



MINUTES
Monday 3rd September 2018 in the Village Club
Draft

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

In attendance: Councillor Rob Davies; Ian Denvir; Carlyn Fraser SC; Lynne McKinley SC; + 6 residents.

*(SC = Stirling Council. CC = Community Council. CDT= Community Development Trust * De-notes an action)*

Apologies: Avril Keen; Scott Craigie - Police Scotland

1. Welcome from the Chair and any apologies

MV welcomed those present. She thanked JH for her work on the tubs, especially during the dry weather. She also thanked the community for the turnout to support the riders during the European Cycling event in August. She noted that SC received some money from the European Cycling Championship to benefit communities affected, however none of this was allocated to our area.

There was very bad weather during the Mugstock festival this year. They are now actively fundraising to compensate for the loss made due to this.

The result of the Gladman appeal was a resounding no from the Reporter. This is an excellent result for the village.

Ian Denvir has been appointed to a new post in the Neighbourhoods of Care team and will no longer be Community Link Officer. MV offered our congratulations to Ian on his new role.

2. Police Report

PC Craigie was not present as he is on leave. MV was sorry to report that he has been moved from his current role as Ward Officer.

There have been reports of youths congregating in the school grounds at weekends. Officers will continue to monitor this.

Two males were arrested for shouting and swearing on Glasgow Road. A vehicle was vandalised on Old Mugdock road. Someone entered an insecure close on Milndavie Crescent and wrote on the wall.

There was an attempted break-in at a house on Kirkland Avenue. Personal items were stolen from a flat in Netherblane during a sneak in theft. There was a break in at Caulders Garden Centre.

The issues with parking on the A809 near to the Devil's Pulpit are still ongoing. The Police will continue to uplift vehicles parked dangerously or causing an obstruction and the owners will be charged accordingly. Since the last meeting there have been 12 fixed penalty notices issued to drivers at this location.

The actions of people requiring rescue from the gorge will now be the subject of police investigation. If it is found that their actions constitute the Common Law crime of Reckless Conduct they will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

There have been two reportable road accidents in the Strathblane area since the last meeting.

3. Minutes of ` June meeting and matters arising.

The Minutes were approved; Proposed by JH and Seconded by ML.

There were no matters arising.

MV requested that the AGM minutes should be agreed for accuracy. This was agreed.

4. Roads Participation Request – Lynne McKinley and Carlyn Fraser.

Lynne McKinley said that community bodies can now make participation requests to SC among other bodies. This is a formal process. Essentially the legislation recommends that the councils accept these requests. We were the first in the Stirling area to apply for a request. SC looked at it and agreed that we could participate in road safety issues and that these were linked with parking. An annual report has to be produced for every participation request. Members of the community will meet with officers from SC no more than four times between July 2018 and February 2019 to map out what has already been done and to create an outcome improvement plan. Nicky Wallace and Carlyn Fraser will work with us on this.

SR asked if CC members who are not re-elected in October can still participate in the process. Yes, they can.

AH asked if extra resources might be allocated to our area as a result of this process. There is £43,000 allocated to Strathblane for the current year. Work for anything agreed in the improvement plan will come from the 2019-20 budget. AH also asked to what extent SC works with Police Scotland regarding policing of road safety. Lynne McKinley said that representatives from the police could be invited to attend one of the sessions on the improvement plan. JG asked if the meetings would be public. Lynne McKinley said that they are by invitation. She asked if all CC members would be involved, but we decided on a sub group to participate in this process. It was agreed that MMcN, ML, GE, RA and EM will form this group. GE will email Lynne with addresses for these people. It was also agreed that we should start the process now rather than waiting for the new CC in October.

MV asked about how the available money will be spent on Campsie Road and the main road. Carlyn Fraser said that no decision has been taken about this yet. She asked us to let her know if there are any areas we have particular concerns about regarding speed. MMcN will send her a map of these areas ASAP.

AH asked whether chicanes on Campsie Road would be within the budget. Caroline thought that they would.

RD asked when the last traffic count took place on the A809. Carlyn did not know.

EM updated the meeting on the situation with the road flooding at the Fishery. New drains have been installed and it is hoped that this will solve the problem.

5. Succession Planning

Lynne MCKinley said that the formal notice of CC elections will be posted on September 5th 2018. The nomination forms will be available when the ballot opens on October 1st and the ballot will remain open until 4.00pm on October 18th. Between 4.00pm and 5.00pm anyone can withdraw. Current CC members will cease to be community councillors on October 18th. After the nomination period ends there will be several timescales – if we have sufficient nominations to form a new CC, but not to exceed our maximum number, there will be no election and the inaugural meeting of the new CC will be early November. If there needs to be an election the inaugural meeting will be later. There is no longer a ward system for CC elections.

The members agreed that we will hold our final CC meeting in October.

Lynne thanked all CC members for their work and commitment over the years.

MV suggested that the CC board should be put in the library to draw attention to the need for new members. All members need to encourage people to stand. We should also be reminding people that AH will no longer be producing the BVB and unless somebody will take this on the BVB will

no longer be available. AH is happy to meet with anyone willing to take over. The next issue of the BVB will concentrate on succession planning.
SR said that it would be a great pity if the BVB was lost.

6. Planning and Licensing

Two members of the public attended the meeting to inform us of their plans to erect a house in Edenkiln Place. This will be an extra terrace house adjoining their property. MV said that the CC encourages infill projects like this and thanked them for sharing their plans before the application is submitted. It will be a good use of space that is currently unused. The meeting had no objections in principle to this plan.

SR said that she has been asked about the building on Moor Road and how many houses are being built. JG said that it is one large house.

MV noted again that the Gladman decision has been reached and the appeal rejected.

7. Feedback from the Neighbourhoods of Care meeting - August 13th 2018

Neighbourhoods model of care:

The team now meets monthly in Balfron but there are ongoing discussions about the most appropriate base. The idea is that the team is to be self-managing but so far the Joint Board has been unable to recruit a Team Coach to help them. Ian Denvir will take up his new post as Resource worker soon.

Community Pharmacy Initiative:

All pharmacies are being encouraged to become dementia friendly. The Health board has produced a checklist for them to audit their premises. ML suggested that she should ask for a copy of this checklist. ID said that he can send her one. They also need to have a private space in which to offer advice and treatment for a variety of minor illnesses and injuries. Pharmacies also offer a stop smoking service for up to 12 weeks for all aged 12 years and over. They can also prescribe the morning after pill to those aged 13 years if the pharmacist has completed child protection training. There is a very helpful leaflet describing the services available at the pharmacy, the local surgery and the library. The team will visit primary schools to talk to pupils in P5 -7 and ML will ask the local primary if they would like to participate in this.

Anticipatory Care planning: The meeting was shown the Care Plan booklet and all are encouraged to complete one in discussion with family, friends and GPs. The staff can arrange a visit help with this and to discuss what care is needed. They can be reached on the ALFY number which is now a single point of contact for ALFY and the District Nurses. The team is able to visit

Dementia friendly Communities: There is now a Stirling dementia plan, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Community Comments

MV reported alleged fly tipping in the field behind Blue Risk. JG looked at the site and thinks it might be historical, uncovered by work currently taking place on the site. It was noted that there has also been work carried out in the field opposite Blue Risk. MMcN said that he had been approached by a neighbour who believes that the owner of the land intends to apply for planning permission for housing in that field. A neighbour reported that there are often vans parked on the new hard standing at the entrance to the field. MV asked if we should talk to the planners about this. JG will do this. GE will reply to the resident who contacted MV originally.

MV has also been contacted about the new post box on Kirkhouse Road, which is still locked. Residents want the old traditional post box put back. RA has emailed the Post Office about this but has had no reply. He will follow this up. EM asked RA to enquire about the post box at the end of Cuilt Road, which has not been replaced.

MV has had a number of comments about dog-waste bins being removed. SC is reducing the number of dog bins and encouraging people to use the waste bins instead, but in some area there are no waste bins. Waste bins in the village are also being moved with no consultation. The

one at the end of Campsie Dene road has been moved to the bus stop. JH spoke to SC about this and Donna Mills will get back to her.

We have been contacted about the Deep Clean at the end of October and asked to identify areas that need attention. JH agreed with MV that the area around the old toilets needs attention and also the pavement opposite Netherblane. MMcN said that the bus stop opposite Ballewan Crescent should also be done. JH will notify the Deep Clean team. EM said that a resident cleared the litter from the West Highland Way near Carbeth. GE will write to thank him.

First Bus has asked us to remind people to cut back hedges that are encroaching on the roads or pavements. SC can take enforcement action if necessary. This will be highlighted in the BVB. WO mentioned the issue with tree branches obscuring the streetlights near the Kikhouse. This has been an issue for several years and nothing has been done.

JH has spoken to SC about the overgrowth at the burn on Station Road. Donna Mills has agreed to look at this while she is visiting the play park. JH will report on this once the site visit has taken place.

MMcN reported an issue with birds nesting under the photoelectric cells on council houses. This causes mess but SC will not clear this. Netting should be put in place when the cells are put up. RD will take this issue up with SC.

Sheila Hall said that the Village Club will support any traffic calming measures outside the Club. Cathy Norden said that horses are using the Ash Track instead of the grass. The sign indicating where horses are permitted has disappeared. SR asked if the CC could have the sign replaced and RA will look into this.

9. Elected Members Report - Councillor Rob Davies

RD reported that Stewart Carruth is standing down as chief executive of SC with immediate effect and Carol Beattie is interim Chief Executive.

There has been a discussion about webcasting council meetings. The council is keen to increase community awareness of the council and this might help. It will also make the council more accountable. RD asked for the opinion of the meeting about this. All CC members were in favour.

RD met with Heat Energy Scotland who are keen to talk to CCs about the advice they can offer on energy efficiency. MV suggested that this should wait until after the CC elections. RD will feed back to them and send contact details to GE.

RD and GL attended a meeting regarding parking in the national Park. The authorities are aware of major issues in the summer months. Finnich Glen continues to be an issue. There is a consultation in Killearn village hall on September 28th from 3-8pm about possible solutions to this issue. RD asked the full council meeting how many people use the West highland way. There is no real answer to this but numbers are increasing. The National Park estimates that visitors to the WHW spend £9 million per annum. They need facilities and parking.

10. AOB

ML asked if the dates when the Citizens Advice will be in the library could be put in the BVB. AH said that this can be done. MV suggested that he includes a reminder about this service in the next issue of the BVB.

Finance: - Current Account - £1122.43
Instant Saver - £1338.33



Ra raised the issue of the data projector. It is starting to misbehave and will need to be replaced soon. EM will look into a Community Pride Grant for this. GE mentioned that the speaker also needs to be replaced.

16. Date of next meeting Monday 1st October 2018 in the Village Club

Copy date for the BVB is Monday September 17th 2018.

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