, the school is unlikely to be upgraded due to lack of funding. The costs for the recommended option of new library, school hall, extra classroom and breakout area are an estimated £2.5 million

8. Your Place, Your Priorities

MV, ML and GE attended this meeting on October 24th. ML reported that the predominant feeling was that we had heard it all before and that nothing happens. The participants were divided into four groups and asked to write down the

issues our communities face. Common themes revolved around transport, especially for younger people, difficulties in recruiting local volunteers, lack of local resources, problems for our aging population and the focus on Stirling. We then discussed local priorities, which were recorded by the staff team and we were promised feedback on the next steps.

9. Planning and Licensing

a) Update on Campsie Road. This will be discussed at the planning panel tomorrow, November 7th. MV and JG will attend the meeting. The Planning Officer recommends rejecting the plan, as it is contrary to the LDP. The panel could reject the application, ask for a site visit or ignore the recommendation and accept it. The applicant can appeal once the decision has been made. The latest version of the plan has been amended to avoid any housing on the burial site, which means that Historic Environment Scotland no longer objects. SEPA and Education have also said they are happy with the revised plan. SC is still waiting for the Reporter's decision on whether it has enough designated housing land. It is confident that it does.

b) Two other applications: [14/00693](#)/FUL – This is a renewal, which was originally passed four years ago. We have no concerns about this.

[17/00801](#)/FUL - This is the Retreat, behind “Braehead” on Cuilt Road. The proposal is to replace the current small, one storey building with a two storey, three-bedroom house and to create a vehicular entrance onto the main road. The house will be visible from the road coming out of the village and the prominence of the building might conflict with Green Belt issues. WE agreed to oppose the application on the above grounds, but that a single storey dwelling would be acceptable.

It was also noted that the proposal for two houses in the grounds of Corrieknowe has been refused.

10. Road Matters

There will be a site meeting at the bridge on Station Road on December 5th.

MV noted that there are traffic-calming measures in place in some of the other villages in the area and wondered if we need to keep some pressure on SC to provide some in our village, especially on the main road. WO suggested that we should ask SC what could be done to slow the traffic. He suggested that we should inquire about any Scottish Government grant schemes that could help in this area. AB said we should keep pressure on SC regarding traffic.

11. Elected Member's Report – Councillor Alistair Berrill

AB noted our concern that that the CCs had not been told in advance that there would be a consultation on the role of the CCs. He will pass these on to SC.

Residents will not be able to have a second blue refuse box to accommodate the new four-weekly collection. EM asked why only one bin is usually collected from the houses on Cuilt Road. AB will ask about this. The calendars seem to be incorrect so people are uncertain when to leave out bins. WO said that only notifying changes to bin collections on the Internet presupposes that everybody has access to the Internet. This is not the case. Calendars will also be available in libraries. MV said these could be sent out along with Council Tax notices. No more green food bags will be issued. Food waste should be put directly into the brown bin, or wrapped in newspaper. MV will invite George Somerville from Waste services to the next CC meeting.

The Kerse Road railway bridge in Stirling will be closed for almost a year, causing major traffic disruption.

AB has been trying to have something done about the poor quality of the white lines on the A811.

12. Community Comments

JH was told that there are still poppies from last year on the War Memorial. She will remove them before the service next Sunday.

MKL informed the meeting that the next Communities of Care meeting is being held next week. ML and GE will attend this.

MV said that the Christmas lights would be switched on on December 12th. The time is still to be confirmed. We propose to decorate the hall and Christmas tree on Friday December 8th.

WO said that the proposed new welcome board for Campsie Road would cost £160 plus VAT. He has not yet spoken to roads regarding a potential site for the board but will do so.

WO has spoken to Tom Melrose from SP Networks about providing an emergency generator as part of the Community Resilience Emergency Plan. TM said that the power network here is extremely robust. SP has access to various weather reports to enable personnel to be on standby for adverse weather. He offered to copy us into these and to supply a generator if necessary. WO proposed that The CC confirm acceptance of this. This was agreed.

ML reported that the Community Fund has almost resolved the issue of keyboard and storage in the VC. She still has to talk to the Edmonstone hall about signage. Any excess funds will be transferred to the CC to hold until needed.

JG said that that the VC committee is looking at options to increase storage. He has volunteered to have some pre-planning discussions with SCV in advance of a possible planning application.

AH wondered if key CC documents could be stored in the locked bookcases in the VC. MV said that this would have to be taken to the VC committee.

JH has contacted Kevin McCormack regarding the provision of daffodil bulbs for the Blanefield end of the village. He hopes to supply some.

MV raised the issue of the Edmonstone Hall. The AGM is on November 15th and four long-standing members of the management committee are standing down. If no one comes forward to take over the hall will close in January. There was a small notice in the BVB asking for volunteers but no one responded. MV hopes

that if the hall closes after the AGM people might volunteer. It has been suggested that the VC management committee might take a watching brief for the Edmonstone Hall also until volunteers are found.

RA reported that the sign about the post at Park Place has been erected, but the post is still not being replaced. RA will write to Fiona Aborida regarding her clients' use of the road.

13. Finance

Current Account - £1448.00

Instant Saver - £1337.00

SR reported that there has been no payment from SP yet. AH will pursue this. MV said that we should be applying for grants whenever possible. SR will speak to Jean Cowie at SC about the possibility of applying for repeat funding for the tubs etc. as other CCs seem to do this.

14. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month

15. Date of next meeting Monday 4th December 2017 in the Village Club

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