



**MINUTES**  
**Meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 on Zoom**  
**Draft**

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

**Apologies:** Craig Melville; Philip Graves

**In attendance:** Cllr R Davies; M Vass, SCDT; + 2 residents

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

### **1. Welcome from the Chair and declarations of Interest**

JH wished everybody a Happy New Year and said that she was sorry that we have had to go back to Zoom meetings, but we thought we should keep to Government guidelines. We hope to return to in-person meetings as soon as we are allowed.

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The minutes had been circulated to CC members and were adopted, proposed by JG and seconded by EM.

Matters arising: JH said that our meeting with Angela McGibbon will be discussed under Roads issues.

Councillor Hutchison had replied via Stephen Bly to our request for information regarding training for CC members. There is currently no training available, but we should contact SB if we have any particular training needs. GE will email him to ask about training in Planning.

JH has not had a reply to our query about insurance cover for snow clearing.

AT reported that he and KR had not had time to work on the Resilience Plan over the break but will get back to it soon. EM said that she had a very poor response from residents in the Carbeth, Auchengillan and Auchineden areas to the information gathering letter she put in the BVB. Residents look out for each other, with snow clearing on private roads carried out by the organisations that use them. AT asked about a possible evacuation centre in the area and EM suggested St Mocha, Edenmill or the Outdoor Centre at Auchengillan. KR said that residents will have a cascade list of useful numbers for emergencies. RD suggested that WhatsApp groups are a good way of reaching people.

AT reported that the Christmas fair at the Wildlife Sanctuary was very successful, raising just over £700. The first batch of about 900 trees should arrive this week and volunteers hope to plant these at the weekend.

MV reported that the library is moving on Friday to the Kirk Rooms and the building contractors are due to be on site next week.

### **3. Police Report**

PC Graham sent the report for December.

**Anti-social behaviour:** A male was assaulted in his home in Netherblane. No serious injuries were sustained, and a positive line of enquiry is being followed.

**Road traffic:** There was an RTC on the A81 at Dumgoyne on December 31<sup>st</sup>. No serious injuries were sustained.

**Theft:** A stolen vehicle was recovered from a field near to Mugdock Lodge. The vehicle had been stolen from Glasgow and crashed into the field. The perpetrators had disappeared. Enquiry remains with Glasgow officers.

In the early hours of December 24<sup>th</sup> access was gained to a house in Kirkland Avenue, car keys were taken and a car stolen.

A similar incident occurred in Fintry where keys were taken from a house and a vehicle stolen from the driveway.

**Fraud:** A resident was asked to complete a form regarding a vaccine passport. Bank details were requested which raised suspicion and none were given out. Please be aware of all types of fraud as they are very common.

A potential fraud also occurred in Croftamie where a resident received a text from someone purporting to be her son, asking for money and giving details of where to send it. Her son was in contact prior to money being transferred and confirmed that he had not sent the text.

The full Police Report is available on the CC website.

#### **4. Roads Issues.**

On December 9<sup>th</sup> JH and GE met with Angela McGibbon from SC to look at roads issues in the village. She said that she has had no recent complaints about the traffic calming on the A81. We asked about a 20mph zone through the village, but she said that this might be difficult as the A81 is a trunk road. MV pointed out that AMcG has been saying this for years and in the meantime other trunk roads in the region have 20mph zones. We are in the budget for this to be considered in 2023 and will continue to pursue this with SC. We looked at OMR and the issue with people driving on the pavement. AMcG said that the pavement is too narrow to allow bollards to be put in. She suggested reducing the width of the junction to give space for bollards on the corner. This will be expensive. JG said that he is concerned about putting in bollards as businesses need to have deliveries. He also asked if there would be a consultation with residents before a 20mph zone is installed. JH said that SC will carry this out. We also looked at Campsie Road where the traffic calming is not working. AMcG said that she thought that the 30mph signs might need to be moved closer to the village. She will send officers out to look at the road and decide what can be done. JH pointed out a broken manhole cover on the pavement near Station Road. This is dangerous for pedestrians. This has now been repaired. JH also pointed out several signs that have fallen down in the village and the new bollards on the A81 which are already falling down. AMcG asked JH to email her a list of these issues and they will be looked at. She has done this.

A resident thanked the CC for working on these issues. She had had a response form SC saying that Carolyn Fraser would attend a CC meeting to discuss roads issues, but she will be unable to do so at present due to Covid restrictions. The resident said that she thinks the problems on OMR are caused by residents who drive and park carelessly. EM suggested putting an article in the BVB asking people to be more considerate. We will do this.

JH said that we need to find a new Roads correspondent as PG can no longer do this role. She asked CC members to consider taking this on.

#### **5. Elected Member's report – Councillor Rob Davies**

Work is ongoing at Branshogle Bridge and is due to start on the Catterburn bridge soon.

There have been major interruptions to bin services caused by staff absence.

All the Conservative and labour members of the Planning panel resigned, and RD was asked to join it. He has had some training in planning and will attend the next meeting of the panel in a few weeks. There had been a special meeting of SC to discuss the School Survey, which is currently being considered by Young People's Panel. JG said that he thought that Alistair Berrill had told him that the survey had

gone out to schools, which contradicts RD's belief that it is still with the Young People's Panel. The issue seems unclear.

Hybrid meetings at SC are moving forward but are unlikely to be in place before the Autumn.

Recent data has shown that the number of births in the area is about half of the number of deaths. This has implications for the demographic of the population over the next few years. AT pointed out that the population of Scotland as a whole is increasing due to immigration and immigrants tend to be younger.

JH thanked RD for his report.

## 6. Planning and Licensing

[Gladman Appeal PPA-390-2060-1](#). There is still no information on this.

[21/00918/FUL: Erection of house in garden ground of Carbeth Cottage Blanefield](#): This application was withdrawn and resubmitted as a permanent dwelling. The previous plan was for a holiday let and JG is looking into whether the new submission meets Green Belt policies. He is unsure if a residence will be allowed under the green belt policies but will investigate this and talk to the consultant to check that his reading is right.

[21/00907/FUL: Erection of dwelling house, an outbuilding garage, driveway, parking landscaping and associated works, land Southeast of the Mill House, Milndavie road Strathblane](#): No decision has been reached on this application.

JG has enquired about help with Place Plans but has still not had a reply.

EB said she had been contacted by a resident asking about the length of time it has taken to have a stair lift installed. EB said that she didn't think we dealt with this type of enquiry but perhaps the elected member could help. RD said that he will look into this.

JH thanked JG for his work.

## 6. Finance

Current Account - £2590.71

Instant Saver - £1343.10

EM said that we need to look for more sponsors for the BVB. It costs £120 to sponsor an issue. JH said that she hopes we might be able to cut down the numbers we have printed as Mugdock residents now have an electronic version.

## 7. Correspondence

We have had an email from Ken McAlpine who looks after street names at SC. There is a proposal to name the new houses Edmonstone Brae, but he is concerned about this as there is a possible connection between the Edmonstone name and slavery. He would like input from the CC and suggestions for alternative names. JH suggested asking for suggestions via Facebook with a cut-off date at the end of January. KR will do this. RD suggested Graham Road in recognition of the generous donation to the library.

## 10. AOCB

KR warned the meeting that we are probably about to have a revolt in the village over the bins. Residents have not been given extra recycling bins that they have requested, and the bins have not been collected this week.

A resident asked if the Christmas tree could be a permanent one as this would be better for the environment. This would be a matter for the Village Club committee, but JH pointed out that the tree would grow too tall to be easily decorated.

JG mentioned a survey that SC is carrying out regarding planting wildflowers on verges etc in the region. These should improve the look of the village but were not successful when they last tried.

JH said that we do not know if the next meeting will be on Zoom. We will have to wait for government decisions on meeting.

The next BVB will go out in February. GE will apply for a Community Pride grant to allow us to provide a permanent copy of the Resilience Plan to every household.

#### **11. Date of next meeting February 7th, 2022**

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