



**MINUTES**  
**Monday 3rd December 2018 in the Village Club**  
**Draft**

**Members Present:** - Mike McNulty; Marian Lever; Grace Edmonds; Julie Hutchison; Mandy Watson; John Gray

**In attendance:** police Constables Graham and Martin, Police Scotland, Alan Harris, Co-op +7 residents.

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

**Apologies:** Evelyn Macdougall; Philip Graves and Pam Campbell

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

MMcN welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced himself as the new Chair.

### **2. Police Report**

The new Ward officers, Constables Steven Graham and Gary Martin attended the meeting. There have been high visibility road checks in the village recently in an effort to detect travelling criminals. This resulted in an arrest for possession of cannabis. A further two males were found in possession of cannabis at Mugdock Country Park.

There have been several housebreakings in properties in the village. PC Graham emphasised the importance of making homes look occupied in the dark evenings and of locking properties and outbuildings securely. This message will be reinforced in the BVB.

There have been two road traffic accidents in the area recently, but no major injuries were sustained. Police Scotland continues to carry out patrols in the area in both marked and unmarked cars.

MMcN thanked the officers for attending the meeting.

### **3. Minutes of Inaugural meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were accepted, proposed by JG and seconded by ML  
There were no matters arising.

### **4. Fracking**

MMcN said that in his opinion this is too complex an issue to discuss in any meaningful way at a scheduled CC meeting. If the community feels strongly about this he proposed arranging a separate committee to discuss the issue. This was agreed. The CC will look at this again in a future meeting.

### **5. Alan Harris – Co-op**

The Co-op presented cheques totalling over £3000.00 to the three causes in the past year, the Fun Hut, the Pipe band and Mugstock. This year's causes are Strathblane primary PTA, Out of School Club and Cuppa Time.

The Kirkhouse Inn has offered to provide the venue for the Showcase that AH hopes to hold next year. He will consult with local organisations about a suitable time to hold this.

AH left business cards in case anybody wants to get in touch with him regarding donations from the co-op. ML suggested that the Lunch Club could ask for donations of chocolates as gifts to those attending at Christmas.

AH has spoken to Graham Lambie regarding car parking at the co-op and signage on the main road so that visitors know where it is. GL said he would look into this but AH has not yet heard from him. MMcN said that he does not know the answer to the issue of parking on Old Mugdock Road but will take this up with SC. MW offered to find out who owns the land opposite the co-op.

## **6. Christmas Trees Lights**

JH had an email regarding the tree. It will be delivered by Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that as many members of the CC as possible will meet at 9.00 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> to decorate the hall and tree.

JH has spoken to the school regarding nominating a child to switch on the lights. She has bought napkins and will buy mulled wine.

GE has spoken to the Co-op who will donate mince pies and AH offered to donate sweets for the children and a small gift for the child who switches on the lights.

## **7. Elected Member's report**

There was no elected member present at the meeting..

## **8. Planning and Licensing**

JG said that he has emailed Pam Campbell to let her know the new email address for planning contacts that he has set up.

There is a consultation on SC guidance on the Local development Plan. MW offered to look at this and report back at the next meeting. The deadline for comments is January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

A resident said that he had heard that Gladman has appealed to the Court of Session. JG could not find this on the Court of Session website and has asked the SC Planning officer to look into it. We will also continue to investigate. MMcN asked if there is a timescale for appeals like this and a resident suggested contacting the DPA.

JG asked about the status of the field at Old Mugdock road and Milndavie Road. SC is going to look into this and JG will follow this up.

A resident mentioned planning approval granted for a house near Moor Road, and is concerned about access. ML said we commented on the access when the application was made. We also commented on the fact that four houses should generate a Community Gain but that the four applications were made separately. The resident said that there is mention of a Community gain in the approval.

## **9. Feedback from the Neighbourhoods Of Care meeting**

GE and ML attended this meeting on 12 November 2018.

Ian Denvir has taken up his post as the resource worker with the Neighbourhoods of Care group.

1. Update on Neighbourhoods of care: The care team base is moving from Cherry Trees to Bucklyvie and the building, which is dangerous will be demolished as soon as possible. ML asked for clarification about Strathendrick itself. It seems that its fate is not clear. The argument is that the Bellfield Centre in Stirling will offer state of the art provision and the Integrated Joint Board cannot offer less than this to residents elsewhere. ML will keep an eye on developments but would like guidance on this from the CC. Is our priority Local facilities in Balfron or the first class provision in Stirling for our residents?

A resident said that she feels SC is backsliding on this issue as the local CCs campaigned several years ago to keep Strathendrick open. MMcN said that local provision for local people is paramount and ML pointed out that Strathendrick works very well as it is. She will contact the other local CCs to ask for their views. We will discuss this further at the next meeting

2. FROG is a new digital directory for Stirling. FROG .net brings together health, wellbeing and social care service providers in addition to businesses, groups, visitor attractions and local activities. All these will be found in one single, easy to use digital directory. Stirling Council is sponsoring this by offering free access to it for three years. After that businesses will be charged but all voluntary organisations will continue to

have free access to publicise its activities and advertise volunteering opportunities.

We put some leaflets about this in the Library.

3. The Big Conversation about budget priorities. This group focussed on the suggestions about Care. There is a focus on housing of young people coming out of the care system and better ways to house them instead of expensive bed and breakfast which is not ideal anyway. There is also a recommendation to extend the cooperative approach that we have in the Rural South West to all other areas.

There is to be an evaluation of how the Integrated Joint Board delivery is working so far and ML has volunteered to serve on the group doing this.

## **10. Feedback from The Big Conversation**

MV and MMcN attended this meeting. MMcN thinks that SC seems to be making a real effort to engage residents in budget discussions. The outcome of these meetings is not yet known but there will be cuts. MV said that the process felt better than Priority Based Budgeting in the past and the meeting was better attended. ML thinks that there are some sensible proposals for raising income.

There will be another round of meetings before decisions are made.

## **11. Feedback from Community Engagement on Road Safety**

There have been two meetings so far where we put forward our concerns about road safety. The representatives from SC are looking at possible options to reduce speeding and will have some proposals to discuss at the next meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an ongoing process. MMcN would value comments from residents regarding safety in different areas of the village. The consultation process allows us to talk to SC and they seem to be listening. We are also able to feed back local information to them.

## **12. Community Comments**

MMcN talked about the road works at Station Road Bridge. A resident said that they has received information about this and had responded with some suggestions. He asked SC what the layout would be but SC could not answer this. He also spoke to MMcN and they realised that the layout is not as expected. Signposts will indicate priority for traffic leaving the village but the road layout does not support this. Angela McGibbon from SC told the resident that the work is predominantly to widen the footpath for the Safer Routes to School initiative, which is where the funding came from. She claimed to have had no communication from the CC about this but we know this is not the case. MMcN has emailed SC regarding this work but has had no response. He thinks there needs to be a physical obstruction further up the Cult Brae to create a chicane. The resident is concerned that SC has created a worse situation than previously. JG noted that there is an issue with trees overhanging Station Road at this point, creating poor sight lines in summer. There is also the issue that the footpath has not been widened far enough to meet the new footpath. JG said we have to plan for occasions when there is an obstruction on the main road and Station Road is used as a diversion. MMcN will contact SC tomorrow about these issues.

A resident talked about land wash from the field running into gardens at Edenkiln Place. Trees in the field were ripped up when the site was cleared, damaging the drainage system leading to the culvert on Glasgow Road. Rusty water is being deposited in the gardens at Edenkiln Place. GL said that he would look into this but the resident has not heard from him. MMcN will contact GL.

ML updated the meeting about the lunch club. They are still trying to confirm that SC will continue to pay the rent for the Edmonstone Hall and to provide the lunches. ML is trying to organize a food-handling course for the volunteers.

JH met Donna Mills from Land services to discuss new equipment in the play park. The original plan came from Greenheart and included a tower for older children. SC will look into this and also at replacing the nets on the goal posts. Some of the money will be used to replace the roundabout.

We do not have an editor for the BVB. JG manages the email accounts and updates the website, but needs help with this. The meeting agreed that we should try to keep the BVB in paper form, as many residents do not use computers. JH is happy to continue to put the bundles

together and distribute these. We hope that we can form a sub-committee to produce the BVB in future.

**16. Date of next meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**

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