



MINUTES

Meeting Monday 3rd April 2023 in the Village Club draft

Members Present: - Julie Hutchison; Grace Edmonds; John Gray; Andrew Thompson; Pamela Lee; Graeme Kemsley

In attendance: M Vass, SCDT; + 2 residents

Apologies: Evelyn Macdougall; Rob Davies; Eleanor Balfour; Kate Ramsden; Ian Boardley

*(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 could be our last meeting depending on the outcome of the elections next month.

AT declared an interest in a planning matter.

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2. Minutes of March meeting and matters arising

The minutes had been circulated to CC members and were accepted, proposed by JG seconded by GK

Matters arising: JH contacted Angela McGibbon about the repainting of the roundabouts in the village. AMcG replied that the white lining is continuing and the roundabouts will be painted.

GK said that there are not enough 20mph signs on the A81 straight by the Village Club.

JH reported that the sign about the traffic calming at the Village Club has been hit and is facing the wrong way. JG said that he has turned it back.

A resident complained that drivers are not obeying the 20mph limit. JH said that we cannot legislate for inconsiderate drivers.

JH asked why Campsie road has been left at 30mph. AMcG that this cannot be 20mph as there are no frontages on this road.

JH emailed AMcG about the chevrons on the bend on the A81 entering the village. These are broken and pointing the wrong way. JH will pursue this.

The new swing has been installed in the playpark. JH will ask SC how much money we have left and we might be able to buy another piece of equipment.

MV reported that the new library is opening on April 18th.

JH congratulated the SCDT on their hard work in getting this built for the village..

3. Police Report

As Constable McNulty is now working alone he plans to send bi-monthly Police reports, therefore there is no report this month

4. Local Place Plan

We have the slides and discussion from the meeting with SC. AS we don't know if we all still be on the Community Council in future we intend to form a sub-group to look at the plan.

JH thinks that we need to make a start on our plan
JH has a copy of Drymen's plan and hopes to also get Gartmore's. These will help us to formulate a questionnaire. A resident asked about the uptake of questionnaires. JH said that it often very poor but that a recent survey has had a good response. JG pointed out that we have a experience in running community consultations. He suggested that we look at the work that we did for the housing needs survey and also the Community Action Plan. He would expect about a 20% response. AT said that he had about 25% response to the library survey.

5. Community Council Elections

The nomination form for the elections went live today. JH asked members to wait for a few minutes after the meeting to have a look at the form.
AT asked if he should stand as he will be away for some of next session. We will ask SC about this.

6. Meeting Venue

JG and KR visited the school to check availability of wi-fi for our meetings. Nobody in the school knows how to access this. We sent this information back to SC. We could use somebody's phone as a hot spot, but we don't think that we should have to do this. The school staff already have to use their personal hotspots to run their lessons. JG and KR offered to tell SC that this is unacceptable.

SB emailed to suggest the library as a meeting place. He has passed on the information that SC is wasting CC time. He will not liaise with Bookings. JH will contact Gerry McGarvey who has offered to help. JH said that the library would be fine, but we would prefer to be in the VC. JH said that we could use our administration grant to pay the rent of the VC.

MV pointed out that this is the second time that the Community council has had this argument with SC.

7. Elected Member's Report

There was no elected member present.

8. Planning and Licensing

JG had emailed CC members with planning information for the meeting.
23/00137/FUL: Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of replacement dwelling house. The proposal is to replace the existing bungalow, adjacent to Blanefield House, with a two story house. Nobody has any concerns about this so JG will not comment.

22/00729/FUL: Erection of house in garden ground of 12 Glasgow Road, Blane field. This application has been refused and the decision is being appealed. JG does not intend to comment further on this.

A resident asked about the proposed house below Blue Risk. JG said that we commented about drainage issues with this site and will continue to press planning officers about this. Permission was granted on condition that the house will not be extended in the future. JG said that we need to check that the field opposite Blue Risk is reinstated once the building work is complete.

JG has signed up for an Ordinance Survey Licence which we need to use the mapping software for the Local Place Plans.

Light pollution from the campsite on the Cuil Road is still an issue. JG will try to take a picture for SC.

9. Finance

AS Evelyn has been unwell there is no financial statement this month.

10. Correspondence

We had a lovely email from a resident complementing us on the BVB this month. We had another one from a resident who wants us to advertise goods and services available locally. JH does not think this is what the BVB is for and the meeting agreed.

We had a request for help in tracing a relative who has moved to the village, which we successfully did.

JH thanked Pat and Robert Davy who have delivered the BVB for many years and are now leaving the village.

A resident said that Greens intend to that their delivery vans will use the car park when they take over the Co-op. This should help with parking in the area. JH has asked to be informed when the planters are due to arrive outside the Co-op so that she can check where they will be placed.

A resident said that residents beside her really appreciate the CC and of SC to address the parking issues at the Co-op.

11. AOCB

JG said that it had been suggested at the last meeting that we should purchase a camera and microphone for use at meetings. He has looked at various options for this and suggested that we listen to the recording of this meeting to see what the quality is like.

A resident reported that Scottish Water is using the old railway line beyond Station Road to access repairs to the bridge. It is now very muddy and he asked if SW will reinstate the path when work is complete. GE will write to SW regarding this.

12. Date of next meeting

The forthcoming CC elections mean that we do not have a date for the next meeting.

MV thanked the retiring CC members for their hard work.

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