



MINUTES
Meeting Monday 1st November 2021
Draft

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

Apologies: Craig Melville; Cllr A Berrill

In attendance: Cllr R Davies; M Vass, SCDT; D Bertram, Flood Group + 3 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 and said that it was good to be able to meet in person again after so long. She asked RD when the councillors' surgeries are starting again in person and he said they should start next month.

2. Minutes of October meeting and matters arising

The minutes were accepted, proposed by AT seconded by EM

Matters arising: GE emailed Police Scotland regarding concerns from residents about dangerous driving on Old Mugdock Road near the Co-op. PC Graham said that he would monitor this.

Resilience Planning will be discussed during the item on Flooding.

3. Police Report

PC Graham sent the report for November..

Theft

There was an attempted break in at the St Mocha Coffee Shop but no entry was gained.

Country Cycles in Killearn was broken into and a number of high value bikes were stolen.

An attempted fraud was made via a message pertaining to be from Hermes. The victim handed over bank details and an attempt was made to transfer funds from one account to another.

Further advice on fraud and home security can be found in the Police Report on the CC website.

4. Elected Member's report – Councillor Rob Davies

The main issue currently is bridges as two have collapsed in our area resulting in road closures. A third of the Roads budget has been moved over to repair these. The Catterburn Bridge is currently being surveyed. There is a meeting on Wednesday regarding the bridges that the public can dial into and RD thinks the CC should do this.

RD and a local farmer went to look at the Blane Smiddy bridge and were horrified by the condition it is in.

There is a council meeting on Thursday to discuss Stirling's bid to be City of Culture.

There have been complaints about bins not being collected. RD said that residents should contact SC directly or through him. He is concerned about the situation if people miss a collection and have a month to wait for the next one.

The December SC meeting will start to address the budget for next year.

JH asked RD if he would speak to Angela McGibbon regarding the driving and parking issues at the Co-op and ask if she could visit the site. RD will do this. JH suggested that bollards along the pavement might be the answer. A resident said the

Co-op and Post office vans have to park on the pavement, causing additional problems. RD suggested complaining to the Co-op and the Post office about this. There is a council meeting coming up to discuss the Deputation Policy. JH told RD that she has told the Church that he will be laying the Council wreath in Strathblane. JH thanked RD for his report and for standing in for Cllr Berrill who is unwell.

5. Update on Flooding Issues – Doug Bertram

The Flooding group has been working with SC and other stakeholders to look at flooding issues in the valley. A number of sources of flooding have been identified and a study is being done to identify areas likely to flood in the future so that we can be better prepared to deal with this risk. The challenge is that evidence needs to be more strategic than just anecdotal. The group has asked residents to send information about what they can see from their homes during flood events.

A further challenge is that the effects of storms are different depending on where you live. Often the infrastructure cannot cope with the volume of water. This information needs to be captured and inserted into the model that the consultants are working on. The group asked the CC to request information from residents regarding the recent floods. Only when there is a clear picture of what is happening can mitigating measures be decided.

DB reported that SC has been very helpful in terms of possible measures to deploy. They are using a Smart Village concept, where a network of things will feed information back. SC will provide two rain gauges and two residents have put up their own. There will also be a series of pressure sensors and cameras to monitor water flow. One of the sensors and a camera will be in the culvert on the A81 and another in Jenny's Burn. This is phase one of the project. Once information is collected the group can think about mitigating processes.

AT asked about capacity to cope with the future? DB said that there is little information about past years for our area and the group has to work with that. The group needs information about what is happening on the day of an event to pass on to the consultants. PG asked if the group has engaged with SEPA etc. regarding river flow on the Blane and rainfall records from SEPA recording sites. DB said that there is no information about the Blane. SEPA's rainfall records are not local enough and their measurements of the Endrick do not reflect what happens here.

A resident said that she appreciates the work the group is doing, but raised the issue of failure of road drains in some areas. This is particularly an issue for residents of Blane Crescent as water flows down into the crescent from the A81. DB said that the problem is that the drainage system is very old and poorly maintained. It was designed for a smaller community and we may have reached saturation point. Both SC and Scottish Water need to consider the issue.

JH asked RD if he could raise the issue with the Roads Department. He will do this.

A resident asked if there is a process to get flood resources into the village as part of the Resilience Plan. KR said that we had a severe weather resilience plan which is currently being updated. Once it is complete and lodged with SC we can apply for grant funding to provide resources in the village. AT said that we are intending to put a piece in the BVB to give residents an emergency contact in the event of severe weather. AT asked if we could put an item in the BVB to ask residents to contribute information to the Flood Group. The CC agreed that this should be done. KR said that SC is already looking at solutions for the problems in Blane Crescent.

MV suggested that we should keep an eye on the Capital programme for next year to ensure that flooding is covered. EM asked if the Flood group needs any equipment, but DB said not at present. He thinks it is more important for us to address resilience and response.

JG congratulated the Flood group on their work and JH thanked DB for his interesting presentation and his work with the group.

6. Planning and Licensing.

[21/00762/FUL](#) : Land adjacent to West of An Larach Milndavie road Strathblane. The CC opposed this due to flood risk and SEPA has sent a letter strongly opposing, citing the objections of the CC and residents.

[21/00644/PPP Glamping pods Edenmill complex](#): The CC has not yet commented on this but our intention to comment is on file. JG will progress this.

[21/00531/FUL](#) Wee Kirk with no outside cooking. This has been allowed with a time limit of March 2023 and with several conditions, including provision of bins, cycle parking, more accessible parking spaces and restrictions on operating and use.

[20/00590/FUL: erection of 4 houses at Aros House](#). The CC opposed this and it is going to a planning panel next week. JG is contacting Moor Road Residents to confirm that they organised to attend and speak.

[Gladman Appeal PPA-390-2060-1](#). The Reporter's report is being considered. There is no decision yet.

[21/00918/FUL: Erection of house in garden ground of Carbeth Cottage Blanefield](#): The planning JG recommends to oppose again due to the flood risk downstream. The CC agreed to oppose this.

The Draft National Planning Framework is due to be laid before Parliament and published for public consultation this Autumn. JG said that this concerns policies rather than the local level.

There is then possibility of help with Place planning from RSHA. They are looking to work more closely with CCs. MV suggested that we should look at Place Planning in conjunction with the SCDT. These plans will feed into the Local Development Plan. Communities will look at housing needs from a community perspective. JG said that we need to look into this.

6. Finance

Current Account - £2705.71

Instant Saver - £1343.08

7. Correspondence

The Bank of Scotland are running drop-in sessions at the McLintock hall in Balfron, every Friday from 10am until 4.0pm, until December 3rd. You can speak to their Community Banker for support with any personal or business banking questions.

10. AOCB

MV reported that there has been progress on the library. They have agreement on principle from SC which is going to committee on November 11th. There is progress in value engineering to get the build back to what can be afforded. MV can't yet say when the contract with the builder can be concluded. There is still a chance of a start before Christmas. A further donation has been received towards the build. SC is still working to find a temporary relocation solution for the library while the build takes place.

JH reminded the meeting that the CC will lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service as usual.

MV asked what the CC is doing about road issues in the village, especially a 20mph limit. We have always been told that we cannot have this. AT said that he understands that SC is currently evaluating the effects of then 20mph speed limit in villages where it has been implemented. Presumably they will use this evaluation to de-

cide whether to implement it in other villages. JH said that we can contact the Roads Department. She also said that we need to contact SC regarding the ongoing Participation Request.

11. Date of next meeting December 6th 2021

Copy date for the BVB November 15th 2021.

Contact us at contact@strathblanecc.org.uk Also on our website www.strathblanecc.org.uk. Telephone numbers for Community Councillors are on the notice boards, in the library and in the Blane Valley Bulletin