



**MINUTES**  
**Virtual meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**Draft**

**Members Present:** - Grace Edmonds; Julie Hutchison; Kate Ramsden; Evelyn Macdougall; Philip Graves; John Gray; Andrew Thompson; Pamela Lee; Craig Melville

**Apologies:** Ellie Balfour

**In attendance:** Cllr J Hutcheson; M Vass, SCDT; + 1 resident

*(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 and said that she hopes we might be able to move to in person meetings next month after the SC meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

AT declared an interest re. a planning application.

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

The minutes were accepted, proposed by JG seconded by EM

Matters arising: Following our discussion last month about purchasing a wreath, JH had had an email from the church to say that they plan to hold a smaller service at the war memorial this year and asked if a councillor would be in attendance. Councillor Hutchison said that Rob Davies will represent SC at our service and will lay the council wreath.

JH looked at the derelict sites in the village but we have none that qualify.

JH went to look at the fly tipping on the A81. A Water board employee who was there at the time offered to put some of the rubbish into their skips and said that he will tell his boss about our suggestion of a barrier to prevent cars from accessing the site.

GE emailed the police regarding people driving along the pavement at the Co-op. They will watch for this.

### **3. Police Report**

PC Graham sent the report for October.

Anti-social behaviour

The police attended a report of two drunk females in Blanefield. One was arrested for Breach of the Peace. Neither were residents of the village.

A couple of calls were received regarding youths at the quarry, but on both occasions they had left by the time the police attended.

There was a report of youths on the roof of the primary school. Extra attention has been given to the school.

There was a hut fire at Carbeth. Enquiries are continuing.

Road traffic

There was a significant RTC involving two motorcycles and two cars on the A809 near Queens View. The road was closed for some time. The motorcyclists sustained broken bones and both have been reported for Road Traffic Act offences.

A hit and run RTC occurred in the car park at the Co-op. Enquiries are continuing with a view to identifying the driver of the offending vehicle.

Theft

There was a report of theft of diesel fuel from Auchengillan. Enquiries are continuing.

There were a couple of reports of suspicious vehicles in the area, but no registration details were taken.

A potential fraud was reported regarding concert tickets. Enquiries are continuing to establish if a fraud had occurred and the public should be aware that frauds are very common

Police Scotland had a recent campaign regarding fuel theft. Advice on this, bike theft and fraud can be found in the whole Police report on the CC website.

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

Today there was a council briefing on the new Community Engagement Strategy. Concerns were raised about additional workload on council officers.

The Catter Burn bridge at Croftamie has partially collapsed leading to the A809 being closed. Councillor Hutchison has been seeking assurances that council officers will communicate with residents in the area.

There will be a full council meeting on Thursday. It is likely that CCs will be allowed to meet in person from November.

The conservative group tried to get a motion passed in the council to allow parents to have an extra year at nursery for children who are not ready for school, but they did not succeed.

The new SC website should go online before Christmas.

JG asked if the Branshogle bridge on the B818 has been repaired. Councillor Hutchison said that repairs should start soon.

PG noted that SC has opened a conversation on the budget. He asked if we should all respond to this and Councillor Hutchison said that we should.

JH thanked Councillor Hutchison for her report.

#### **5. Planning and Licensing.**

[21/000645/PPP](#) : 7 glamping pods at Edenmill

[21/000644/PPP](#): 4 glamping pods at Edenmill

JG thinks that the 7 pods might have been part of the original plans for Edenmill. The other 4 are much more visible to neighbouring properties and further from the main complex.

JG will comment that the CC thinks it is important to see these applications alongside previous ones. We are concerned about noise and light pollution for the neighbours, particularly if there is no 24 hour supervision on site. MV commented that she attended a function at Edenmill recently and was impressed by how well managed it was. AT raised the issue of increased traffic on the access road. The neighbours have opposed the plans due to this. Councillor Hutchison said that SC is interested in volume of traffic on narrow roads so might consider this.

JG said that we should say that we have no objection in principal with the condition that there should be 24 hour supervision on site. This was agreed by the CC members present. JG will circulate draft comments.

[21/000743/FUL](#) and [21/000677/FUL](#) - JG proposed sending identical comments on these applications to build infill properties at these locations. This was agreed by the CC members present.

[21/000762/FUL](#) – erection of dwelling house on land adjacent to An Larach, Milndavie Road, Strathblane. A neighbour pointed out that this land is designed to flood as it was originally the mill lade. The sluice gates are no longer there. There were two culverts, one to drain the Punchbowl dam and the other to drain the mill lade, but these have combined. The flood risk assessment that supports the application says that the ground is suitable for building. The CC agreed that we will oppose this application due to the flood risk downstream and JG will send comments to this effect.

[21/000857/FUL](#) – Extension to dwelling house on Milngavie Road. JG said that we will not comment on this but should take the opportunity to remind the residents that they should have planted a hedge at this property. This was agreed.

JH thanked JG for all his work on planning.

## 6. Finance

Current Account - £2372.50

Instant Saver - £1343.07

## 7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month

## 10. AOCB

MV hopes to update on the library at the next meeting, but is clear that it will be happening. They are still negotiating with SC who want discussions to be complete by the end of October.

KR asked about a resilience plan. This was being revised but was never completed. KR asked for any volunteers to join her in a sub-group to create a new plan which could incorporate flood issues. AT agreed to join her. JH suggested that they could look at plans from other local CCs.

PG warned us that Mugdock Road is likely to be closed again near the reservoir for Openreach work.

JG mentioned that our website was upgraded to a new package which does not include a security certificate. At present we are bombarded with security warnings. The new package is more expensive and we will have to pay for an additional security certificate. JG plans to look around for an alternative host. AT suggested that JG should speak to the SCDT as they are also considering a change of host.

JG reminded the meeting that the Strathblanefield Facebook page is no longer public so we should share information on the CC Facebook page.

JH said that there will be no BVB this month as there is still too little activity in the village to justify an issue every month.

## 11. Date of next meeting November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

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