



MINUTES
Virtual meeting Monday 2nd November 2020
Draft

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

Apologies: There were no apologies

In attendance: Cllr Graham Lambie; Cllr Rob Davies; M Vass, SCDT.

*(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. MV declared an interest in planning for houses below Milndavie Road.

2. Minutes of October meeting and matters arising

The minutes were accepted; Proposed by EM, seconded by PG

Matters arising: JH thanked residents who delivered leaflets on behalf of the SCDT, regarding funding for the new library. AT said that the information regarding donations is also available on Facebook. JH reminded the meeting that residents can choose the library project as their annual cause via the Co-op. AT said that he was unable to transfer the money in his co-op account to the library cause. He hopes that this will be possible soon. MV said that the SCDT is now registered with Amazon Smile and Easy Giving and will soon be registered with Just Giving also. This week will see the first meeting of the Angus Graham Library Ltd group of the SCDT. The group hopes to apply for planning permission before Christmas, but acknowledges that this is more likely to be early next year.

3. Police Report

There was no Police report this month.

4. Paths

PG reported that Milndavie stables has been dumping manure on the waste ground beside the path from the waterworks. Angela Simpson from SC is looking into whether this is a core path. A longer-term solution to the problem would be to transport the manure to the allotments. PG will contact the allotment management group regarding this. PG had circulated a message regarding livestock being chased by dogs near Cuilt Farm. MV suggested that PG should contact the landowner regarding the erection of warning signs.

A resident had reported that cars are being driven at speed along the railway line. Many children now use this path, as well as dog walkers and other pedestrians. The owner of the Stables is apparently authorising owners of the horses in the fields to use this path for vehicles. PG will get in touch with the two landowners whose fields border the path and with the Stables' owner. He will also liaise with Alan Hutton from the Paths group from SCDT

5. AGM

Pam Campbell from SC told JH that we could run the AGM in her absence. JH can run the AGM herself or one of the elected members could do it. RD offered to do this.

Eleanor Balfour has offered to join the CC and will be invited to the AGM. We will hold the AGM before the meeting on December 7th 2020.

6. Elected Member's Report – Councillors Rob Davies and Graham Lambie

RD reported that there was an accident on the Cuilt Road a few weeks ago and he had been concerned that it might have involved walkers on the WHW. In fact this was not the case, but the accident highlighted the need for safer crossing for walkers.

At the last Council planning meeting planning approval was granted for the Finnich Glen and Killearn Hospital developments. There was unanimous approval for the Finnich Glen site but the vote was close for the Killearn Hospital development. At a Council meeting last week the Chief Executive agreed to give elected members a weekly briefing on Covid developments. GL pointed out that the Scottish Government has put Stirling into Tier 3, although numbers here appear to be falling.

There is a lot of work planned for the Stockiemuir Road over the next few months. GL has asked if this can take place at night to minimise disruption to traffic.

GL is still waiting for information from Borders Council regarding their experiment with 20mph speed limits.

GL asked about Remembrance Services in the village. The church is planning to make a video of individual organisations laying their wreaths. CC members agreed that GL and JH will take part in the video.

JG asked if Cala had made a reduced community contribution for the Killearn Hospital site due to the clean-up costs. The local councillors were concerned that Cala might pull out so were keen to agree to a reduced contribution. This will be £250,000 for the community, instead of an affordable housing element in the development. MV pointed out that it was the planners who did not want affordable housing. The councillors were not asked to vote on this. JH thanked the councillors for their contributions.

7. Planning and Licensing

JG responded to the Housing Supply consultation. He reported that there is no information yet on the Gladman appeal.

20/00674/FUL: Formation of all-weather turnout area for equine use. The CC agreed to support this application but will ask that the fact that the site is on the John Muir way should be considered and that traffic should therefore be slow in the area. We will also ask for assurances that the existing arena adjacent to the King George V Park will be tidied up.

20/00608/FUL: Refurbishment and extension to existing building east of Auchenberg House, Strathblane. This building is part of the Scout property and the changes will make the property more user friendly for the disabled children who use it. The CC agreed to support the concept of this while noting the comments of the Access panel.

20/00564/FUL: erection of 11 dwelling house with associated open space, land below Milndavie Road, Strathblane. JG reported that the neighbours on the downhill side of the site are concerned about technical issues, including sewage. They also have concerns about noise while the building is taking place. We might question the lack of pedestrian access to the village, apart from the A81. The current plan is to improve the current footpath along the A81 to make it safer. MV thinks there is a strong case to push for a pedestrian path, as this would provide access to all the local amenities. AT agreed that we should push for a path now. JG suggested that we should support the application in principle but note the objections from the neighbours. This was agreed.

EM asked about Drew Edmonston's request for planning permission for a campsite. This was granted with conditions that have not currently been met.

RD asked if the CC was aware of a planning application from Edenmill as a lot of fencing work has been taking place. JG said he was not aware of any submissions. Mark Gibson had sent a letter to the CC claiming that we had not supported his ap-

plication to extend the soft play area at Edenmill and declining to provide a Christmas tree for the village this year. We will have to source a tree from elsewhere. JH reminded the meeting that the lights for the Village Club need to be replaced.

9. Finance

Current Account - £2761.07
Instant Saver account - £1342.96

10. Correspondence

The church has asked if we could deliver their Christmas cards along with the next edition of the BVB. They are happy to sponsor this edition. This was agreed. The copy date for the November/December edition of the BVB will be November 23rd 2020

11. Date of next meeting December 7th 2020, 7.30 on Zoom.

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