

MINUTES
Monday 6th January 2020 in the Village Club
Draft

Members Present: - Grace Edmonds; Julie Hutchison; John Gray; Kate Ramsden; Evelyn Macdougall, Philip Graves

Apologies: Mandy Watson

In attendance: Cllr Rob Davies; M Vass, SCDT; Pam Campbell, SC; PC Graham, Police Scotland; +11 residents.

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

1. Welcome from the Chair and declarations of Interest

JH welcomed everybody to the meeting. There were no Declarations of Interest

2. Election of temporary Chair

GE asked for nominations for the post of temporary Chair. JH was nominated by EM and seconded by PG. There were no other nominations and JH was elected unanimously. JH then asked for nominations for a temporary Vice-chair. KR was nominated by JH and seconded by GE. There were no other nominations and KR was elected unanimously.

3. Co-option of new member.

This did not take place as the legal requirements had been held up

4. Police report.

PC Graham reported that rubble had been dumped illegally on private property at Mugdock Country Park. Enquiries are continuing and a positive line of enquiry is being followed up. There were several reports concerning vehicles that were parked inconsiderately. The owners were contacted and requested to remove these. There was one road traffic accident on the Lennoxton Road, where a driver hit a telegraph pole and received minor injuries.

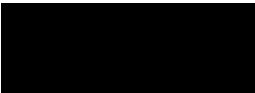
There was a theft from a vehicle in Mugdock Country Park and PC Graham reminded the meeting not to leave valuables in sight in parked cars. On December 19th an attempt was made to break into a house on Glasgow Road. The daughter of the owner observed the man but did not phone the police. When the owner returned home and contacted the police the man had gone.

5. Planning and Licensing

This item was moved in the agenda at the request of members of the public.

JG reported that there have been two applications submitted for houses on Moor Road. Both of these are replacements for existing houses. JG will look at the applications in detail and email CC members if there are any issues.

[19/00950/FUL](#) Holiday pods at the Blane Valley Inn. This application has been resubmitted. The owner was invited to attend the meeting but is currently on holiday. JG had



permission to visit the site with some of the neighbours. The neighbours are concerned about the height of the pods, which will be looking into their gardens due to the slope of the ground. They are also concerned about parking, drainage and security. The owner has assured the CC that there will be somebody living in the accommodation above the pub who will be able to monitor the pods, but if the property is sold this cannot be guaranteed. Another neighbour mentioned that the application talks about S Pod 16, a six-berth pod. It is unclear if these are the pods being proposed.

JH thanked the neighbours for their contributions.

JG said that the CC is concerned about issues with supervision and suggested that we should ask that somebody being in residence in the pub should be made a condition. MV suggested that we could also ask for a further condition regarding drainage of the site.

A resident asked if there is a substantial difference between this application and the previous one, which was withdrawn. JG said there is no major difference. JH noted that the site seems very crowded. A resident asked if there is any demand in the area for this type of accommodation. The general feeling of the meeting was that there is.

PG said that, as there is no boundary fence with the neighbouring property a high fence would have to be built and suggested that this should also be a condition. JG said he would ask for clarification of these issues and also draw attention to the lack of accessibility. The decision was that the CC would ask for clarification and make some comments regarding conditions on drainage, accessibility and supervision. JG will circulate his comments to the members.

6. Minutes of December meeting and matters arising.

The minutes were approved, proposed by KR and seconded by JG.

Matters arising: The hedges on the A81 have been cut back. A resident asked who is responsible for cutting the hedges at the VC and asked if they could clear up the cuttings in future. It is SC who is responsible for this. JH mentioned that members of the CC are meeting with Lynne McKinley on Thursday to discuss the participation request

regarding traffic calming measures. Letters showing that we are entitled to choose which hospital we are taken to were forwarded to the Scottish Ambulance Service. PC said that she understands that they will contact the CC directly about this. NHS 24 has been telling residents that there is no cross boundary provision, however this advice is not consistent. PC said that the CC should contact Bruce Crawford to let him know that there is still no consistency in advice given.

The planning application for a house at Auchengillan has been refused as the area is not a cluster and felling trees does not make it one.

7. Update on flooding issues

A representative from Scottish Water and Maria Lucey from SC had been invited to attend the meeting, but neither were present.

The Flood Forum has offered to hold a road show in the village and this has been provisionally booked for February 1st 2020 from 12.00 – 14.00 in the VC. This will be advertised in the BVB and PC offered to put it on the Council website also. They will bring examples of equipment available to help people to protect their homes from flooding. Decisions about funding this can be made at a later date.

Maria Lucey has commissioned a survey of all the drainage in the village, which might address some of the issues. A resident suggested that we ask for clarification if land drainage is included in this as well as road drainage. EM asked if the Cuilt Brae is included in the survey.

PG asked if those affected by the floods have told their insurance companies about the action being taken as this could potentially lower their premiums.

A resident said that there is still rubble in Jenny's Burn. KR said that the Council contractor who repaired the bridge calculated that they caused three tons of rubble and only removed that quantity. It is unclear how this figure was calculated. There is ongoing discussion about who is responsible for removing the rest of the rubble. There are still issues with the factors at Netherblane. PC suggested that Environmental Health and Roads could join forces to see if there is anything that SC can do to resolve this. Ian Diamond has previously had some success contacting the factors to remove debris. MV said that SC should require Netherblane to have a plan to protect the bank of the burn. PC suggested that the CC should ask what checks are in place to confirm that work commissioned by SC has taken place.

8. Elected Member's Report - Cllr Rob Davies

The Government budget was delayed due to the election, therefore the council's budget has also been delayed. There is a budget meeting on February 27th. The budget shortfall for next year is likely to be close to £10 million.

This week there is a meeting of the Children and Young people committee. This will discuss the future of Croftamie nursery. There is still pressure to move this to Drymen. A resident asked about transport for the Croftamie children and RD said there is currently only one child from Croftamie in the nursery. The bus service continues to cause problems. The government proposes to allow communities to form their own bus companies, but RD thinks that budget constraints make this unlikely in our area. There is no further information about the future of Strathendrick House, but RD thinks it is likely to close. People are not being referred there for respite care or being given the option to use the facility. Tension is building between Clackmannan and Stirling over the Integrated Joint Board. On a positive note, full fibre Broadband is scheduled to reach Auchengillan by March. JH asked if there was any progress regarding the bench on the Lennoxton path. RD will continue to pursue this.

9. Finance

Current Account - £2080.12

Instant Saver - £1342.13

The usual a donation of £50 was made to East Dunbarton Wind Ensemble who played at the Christmas tree switch on

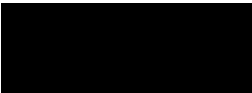
10. Community Comments

JH asked for volunteers to help deliver the BVB. This request will also be in the next edition of the BVB. RD and a resident volunteered and JH thanked them.

A resident asked if we know why work is still ongoing at Southwest water's turbine. We do not have any information about this.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.



12. AOB

MV asked about the CC website. The minutes can't be seen on line at present. JG is working on the website. MV offered to put the minutes on the Strathblane On line website until the CC site is running again. This was accepted with thanks. GE will remind Cami Ramsay to send the electronic version of the BVB to JG. PG pointed out that the two old notice boards have not yet been removed. PC said that she had been told that they had been removed. She will query this.

12. Date of next meeting February 3rd 2020 in the Village Club

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