



MINUTES
Meeting Monday 9th May 2022 in the Village Club
Draft

Members Present: - Julie Hutchison; Grace Edmonds; Kate Ramsden; John Gray; Andrew Thompson; Evelyn MacDougall; Craig Melville; Eleanor Balfour

Apologies: Pamela Lee; Margaret Vass, SCDT

In attendance: Councillor Paul Henke + 4 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 May meeting. She introduced Councillor Henke who is one of our new councillors.

JG declared an interest in one of the planning matters

2. Minutes of April meeting and matters arising

The minutes had been circulated to CC members. AT noted that EM had been marked as an apology when she was actually present. With this amendment the minutes were accepted, proposed by JG, seconded by EM.

Matters arising: JH spoke to Dr McLean regarding the loss of a GP and concern about patient numbers. The surgery has a healthy patient list and Dr McLean hopes that a new GP will join her in the Autumn. EB asked if they are prepared to appoint a locum. They are, but it is very difficult to find a locum. Dr McLean expressed her gratitude to JH for our concern.

JH has not heard anything about the defibrillator but will contact the resident who is dealing with it.

JH has spoken to Jamie Lyndsay at Scottish Water, regarding our intention to reinstate the locking post at the entrance to the park. He is not in charge of the works in the village but would like a google map screenshot to send to the correct person. JG will send this. JH noted that the post will not be replaced until SW work is complete. We will ensure that everybody who is entitled to hold a key has one. JH has asked SW to ensure that any contractors working on their site have access to a key to prevent cutting the padlock. We were asked to liaise with Fiona regarding horse owners. AT mentioned that football supporters have been parking in the park. This is difficult to control until the post is replaced. JH suggested that visiting supporters could use the Kirkhouse car park and JG suggested that Blanefield Thistle could tell them where they can park. AT asked if the football club should have a key to the post. JH and GE will speak to one of the Thistle managers. EB asked if the allotments should have a key. They do.

EM contacted Stephen Bly regarding the condition of the Cult Road. He passed her query on to Council officers and then sent their reply to EM. It is not ideal that CC members cannot speak directly to council officers. A resident had raised the same issues to JG, and he reminded the meeting that this is part of the West Highland Way. Councillor Henke asked us to pass the information about the road to him. Rob Davies met with David Hopper regarding the blocking of the footpaths. He said that he would see about road markings to help with the issue. Rob suggested that Paul Henke should chase this up.

3. Police Report

Constable Graham sent the report for April.

Anti-social behaviour:

There were a couple of complaints regarding noise from neighbours' houses. These were dealt with by the police.

Road traffic:

A vehicle struck a wall on Glasgow Road. There were no injuries.

There was an RTC on Lennoxton Road near Troughstone Cottage. There were no injuries.

There was a serious RTC on the A809 at Carbeth involving a car and a motorcycle. The motorcyclist suffered a fractured pelvis.

Theft:

A vehicle was stolen while parked at Netherblane.

There was a theft from an insecure garage in Milndavie Road.

There was a sneak in theft in a house in Dumbrock Road and car keys were stolen.

The persons were disturbed, and no vehicles were taken.

A house was broken into at Netherblane, and a vehicle was stolen.

4. Update on the Resilience Plan.

AT reported that he has still not heard from SC about our plan, or about somebody coming to speak to a meeting about Risk Assessment.

JH hopes that we might get a response now that the council elections are over.

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5. Royal Jubilee

AT said that two residents had approached him to say that not all residents are in favour of celebrating the Jubilee and are concerned that the CC is spending money on medals for the children. They think that many parents might not want their children to receive medals supporting the monarchy and that parents' consent should be sought. JH pointed out that the school thought it was a nice idea. GE mentioned that various local groups are contributing to the cost of the medals. We will also apply for a Community Pride grant to purchase trees to mark the Jubilee.

We are grateful to Edward Pickard for his offer to remove turf in the field for a bonfire. Blanefield Thistle have agreed to build the fire. GE will send their details to Edward.

7. Elected Member's report

There was no elected member's report this month as the new councillors have just been appointed.

8. Planning and Licensing

Gladman Appeal – ref: [PPA-2060-1](#) JG has written to the Government Reporter to correct/update information on this in light of building being underway on the new houses on the A81.

[22/00261/PPP](#): Erection of dwelling house on land between 25 and 27 Dumbrock Road Strathblane. JG will comment that we support the plan to use the existing entrance and respect the layout of this row of houses.

[22/00242/FUL](#): Increase height of section of perimeter fence to 2.6m at 24 Glasgow Road Blanefield. JG declared an interest in this application and EB will look at it.

22/00222/FUL: erection of dwelling house at the former The Wildings Moor Road Strathblane. The application appears to respect the original site layout and water course. We will not comment.

9. Finance

Current Account - £2805 24

Instant Saver - £1373.14

The total in the Current Account includes sponsorship and payment for fliers in the BVB.

EM has completed the annual accounts and they are ready for the accountant to examine.

10. Correspondence

JH spoke to Ian Boardley who lives in Mugdock. He is keen to join the CC and GE will send the relevant papers to him for completion.

We had an email from NHS Share who would like to put notices on our boards.

11. AOCB

A resident asked about the village response to refugees. GE replied that there is now a register of residents offering to help to support refugees arriving in the village and the families hosting them. 5 local families have offered to host, and one Ukrainian family has already arrived.

11. Date of next meeting June 6th, 2022, following the AGM at 7.30 in the Village Club

There will be no BVB until June.

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