



**MINUTES**  
**Virtual meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Draft**

**Members Present:** - Grace Edmonds; Julie Hutchison; Kate Ramsden; Evelyn Macdougall; Philip Graves; John Gray; Eleanor Balfour; Craig Melville

**Apologies:** Andrew Thompson

**In attendance:** Cllr J Hutchison; M Vass, SCDT; + 7 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. She thanked Ann Balfour for the lovely eulogy to Murray O'Donnell in the BVB. JH also reported that Sheila Lyall, a former chair of the Community Council had passed away recently.

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2. Minutes of May meeting and matters arising**

The minutes were adopted, proposed by JG, seconded by EM

Matters arising: JH reported that she had been contacted by the new Chair of Blane Valley Thistle to say that the pavilion on the George V playing field will not be demolished.

JH thanked Councillor Davies for his help as she has had a message from Lynne McKinley regarding an update on the Participation Request. Lynne has also sent the notes from the October meeting. SC has addressed two action points discussed at the October meeting. JH has forwarded emails from a resident to Lynne.

### **3. Police Report**

PC Graham sent the report for June.

Anti-social behaviour

There have been more reports of youths at Mugdock Quarry. This area has been given extra attention and this will continue to be the case.

There were two reports of alleged breaches of Covid restrictions, but both proved not to be breaches.

Items that could be used for cannabis cultivation, were found at Craigallian Road. The owner has not been traced at this stage.

A quantity of tyres has been dumped at the East car park at Mugdock Country Park. Enquiries are continuing to identify a suspect.

There was a complaint about males causing issues within the Kirkhouse Inn. Police attended, but the males had left on a bus to Milngavie. No complaints were made by any person within the premises.

Road Traffic

The Devil's Pulpit has been busy again with parking issues. The Police and Council have been in attendance and parking tickets have been issued.

Theft

There have been no reports of theft in the area.

Bogus Workmen

There have been reports of bogus traders in the Aberfoyle area. The Police request that residents heed the advice in their "Shut out Scammers" campaign which ran during May.

A resident asked about an item shown on the Police Report at the May meeting, but which did not appear in the minutes of the meeting. The resident was informed that the item in question was removed at the request of the police. The resident will confirm this with the Police.

#### **4. Confirmation of New member**

Having attended the required number of meetings, Eleanor Balfour was confirmed as a full member of the Community Council.

Another resident has expressed an interest in joining the CC and will complete the paperwork during the summer, to be co-opted in September.

#### **5. Blane Clear Up**

JH received an email from Loch Lomond Fisheries Trust to suggest either 9/10th or 23/24th July for the clean up along the Blane. The litter-picking group is keen to be involved. PG suggested choosing the earlier date so that a follow-up could be carried out on the second date. JH will email Fergus to let him know that 9/10<sup>th</sup> July would suit.

#### **6. Elected Member's report – Councillor Jane Hutchison**

Councillor Hutchison has been having a lot of introductory meetings and has been reading about the new library. She was contacted by a resident about fly tipping near the Care Home. JH said that we have asked Scottish water to put a barrier across the entrance to stop this. Councillor Hutchison said that she would find out if she can help with this.

#### **7. Planning and Licensing.**

The Planning application for the Wee Kirk has been refused. JG said that we have not heard if they plan to appeal, but that enforcement will not take place until the appeal process is complete.

[21/000309/FUL](#) Amendment to siting and design of dwelling house (West Plot) approved under planning approval 12/00505/MSC. Land adjacent to West of An Larach Milndavie Road.

[21/00274/FUL](#) Variation to design of dwelling house (East Plot) approved under planning permission 12/00505/MSC Land adjacent to West of An Larach, Milndavie road. These applications are linked but have both been withdrawn.

[21/00329/FUL](#) Demolition of dwelling house and erection of new single story dwelling house, The Retreat, Blanefield. JG has not yet had time to write to Planning about this but will send comments tonight. This was agreed.

JG has had no update regarding planning permission at the Carbeth Inn.

PG asked if the managers of the Wee Kirk had made any attempt to improve the odour issues. JG said that the planners have decided that there is no solution to the smell issues. A resident said that Environmental Health have suggested that there is nothing that can be done with the current installation. JG recommended that we let this ongoing issue run its course. This was agreed.

#### **8. Finance**

Current Account - £2522.49  
Instant Saver Account - £1343.03

JH asked if we should cancel the Zoom subscription. This was agreed.

## 9. Health and Social Care

The Health and Social Care Partnership has reported the results from its consultation. The report mentions respite care for our area but does not say where this will be based and we have already been informed that Strathendrick Care Home will close. Councillor Hutchison said that the Conservative group on the Council are going to fight to keep the home open.

## 10. Correspondence

JH mentioned an email from a lady enquiring about a Charles Melville who is buried in the Churchyard. JG will put this on Facebook.

We had a request for information from a resident who would like to use the building near the toilets. The owner is difficult to reach. JH asked if there is any way that SC could put pressure on the owner to tidy it up. Two of the councillors asked Environmental Health to look at the property a few years ago but it was decided that it was not in a poor enough condition to warrant intervention. Councillor Hutchison will try to follow this up as several years have passed and no work has been carried out on the property.

We received an email telling us that the pads on the defibrillator at the Edmonstone Hall need to be replaced. JH will contact the resident who provided the defibrillator. EB said that the company that provided the defibrillator would usually replace the pads free. JH will also contact Trossachs Search and Rescue regarding training sessions on how to operate the machine.

## 11. AOCB

PG reported a conversation he has had with a resident and Angela Simpson, the Access officer, regarding the dumping of mud at the top of the horses' field. This is blocking the path. JG suggested that we should contact Angela regarding the provision of a footpath from the Devil's Elbow site. EM mentioned an issue with rubbish and mud being dumped on the John Muir Way.

M Vass updated the meeting on the library. Things are progressing better than expected and MV is confident that they will get an acceptable deal. They don't yet have planning permission, but hope to go to tender soon. MV hopes not to need a special meeting with the CC that she mentioned last month, but if they do she will notify us.

KR attended the Rural South West Forum. There was an interesting presentation about resilience which she will put on to the website. She will feed back any comments CC members have about this to Jim Dickie.

A resident who lives on Glasgow Road expressed disappointment that the CC had contacted SC without speaking to him.

Another resident queried why an item from the Police Report in May was not included in the minutes. JH said this was in response to a request from the Police that the item should not be publicised on Facebook or the website. A resident confirmed that he had spoken to the Police and that they had not asked for the item to be removed from the minutes. CM said that, as the minutes are in the public domain via our website, notice boards and SC website, he emailed the Police to ask about the minutes but got no response so we took a joint decision not to include the item. JG said that we understand local concerns, but we were guided by the Police. A resident said that she had not heard about the incident in question but that she understood the decision to omit the item from the minutes. JG said that it is not a matter for the CC and suggested that anyone wishing information should contact the Police.

**12. Date of next meeting September 6th 2021, following the AGM at 7.30**

As there are very few local activities at present there is unlikely to be a BVB this month.

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