

Strathfillan Community Council

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St. Fillan's Crozier
The Quigrich

Meeting 1st May 2017 in Crianlarich Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. Present/Apologies

Present: Alan Smailes (Acting Chair), Ian Marett, Isla Craig, Catriona Mckenna, Charlie Urquhart, Theresa Elliot (Stirling Council), Falcon Frost.

Members of the Public: Gordon Tweedie, Helena Tweedie

Apologies: John Riley, Craig Murray (Police Scotland), Alistair MacDonald, Mary Anderson, Michelle Flynn (Stirling Council)

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of Monday 3rd April 2017 Proposed by IM, seconded by IC.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

AS will raise issue of train station signage, at upcoming Community Rail Partnership meeting on 9th May.

Action Alan

IM to chase up Douglas Baillie (Stirling Council Broadband contact) as Douglas has not to date replied to Ian`s email. Discussion about new website and possible school input. CM has sent link to Richard Teall, current Head Teacher. IM to contact Richard directly.

Action Ian

Alan has not heard from Fiona Ross regarding a meeting about Tyndrum and Crianlarich public toilets. He`ll chase it up and CC in Theresa.

Action Alan Result after CC. meeting to be held

11th May.

Resiting of bins still ongoing – no-one available from SC for update, on day of meeting, due to it being closed for public holiday. **Result after CC.** 8th May, 1 extra bin for Tyndrum

Next NHS meeting due on May 3rd.

Scotgold hosting public planning consultation events. CC will agree to planning proposal.

2. Reports:-

Police Report

19 Calls.

- Mountain rescue 2
- Animal related sheep on road /cows/dogs etc 4
- Road related 2
- Concern for persons 3 Road accidents 3
- Information 2

again the disparity between the breakdown and actual calls is for multiple calls re same incident.

Piece of info: "'Rural Watch Scotland' is an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland movement and endorsed by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime (SPARC) and Forth valley Rural Crime Group aimed specifically at the rural communities of Scotland and aims to bring all the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to all rural communities irrespective of location, size or demographics. www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk

Vice Chair & Secretary's Report

I have received 32 e-mails.

Sent out or forwarded 34 e-mails, 6 of these were the weekly planning lists sent on to MA.

Fibre Optic Broad Band, Strathfillan

I sent you all correspondence from CMcK regarding the latest update on the situation regarding fibre optic broadband in the Strathfillan area. It does not make good reading as only Clifton will have high speed with most of Tyndrum on an 'Exchange Only' system. Crianlarich fares much worse with around 7 properties on 'Exchange Only' system with everyone else left on the existing system. Ian will have more to say on the subject.

Crianlarich/Tyndrum Toilets

I have contacted Fiona Ross of Stirling Council regarding a meeting with her to discuss the toilets. I am still waiting a reply.

Extra rubbish bins -Still ongoing

Meetings:

The meeting with George Fiddes of Transport Scotland was held 25th April. It was a constructive meeting. CU to report.

The Trust meeting was held on the 26th April.

I attended the Community Partnership meeting 27th April as Breadalbane area rep.

The Outreach surgery group will be meeting with NHS reps 3rd May and I will be attending the Community Rail Partnership meeting at Spean Bridge on the 9th May. I will discuss railway station signage for Crianlarich.

Dates for your diaries 10th and 24th May, Scotgold are holding a consultation event at Tyndrum hall from 10:30am to 8:00pm

Treasurer

Communication from Lynne McKinley(Stirling Council) suggesting Community Councils increase their insurance to cover legal expenses. This followed the discovery that current insurance provided, wasn't sufficient for a court case. Discussion about whether it was necessary. CU felt the case referred to, was an isolated one. FF said it would depend on how much the extra insurance would cost and whether Community Council admin budget would be increased to allow CCs to buy the extra cover needed. CU agreed to ask Lynne where the money was expected to come from.

Action Charlie

CIA Report

Planting day has been organised for May 14th. All but 1 from last year, are happy to adopt same tubs again. IC has found volunteer to take on tubs given up by the 1 relinquisher.

Health

No report submitted.

Discussion about paramedics now doing GP appts,

SCDT has money ringfenced for future health teleconferencing pilot.

Planning

No new planning applications.

MA raised concerns that portakabin requested by Real Food Café, was a return to inappropriate staff accommodation. This had been the case in the past.

Transport

AS, MH and CU met with George Fiddes (Transport Scotland Area Manager covering West of Scotland). Meeting included drainage problems, aesthetic issues at new bypass in Crianlarich, footbridge and speed issues in Tyndrum. Also discussed was overnight road closures for roadworks and how to inform everyone in advance. He was aware of a number of the issues raised. George agreed to consider all our points and to prioritise immediate improvements required.

Any road defects noted by a member of the community, must be reported to BEAR. CC can follow up if BEAR do not respond, after a period of time. GT commented that calls logged will be given a reference number. Anyone calling BEAR should ask for this number as proof of having reported the defect. Noting date and time of call would be beneficial to any follow up needed.

Discussion about crossing in Crianlarich. CC would prefer traffic light controlled crossing, as the primary school need to cross the A85 for PE in Crianlarich Hall. The current crossing is a false security for children and visitors. Not all vehicles stop voluntarily. See appendix 1.

Housing Nothing to report

Broadband

Discussion about response to CM's letter to MSP Bruce Crawford. Most of Crianlarich not included in future fibre optic broadband update. TE said only part of Killin was updated and now due to low uptake of more expensive broadband, there is no plan to improve the remainder of Killin's lines. CU said we should respond. IM agreed commenting that Digital Scotland shouldn't pick and choose, as they've already been paid for installing improved broadband in 95% of Scotland This was agreed. IC said she'd contact Bruce. *Action Isla*

New website needs content eg surveys, polls, school info.....possibility of being a way to indicate road defects already reported.

Councillor's Report

No Councillor attended due to upcoming elections.

Report from Billy Ronald

No report submitted.

AOB

CU reported that he had received a letter from a Crianlarich resident voicing concerns about the bypass, general roads issues and the material state of the village and surrounding area. CU read the letter out and confirmed that the majority of issues were discussed with George Fiddes and that CU intends to provide a personal response to the other concerns".

Following this, the CC will put a survey out with the next Killin News asking what improvements people would like and what issues they may have. *Action Alan*

FF said that Crianlarich is much improved on previous years – everyone agreed. Following Mr and Mrs Tweedies' concerns about visitors using land close to their home as a toilet, extra signage directing people to the public toilets and new fencing to help secure the land, have been implemented. GT agreed that these steps have helped. AS reminded everyone that current Community Council was elected to represent the area and all meetings are open to the public to attend – if they wish.

Next meeting is on Monday 5th June. It is the AGM and will start at 7pm. The CC meeting will start after the AGM

Appendix 1:

Alan, Mark and I had a meeting last week with George Geddes Transport Scotland Area Manager for the West of Scotland. We discussed a number of points involving Crianlarich, Tyndrum and Strathfillan in general. George noted our concerns and compiled a list from which hopefully a number of actions can be generated to ensure the CC know who is responsible for each action and an end date to ensure that resolution or closure is in sight.

Points affecting Crianlarich

- Renew / replace the zebra crossing in Crianlarich? Is there a requirement for advance signage for the crossing point?
- Repair of collapsed gullies in Crianlarich.
- Drainage issues under the railway bridge in Crianlarich.
- When will the light within the Crianlarich underpass be repaired?
- Is there a requirement for grit boxes on the new bypass?
- Landscape issues relating to the new bypass – visual impact.
- West Highland Way access path issue to be resolved.

Points affecting Tyndrum

- Can the Trunk Road footpaths through Tyndrum be resurfaced?
- Can the Trunk Road crossing points through Tyndrum be upgraded?
- Speeding issues through Tyndrum / Crianlarich – are speed surveys available?
- Has a 30mph speed restriction for Tyndrum been considered?
- When was the last inspection of the Tyndrum footbridge? Is the bridge fit for purpose?
- Can signage be erected for the Tyndrum footbridge as part of the West Highland Way? Who has overall responsibility for the West Highland Way?
- Signage review for Tyndrum. Include new signs for the public toilets.

General issues

- 3 year works programme for Tyndrum and Crianlarich to be provided.
- Consultation for road works on the A84 needs to be wider.
- Flooding issue next to the new crash barrier on the A85.

Additionally we have asked him to look at the parking situation at Tyndrum Terrace with respect to the current space limitations for residents. He reported that plans are in place to extend the kerb line although it's not clear as to whether this will improve the parking. We have also requested an 'end to end' survey of signage along the A85/A82 between Crianlarich and Tyndrum. .

We discussed overnight closures and were told that restrictions to operating hours ie working 10pm to 6am severely restrict the progress of the work due to limiting the number of material restocking opportunities. This restriction extends the overall number of night closures. If the repair teams worked from 7pm to 7am this would provide an opportunity to restock essential materials twice per shift progressing the work a lot quicker and reducing the overall number of night closures accordingly. We were asked to remember that night closures very rarely close the road and in fact rarely cause major problems when traffic control is in operation. It was felt that the CC should take this into account when raising concerns against future road closures.

George also mentioned that Crianlarich Hall may be approached to be the venue for a forthcoming A82 summit involving all interested parties.

The meeting went very well and it was felt that George was aware of a number of the issues and that some were already being progressed, he also appeared willing to look at the emergent issues raised by the CC and those issues highlighted by Crianlarich residents

Allan has contacted George in the meantime requesting that he prioritises a review of the landscaping on the roundabouts and verges of the A82 by-pass including the old A82 (Glen Falloch Road).

Reporting of Road Defects to Bear

All trunk road defects should be reported to Bear either by telephone or online. Defects to be reported include potholes, pavement issues, blocked drains, drain covers, subsidence etc and Bear will provide a report number.

Bear will either;

- contact the relevant owner ie Scottish Water for drain covers etc
- check the report and prioritise the urgency of the repair. Safety issues rated at the highest priority ie large potholes in the tyre line which theoretically should be fixed quickest.

If after a reasonable amount of time the defect has not been fixed then Bear should be contacted for an update. If you are unhappy with the response, e mail the CC who shall chase it up with Transport Scotland who have overall responsibility. Please do not make the initial report to the CC and please have details of the defect, report number and dates to enable the CC to pass the information to Transport Scotland.

Reporting of Road Defects to Stirling Council

All adopted roads are maintained by the Council. Please contact them regarding defects and issues remembering that Stirling Council will take no action pertaining to issues regarding trunk roads. Please do not make the initial report to the CC and please have details of the defect, report number and dates to enable the CC to pass the information to the appropriate person at Stirling Council.