

# Strathfillan Community Council

*working for and representing the people*



St. Fillan's Crozier  
The Quigrich

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 in Crianlarich Village Hall at 7.30pm

## 1. Present/Apologies

Present: Alan Smailes (Chair), Isla Craig, Catriona Mckenna, PC Craig Murray, Charlie Urquhart, Alistair MacDonald, Cllr Martin Earl, Mary Anderson, Billy Ronald(LLTNP), Mark Holt.

Members of the Public: Duncan LeMay

Apologies: John Riley, Falcon Frost, Ian Marett

## 2. Approval of minutes of meeting of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Proposed by AM, seconded by IC.

Charlie Urquhart has resigned from the CC. His business Craigbank Guesthouse has sold and he is leaving the area. We appreciate all that Charlie has done during his 4 years on the CC, but also his efforts with CIA to make Crianlarich a more inviting area....We wish him well for the future...

## 3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

re broadband - meeting has been organised for August. Douglas Baillie from Stirling Council will attend.

Light is still on at the wrong time in Willow Square. CM to let Theresa know

### *Action Catriona*

Re dog fouling - Enforcement Officer has been to Crianlarich and given dog poo bags to the shop. CM to take some for VisitScotland Centre in Tyndrum. Discussion about CC buying dispensers for the bags.

### *Action Isla*

Questionnaires submitted discussed.

### **Reports:-**

#### **Police Report**

Roads Related 6  
Road accidents 1  
Mountain rescue 2  
Concern for persons 5  
Animals 3  
Assist fire service 1  
Assist Public 1  
Loss 999 2

Roads although busy have not been causing problems, there is a distinct lack of motorcycles on the roads due to the poor weather.

### **Rural Watch Scotland**

"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.

Rural watch is an online community for any member of the public where appeals, crime prevention tips and safety alerts can be posted by those who subscribe which can be viewed by all members. Subscription is free and the sharing of information on the forum is a great example of real time crime prevention in action.

The objectives of Rural Watch Scotland are to:

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time.
- Encourage people to think about safety and security for themselves, their neighbours and their community.
- Improve community cohesion and well-being by supporting communities to develop 'their watch, their way'.
- Work in partnership with national and local service providers to develop more resilient communities that are better prepared against threats, intentional or unintentional, such as crime or extreme weather.

The experience of Neighbourhood Watch throughout Scotland and elsewhere across the world is that members of Rural Watch Scotland will be less likely than non-members in the rural community to be a victim of crime. By joining the Rural Watch Scotland scheme members can receive alerts and advice by phone, text or email. By keeping members informed about crime and other threats in specific areas, Rural Watch Scotland can help prevent crime, keep communities and residents safe, and members responses to these alerts can help catch criminals or be better prepared to deal with other threats to communities. To join Rural Watch Scotland simply:

- Log onto [www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk)
- Click the green JOIN button at the top of the page.
- Follow the on screen instructions."

### **Chairperson`s Report**

#### **Correspondence:**

I have received 48 e-mails.

Sent out or forwarded 56 e-mails, 9 of these were the weekly planning lists and planning issues sent on to MA.

#### **Fibre Optic Broad Band, Strathfillan**

I mentioned in my report last month that Bruce Crawford MSP was to arrange a meeting between ourselves, Digital Scotland and Community Broadband Scotland. This has been arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> August in Crianlarich, please let Catriona know who wishes to attend.

#### **Crianlarich/Tyndrum Toilets**

Ongoing

#### **Street Lighting, Willow Square**

Ongoing

#### **Extra rubbish bins**

I believe the new litter bin in Tyndrum has been relocated

#### **Meetings:**

The Outreach surgery group met with NHS reps and representatives from the Killin practice on 21<sup>st</sup> June. See attached minutes. The next PPG meeting will take place 4<sup>th</sup> July and Isla and myself have been invited to attend.

Att. No.1

#### **A82**

A closed meeting regarding upgrading of the A82 with the Transport Minister, Humza Yousaf, was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Crianlarich hall, as far as I am aware no CC's were invited. See Att. no. 2

#### **West Highland Community Rail Partnership**

I have had acknowledgement from ScotRail regarding the railway signage problems in Crianlarich and Tyndrum. Ongoing.

#### **Tyndrum**

Flower tubs in Tyndrum: A resident has expressed interest in re-siting the two tubs from Tyndrum Hall to Mansefield. I have contacted the 2 Tyndrum representatives to liaise with this person. Mark Holt has been in touch with the resident.

#### **National Park**

Draft National Park Partnership Plan.

I have responded to the consultation document as chair on behalf of the CC.

#### **Questionnaire**

I have received 4 responses. I will be reporting findings at the meeting.

#### **Other**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fergus Wood for his support and encouragement of our CC throughout his tenure as a Trossachs and Teith Councillor. We shall miss him.

#### **Objectives**

The CC's Objectives statement was last reviewed in September 2015. I have again added this to my report as we need to discuss the points. I have already circulated the Delegated roles list

See attached no.3 The Statement can also be viewed at:

<http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=1730>

Alan Smailes, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Litter bin has been re-sited in Tyndrum

Flower tubs at Tyndrum Village Hall to be re-sited

Patient Participation Group meeting scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July. Discussion regarding need for positive outcomes to objectives – regarding transport for hospital appointments.

Objectives to be discussed in September

Request to replace fencing in Crianlarich. After discussion, it was agreed to remove all fencing, where safe to do so.

Walls in Tyndrum need addressed....both issues need the Trust to develop

*Action Isla*

A letter was received from Steven Paterson – the former MP for Stirling, acknowledging our efforts.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The post of Treasurer has been given to Isla, following the resignation of Charlie. They will contact the bank to change signatories for CC accounts. Discussion about moving to Internet Banking...

*Action Charlie and Isla*

### **CIA Report**

A replacement piece of play equipment is due to be ordered this week(week beg 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017)for Crianlarich playpark. Funding has come from Killin and Crianlarich Nursery, Londis Crianlarich, SCDT and Stirling Council. SC has agreed to install and maintain it.

The Tyndrum to Crianlarich cycle path will be officially opened on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

MH voiced concerns passed to him about horses. IC stated that signage asks people not to feed them. CC agreed that the path will follow the same outdoor code as West Highland Way which goes through farmland where cattle roams freely.

### **Health**

No new report

### **Planning**

Weekly planning list number 22

- Proposal of additional skylights, creation of new external door, and internal alterations.
- Glenfalloch Bothy Glenfalloch Estate Crianlarich

Planning list of Extant applications no 22

- Construction of 2 private dwelling houses land adjacent to station house Station Road Crianlarich.
- Erection of replacement house and double garage Clisham Cottage Inverarnan
- Installation of additional skylights, creation of new external door and internal alterations
- Glenfalloch Bothy Glenfalloch.
- Proposed.installation of illuminated signage Crianlarich Hotel

Weekly planning list number 23

- Proposal installation of illuminated signage location Crianlarich Hotel

**Transport** - no new report

**Housing** - no report

**Broadband** – no report submitted

**Councillor`s Report** – no report as council in recess

**Theresa`s Report** – no report

**Report from Billy Ronald** - nothing to report

## **AOB**

Next meeting was arranged for Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September in Crianlarich Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Chairs report: Att: no.1**

Outreach meeting

A quick synopsis of the meeting.

Those in attendance were;

Ann Allison,

Jane Robertson,

Dr. Tara Mill,

Mhairi Kyle

Martin Earl and myself.

I explained the current situation regarding broadband provision in our area and this was followed up with a proposal to carry out a mapping survey of users in our area and their line speeds. It was suggested that Ian Marett would be best placed for this job.

Martin also made clear that BT/Openreach have hidden behind confidentiality regarding fibre optic cabling and its location. It may be possible to now ask Openreach to give us this info.

The surgery is in favour of a 'virtual' clinic after meeting with Ann and Jane, The NHS will provide information relating to what is available for this.

The surgery, initially, was in favour of a practise wide roll out but I quickly established that this would be a pilot scheme centred on Strathfillan in the first instance. This was OK by them. There would need to be an audit of long term illnesses in our FK20 area, this would be carried out by the practice and could potentially give rise to further employment either by existing staff or through recruitment. NHS, the practice and SCDT could donate funds to establishing this.

It was felt that only one long term condition be monitored, however concern was expressed over this as someone with say Hypertension could remotely have their blood pressure monitored but still require attendance at the surgery for blood tests thereby negating the effect of remote monitoring. More long term illnesses to be looked at such as diabetes.

It was asked about individual home monitoring but this might not be possible if patients do not have access to broadband. Initial set up should be centrally based possibly in both villages. I suggested that both fire stations might be a good location as they would be more easily controlled where privacy could be an issue. Both Ann and Jane responded positively as they are aware of the Fire Service wanting to integrate with communities, so this could be a good venue especially as they have better connectivity.

Tara suggested that two enthusiastic people might like to attend the PPG meetings the next one is scheduled for the 4th July at 1300hours. You realise she was meaning ourselves.

The NHS was going to make up a list of actions and arrange a date for a tel/con sometime in August.

That is the basis of the meeting Jane will send around a more detailed account with relevant actions.

## Chairs report: Att.no. 2



## Chairs report: Att.no.3

### OBJECTIVES OF STRATHFILLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

These objectives are primarily derived from community council minutes, the policy statement and the community action plan. The relevant excerpts from the policy statement are copied below:

1.1 STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES All the objectives of both the whole council and its sub groups will be reviewed regularly. The whole community will be consulted, from time to time, on the definition of these objectives.

1.2 DELEGATION TO INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS SCC will encourage individuals and groups of councillors to accept the responsibility of achieving agreed objectives and reporting back to the council on problems experienced and achievements at business meetings. Similarly office bearers are empowered to take appropriate decisions and actions on behalf of the council between meetings, liaising as necessary with other office bearers and councillors.

1.3 These objectives have also been derived from appropriate parts of The Community Action Plan (CAP): The most recent consultation formed part of the National Park Charette process in 2014, and led directly into the recently published Strathfillan Community Action Plan for 2014-2019. This is available online: <http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=65&t=1181> This is the key document which SCC uses to inform our priorities and projects for the coming years.

1.4 The overarching aim of the community council is to enable the residents of Strathfillan to have greater influence over factors affecting their lives.

#### 2. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To be reactive in addressing issues arising in the community
- 2.2 To be proactive in the identification and resolution of issues.
- 2.3 To bring about creative improvements for the benefit of Strathfillan.
- 2.4 To lobby public and private service providers and elected representatives for appropriate changes in decisions and policies
- 2.5 To encourage local people to utilise the community council in addressing important issues
- 2.6 To encourage active, engaged local people to stand for election as community councillors to maintain a balanced representation from all parts of Strathfillan, where possible.
- 2.7. To participate in key consultations with public bodies.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS OBJECTIVES:

To develop public awareness using various mediums such as:

- 3.1 To publish and display on notice boards agendas and minutes
- 3.2 To convene public meetings at appropriate times
- 3.3 To utilise the 'By the Way' section of the Killin News to publicise SCC news and to support the editorial team in every possible manner.
- 3.4 To encourage residents of Strathfillan to both attend our meetings and utilise 'Any Other Business' as a platform to debate appropriate matters. On occasions the Chairman may allow debate during the meeting if this is particularly appropriate.
- 3.5 To encourage residents to raise issues with their community councillors between meetings so that appropriate and actions can be taken.
- 3.6 To utilise the community council website, which can be accessed on <http://www.scottishdemocracy.com>
- 3.7 To enhance the effectiveness of SCC through the use of media and consultation with local and national politicians, as well as public body officials: all media enquiries should be passed to the 'Chair' for comment and in his/her absence the 'Vice-Chair'. Such responses to the media can be delegated at the discretion of the 'Chair' etc.
- 3.8 To lobby for the early installation of fibre optic broadband in the Strathfillan area. Meanwhile to lobby for improvements in the current service and system of reporting faults

### 4 ENVIRONMENT & LOCAL SERVICES OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 To monitor and liaise as necessary with Stirling Council, BEAR and Transport Scotland employees/officers on service provision: To create a clean attractive community with litter collected, fences, walls and hedges in an acceptable state of repair. To increase the amount of litter bins and litter collections. Have litter bins reinstated in car parks and lay-bys Litter cleaning on roadside verges, within villages and on trunk roads, between villages, including lay-bys if at all possible. Waste Collection Public Toilets maintenance in both Crianlarich and Tyndrum Grass cutting in cemeteries, on road side verges and in the Tyndrum kick-about area Scheduled maintenance of Tyndrum play area Snow clearing from pavements in Willow Brae, Willow Square, Mansefield, and Glenfalloch Road and on trunk roads ref 5.1 Salting and sanding of trunk roads and Stirling Council roads. Eradication of dangerous weeds
- 4.2 To build on the tub planting and local vegetable fruit project by increasing the number of flower and vegetable tubs throughout the area. To organise the planting and maintenance of flower tubs and baskets in liaison with local business owners, as necessary
- 4,3 To liaise with various bodies including, as appropriate Stirling Council, NPA, Network Rail and Forestry Commission, to maintain the West Highland Way and unadopted roads. Our ultimate ideal would be to set up a partnership with these bodies to address these issues; similar to those proposed by the Breadalbane Community Council Forum: <http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=125&t=356>
- 4.4 To help facilitate the formation of groups/associations for recreational activities if it is seen to be an advantage for the community, e.g. gold panning.
- 4.5 To encourage local people to keep their houses and gardens in a reasonable condition: as a tourist area we aspire to attract visitors.
- 4.6 To monitor community gain payments from Glenfalloch Estate, Green Highland Energy and Scotgold
- 4.7 To strive for the installation of a community owned mini-hydro scheme, in partnership with the Trust.
- 4.8 To complete the development of a Crianlarich Paths Network, with interpretative signs and maps

- 5 TRANSPORT & ROADS OBJECTIVES
  - 5.1 To lobby BEAR, Transport Scotland, Scottish Water, Stirling Council and if necessary Bruce Crawford MSP for:
    - Timely rectification of potholes.
    - Reasonable road closure arrangements for resurfacing work. Our ideal for total road closure is 10pm to 6am
    - Maintenance of pedestrian crossings
    - General emergent road issues, such as flooding, subsidence, on trunk roads
    - Villages entrance, pavements and other road signs to be kept clean and free from vegetation
    - Snow clearing from pavements on

trunk roads. Ref 4.1 □ A road crossing in Tyndrum □ Lower speed restrictions in Tyndrum to 30mph on the trunk road and 20mph in Mansefield. □ Speed calming measures to be introduced within village boundaries. □ Improved pavements and lighting □ Review local signage and identify improvements

5.2 To lobby Stirling Council (SC) for provision and maintaining of suitable DRT service in our area including Killin. To liaise with SC on the success of the hybrid DRT scheme and improvements arising from operational experience. Also to monitor and lobby as necessary on the effectiveness of the centralised booking system.

5.3 To lobby the Scottish Government, via Bruce Crawford MSP, for more efficient restoration of trunk road routes after fatal accidents. Also to lobby SC for appropriate changes to terms of reference of school transport contractors so that the children are taken home via alternative routes.

5.4 To lobby SC for speedy rectification work arising from the detrunking of the A82: street lights, culverts and pavement.

5.5 To continue to take part in the Community Rail Partnership and obtain support for local projects.

5.6 To provide the Strathfillan Community with guidance regarding the various defect and improvement reporting protocols currently established with Bear, Scottish Water and Transport Scotland.

## 6. HOUSING OBJECTIVES

6.1 To enable the development and expansion of tourism and local businesses there may be a need for further social housing and affordable homes to buy. In recent years several houses have become holiday homes or are used for staff accommodation. Lack of available housing means that young people and families are moving away

6.2 To help the tenants of Stirling Council houses by electing a community councillor to represent SCC on the Tenants Association. Also to represent the tenants of RSHA by: □ Keeping up to date with national and local housing regulations □ Informing tenants about relevant housing issues □ Enabling tenants to participate in appropriate consultations □ Addressing issues raised by tenants □ Lobbying and consulting with the relevant authorities on key issues

6.3. To re-form the Mansefield Residents Association (MRA) to enable residents to have influence over important issues

## 7. HEALTH OBJECTIVES

7.1 To lobby for a fairer system of patient transport to hospitals: Patients in remote rural areas of Argyll, the Islands and Highlands receive travelling expenses, whereas we in Strathfillan; a similar type of geographic area, are denied this recompense,

7.2 To lobby for a better system of hospital transport; equitable with the service received by patients in urban and Argyll, the Islands and Highlands areas.

7.3 To get the pilot outreach surgery project started, in liaison with Killin Medical Practice (KMP) and Stirling Council and to monitor its operation

7.4 To consult with KMP to ensure that people who attend the surgery on DRT are seen before the DRT returns to Strathfillan. 7.5 To continue our representation on the Stirling Community Health Partnership-Public Partnership Forum.

8. GOLDMINE OBJECTIVES 8.1 to liaise with, support and provide assistance to Scotgold to progress the construction and subsequent mining operation at Cononish Mine.

8.2 To ensure that the Trust receives community gain, as agreed in the bipartite agreement. To liaise with the Trust in the utilisation of 30k/annum for a minimum of 5 years

8.3 To ensure that the Trust receives 200k one year after commencement of mining. To work in partnership with the Trust and various public bodies in arranging a feasibility study on the design of the heritage centre,

## 9. PLANNING OBJECTIVES

9.1 To consider planning applications relevant to the Strathfillan area and take appropriate actions

9.2 To consult appropriately on draft planning policies, such as Local Plans issued by NPA.