

# Strathfillan Community Council

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St. Fillan's Crozier  
The Quigrich

Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Crianlarich Village Hall at 7.30pm

## 1. Present/Apologies

Present: Ian Marett,(Vice Chair) Isla Craig, Catriona Mckenna, Theresa Elliot (Stirling Council), Falcon Frost, Mary Anderson, John Riley, Cllr Martin Earl, Alistair McDonald.

Members of the Public: Gordon Tweedie, Helena Tweedie, James Allardice, Sheona MacLennan

Apologies: Billy Ronald, Alan Smailes

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017** Proposed by AM, seconded by IC.

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

Isla has not yet bought dispensers for dog poo bags. They are available in Londis Crianlarich and VisitScotland Tyndrum.

### **Action Isla**

Street lighting in Willow Square, Crianlarich is now repaired. Theresa pointed out that it is possible to report lighting issues, on the Stirling Council website.

## 2. Reports:-

Police Report 38 Calls within the section with the breakdown being

Domestic Incident 1  
Theft of Fuel 3  
Dangerous driving 3  
Thefts 3  
Wildlife 1  
RTC 3  
Road related 8  
Concern 3  
Anti social 2  
Assit public 1  
Mountain rescue 1

The thefts of fuel were all genuine errors from the Green welly and the balances outstanding have since been settled. The theft calls all occurred outwith the area. Concern calls were all relating to overdue walkers on the WHW.

With regards to road accidents please see below from Stirling council with the only one in our area highlighted.

Stirling Council report.

The following is a summary of the collisions in Stirling Council area for the month of July 2017.

0 fatal rtc's (no change from June)

6 Serious Injury rtc's (up 4 from June). 2 of the four rtc's are classed as serious due to occupants being detained in hospital overnight as a precaution and not due to physical serious injuries.

06/07/2017. 1320 hours. A9 Causewayhead Road, Stirling about 50m northeast of Customs Roundabout. V1 was travelling southwest when the driver observed the casualty (30 yr old) standing to the nearside on her mobile phone. She then stepped out onto the carriageway to cross the road having looked to her left only and not observed the oncoming vehicles on her right. She struck the front nearside of V1 and her foot was run over by one of the wheels to her injury.

08/07/2017 0054 hours. Unclassified road from Balfron - B818 approximately 98m west of the entrance to Dalarn, Balfron. V1 was traveling east at the locus when the driver lost control and V1 struck a wall to the nearside causing the vehicle to roll and come to rest across the carriageway on its wheels. V2 was also travelling east at the locus and the driver failed to observe V1 in the road. V2 collided with V1 and thereafter caught fire. The drivers of V1 and V2 were taken to hospital.

14/07/2017. 23:00 hours. President Kennedy Drive, Plean at the dwelling house Hillcrest. V1 was travelling northeast on Cadgers Loan, Plean into President Kennedy Drive. The driver lost control on a right hand bend and V1 left the roadway to the nearside, striking first a hedge and fence and then a house before coming to rest within the garden.

14/07/2017. 1700 hours. A811 Ballat Cross Roads - Drymen at its junction with Gartocharn Road. V2 was travelling east on the A811 and was stationary, indicating to turn right into Gartocharn Road. V1 was travelling behind V2 and the driver of V1 failed to observe V2 had stopped. The driver of V1 braked and turned into the oncoming lane in an attempt to avoid a collision with the rear of V2 however collided with the rear offside of V2. At this time V3 was travelling west and was struck by V1 which was in the westbound lane. This caused V3 to spin and leave the road to the nearside coming to rest in a ditch.

16/07/2017. 1545 hours. A82 Crianlarich - Tyndrum, at the junction for Strathfillan Wigwams at Auchtertyre Farm. Both V1 and V2 were travelling northwest towards the locus. The driver of V2 observed the vehicles in front slowing down due to another vehicle waiting to turn into a minor road. V2 came to a stop however V1 failed to stop and collided with the rear of V2.

Other rtc's

11 slight injury rtc's – up 2 from June

16 damage only rtc's - down 4 from June

0 non reportable rtc's - down 1 from May

Priority routes for 2017 / 2018 period are as follows:

A811 Dumbarton Road from Stirling to Drymen.

A9 Dunblane to Falkirk

A84 Stirling to Lochearnhead

A85 Lochearnhead to Tyndrum

The annual Motorcycle Safety Campaign continues to focus on motorcycle safety particularly around the main routes in the Forth Valley area. The A82 / A84 and A85 remain as priority routes with additional Police resources being targeted on these routes.

There has been an increase in complaints re speeding in the Crianlarich area. This was monitored by myself via hand held radar on 31082017 and no one was found to be over the speed limit. However the speed limits outside the 30 mph limit still are being broken mainly by motorbikes at the weekend. Unfortunately I am not allowed to monitor this in national speed limits due to H and S and this is being done by the camera partnership unit and Roads Policing.

Alasdair (Craig) Murray  
Constable 725  
Forth Valley, Division  
Police Scotland

## **Chairperson`s Report**

Firstly I must apologise for my nonattendance, the meeting coincides with the AGM of the Community Partnership, which has been moved from the 'Gathering' to a separate event. Ian Marett will chair the meeting.

Correspondence:

I have received 89 e-mails. Which included a lot of correspondence arranging the broadband meeting on the 17th August.

Sent out or forwarded 80 e-mails, 17 of these were the weekly planning lists and planning issues sent on to MA.

Fibre Optic Broad Band, Strathfillan

The meeting was held 17th August in Crianlarich. This was a useful meeting, Minutes are circulated.

Street Lighting, Willow Square, pedestrian tunnel (A85)

Both repaired

Scotgold:

I circulated the 'Drop-in' event to you all. I have since received a letter from 'The Park' planning authority asking for comments to the proposed application. Your thoughts would be appreciated for my response. MA will detail the application in her report.

## CiA/Environment:

Reports of one anti-social behaviour in and around the LSY, which was reported to the police who investigated. Outcome not known. I noted that the two tubs at Tyndrum Village Hall have been removed and I presume are now located in Mansefield, MH to confirm.

## Meetings:

The PPG meeting took place on 4th July, Isla and myself along with Alistair and Beatrice (Strathfillan Reps) attended. Isla and I had a tel/con with NHS reps and SC on progress of remote health monitoring. The next meeting of the PPG was 29th August. Isla and me were unable to attend due to prior commitments. Alistair will give a report.

## West Highland Community Rail Partnership

AGM to be held in Fort William on Saturday 16th September 11am to 4pm at the Duncanborough Church hall. You have received invites via e-mail

## Treasurer

Isla asked CC if the banking could be done on the internet. This would allow signatories to see the balance at any given time. This was agreed. The new signatories are Alan, Isla, John and Ian. Whilst Isla is Treasurer, statements are coming to her. Balance is currently £640

## CIA Report

Playpark equipment is scheduled to be installed at the end of September. The Trust will chase this up

JR raised the issue of the state of the bypass. MA added that grass cutting at the beginning and end of the village, is not getting done adequately. Discussed the issue may be, that previous Area Manager of Transport has left. His replacement, Norman Hutchison may not have been told of CC's transport concerns, as was discussed at a meeting in April. Martin said he'd email Norman, asking if there was ever a planting plan devised, whether a budget was set aside to develop the bypass landscape and to tell him of our displeasure at the current state. He'll cc in Alan...

Discussion around the possible end to the C60 service connecting Killin with Callander. Kingshouse Travel has indicated that it won't be renewing the contract after the end of December 2017. As a CC we are horrified that this bus service may end. It is vital to have transport links to Stirling for college, hospital etc We need a replacement, or at least an equivalent. Martin suggested the DRTs joining together to fill the gap. He added that 5 separate Community Councils are affected by this...he suggested a collaborative meeting would be beneficial to discuss our options. This should include all DRT operators. He is going to ask David Brown (Stirling Council's Public Transport Unit) to organise a meeting. After discussing the unsuitability of the current booking system with Martin, it transpired that should someone call to book a same day DRT, if there is a DRT pre-scheduled, then the same day booking is honoured. No-one in CC knew this to be the case. It was suggested that we ask David Brown to make this clear, both to DRT operators and to the communities.

***Action Catriona***

Theresa raised the issue of the main road through Crianlarich is to be resurfaced next week, from 7am – 7pm each day. Isla commented that the work, though publically advertised, is a week late. This will cause delays for school transport.

## **Health**

The Patient Participation Group met at the beginning of August. Alan and Isla have also met with other bodies, since the PPG met. Whether Crianlarich gets some sort of remote monitoring service, is now out of our hands. The decision lies with the NHS and the Killin Medical Practices' GPs.

Falcon raised the issue of KMP GPs no longer signing medical paperwork needed for a firearms licence. They are refusing on the advice of British Medical Association. Killins' GPs are the only ones in the Trossachs and Teith constituency to take this approach. The rest are continuing to sign the paperwork... Both Stephen Kerr MP and Bruce Crawford MSP are involved with trying to have this ruling removed. Our rural communities need those with gun licences for deer management to continue to be able to obtain the necessary paperwork. This also affects the Fire Service medicals. Martin said that the way to get the paperwork signed by a private GP, should be made known to everyone. He had asked KMP's Manager to display a notice explaining the procedure, but she refused.

For £10, anyone can access their own medical records. They can then, go to a private GP, armed with the records and the medical paperwork, and ask this individual to sign the form. If the GP reads the records and considers the applicant to be of sound mind, then they'll, for a large fee (£250) sign...

Falcon is going to raise the issue at the next meeting he attends of the Access Forum for the LLTNP, as he is a member. He also had a petition, which we all agreed to sign.

***Action Falcon***

## **Planning**

Planning St rathfillan

Clisham Cottage Inverarnan Approved

Crianlarich Hotel illuminated signage Approved

Glenfalloch Bothy Glenfalloch estate Approved

Panels to rear of Crianlarich Primary School Approved

Awaiting approval.

Construction of river hydro scheme Benmore Farm

2 Private houses Station Road Crianlarich

Development proposed Development of an underground mine to extract gold and silver with associated service and producton building, plant, and storage areas.

Tailings storage facility settlement pond and gauging station, Bridge and carparking

Location; Minerals Cononish Road Tyndrum.

Discussion about the revised application by Scotgold....they are proposing to build a bridge across the ford, near Dalrigh, so that the transport can access Cononish. This would mean that mine vehicles would be on the same route as the West Highland Way, although there is the potential for an alternative WHW route along the riverside which would keep the walkers and traffic separate. Isla suggested that we write in response agreeing in principle to the revised app, but with the caveat that the WHW be re-routed for walker`s safety. It is understood that Scotgold would also prefer the WHW walkers to be kept away from their vehicle routes. It was agreed that the cycle path is not an appropriate official diversion, as this was always intended to keep cyclists and walkers apart. Falcon suggested that a review of the LLTNP Core Paths network is coming soon, and this would include the WHW, so should be quite straightforward to have a minor route change permanently adopted. In the meantime it could be handled as a signposted diversion.

***Action Alan & Isla***

**Housing** Nothing to report

## **Broadband**

A meeting was held in Crianlarich on 17<sup>th</sup> August....

This was arranged by Bruce Crawford MSP, at the request of Strathfillan Community Council

Attended: Bruce Crawford (MSP), Lee Robb (Communications Manager for Bruce) Alan Smailes (Strathfillan Community Council Chairperson) Catriona Mckenna (Strathfillan Community Council Secretary) Isla Craig (Strathfillan Community Development Trust Chairperson) Evelyn Tweed (Councillor for Trossachs and Teith) Jeremy McDonald (Councillor for Trossachs and Teith) Douglas Baillie (Stirling Council Broadband Officer) Fiona Muir (Digital Scotland) Campbell Cameron (Community Broadband Scotland) Anne Sobey (LLTNP Community Partnership) Andrew Poulter (BLS Community Council and Balquhudder Community Broadband) David Johnston (BLS Community Council and Balquhudder Community Broadband)

Apologies: Martin Earl (Councillor for Trossachs and Teith) Neil Black (LLTNP) Stuart Mearns (LLTNP)

Bruce opened the meeting by explaining the reason for inviting everybody together: Despite Digital Scotland's website giving numerous dates which have been and gone, SCC wanted to know when the fibre optic broadband upgrade would actually be done and how far would the signal reach. After asking Bruce to intervene, SCC were given information which indicated only a few properties in Crianlarich would be covered in the upgrade, and in Tyndrum Clifton would be upgraded – due to its being included in the Highlands and Islands upgrade.

Bruce asked Fiona to respond:-

In 2012, Gov set the target of 95% of Scotland, upgraded to Fibre Optic Broadband by the end of 2017. Stirling Council put in extra funds to the 126million given to BT, in order to help BT get to rural Stirling. To get the broadband to Strathfillan, they costed bringing it from Oban direction. This was scrapped. Dates previously given on the Digital Scotland website were put there on the assumption that the route being costed would be viable.

A detailed costing project to bring fibre optic spine to Strathfillan up the A82 has recently started, with figures expected later this year. In addition, extra funds have been found from Gainshare – the

profits made from the uptake of superfast broadband, thus far. A decision on whether this project is financially feasible, is yet to be made. If it is feasible, the intention would be to have the project complete by the end of 2018, when the Gainshare money must be spent.

The information shown on the maps provided to the CC is misleading as the information is restricted to 2 specific postcodes (FK20 8RY in Tyndrum, and FK20 8QN in Crianlarich). Once fibre optic does reach Crianlarich and Tyndrum exchanges, this will enable all properties served by the exchanges to benefit from significant speed increases, via "Exchange Only" technology. Properties up to approximately 1.5km away from the exchange should be able to expect speeds of up to 80mbs. Further away properties will have lesser speeds, but should still see an improvement.

However, if the A82 route for the fibre optic cable is not feasible, Strathfillan will be added to recently announced Government "R100" scheme, which has committed to reaching 100% coverage by 2021.

Bruce then asked for questions:

Isla asked if Inverarnan could be connected to "the spine". Fiona said in principle yes, and engineers looking at the route in detail would also be looking at ways to connect additional settlements (such as Inverarnan) on the way past. However, it may be that some outlying properties would not be connected when the "spine" is first laid, but if it passes near to their properties this would enable them to be subsequently easily connected under the R100 commitment.

Evelyn asked if date promise of the end of 2018 could realistically be met, even if A82 plan goes ahead. Fiona assured the meeting that everything is being done to keep Strathfillan in the original programme, and to meet the target date.

Douglas added that with the plan now overdue by a year, the R100 date promise might well run over too – so the possibility is that Strathfillan might not be updated in the next 4 years either. He also stated that Stirling Council have some funding available for rural broadband, and could contribute to the costs of the A82 route, alongside the gainshare money.

CBS is currently under review, so could not commit to funding help – but Campbell said they could help with advice, which would be particularly relevant if the A82 route being investigated is deemed not to be viable.

There is a voucher scheme in existence to help businesses improve connection by doing their own basic broadband installation which finishes at end of 2017. More info is on [scotlandsuperfast.com](http://scotlandsuperfast.com). If satellite is installed, using voucher, business would still be entitled to inclusion in R100.

Discussion about Balquidder and Kinlochard, including cabling underground vs over posts. The meeting was assured that engineers look at the best technical routes for fibre optic which may be either over or underground.

It was also mentioned that a White Space scheme had already been tried at Portnellan, Crianlarich, – this is the unused tv channels between the regular ones. This was not successful.

In wrapping up, Fiona agreed to keep Bruce updated – he will, then feed back to SCC.

Douglas will also provide the CC with regular newsletters from Stirling Council.

Agreed that asking for the meeting has spurred Digital Scotland into trying to find a solution. And that though Digital Scotland want to use profits from Gainshare to help with installation costs for Strathfillan, ultimately BT will decide which areas will benefit from the extra cash injection. Similarly, Stirling Council have put extra funds in to help with the project within its rural areas, but realistically, the Council has no say in whether BT uses the money in Stirling.

The telephones in Crianlarich have stopped working again. On each occasion that the lines went down, despite numerous residents calling and reporting the fault, BT have insisted there were no problems. On the advice of Martin, Isla got in touch with Dean Lockhart MSP. He became involved and helped...BT are now saying the trigger lies in a PC in Glasgow. It is automatically switching off our lines, as a safety measure, but they don't know why! At least now, they're investigating...

### **Councillor`s Report**

No report, other than what has already been discussed.

### **Report from Billy Ronald**

No report submitted.

### **Tyndrum Action Group**

No report submitted

John asked if the notice board in Tyndrum was still used. Alistair said yes, he displays notices and CC minutes.

### **Theresa`s Report**

There`s a Community Engagement Session taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> September, from 2 – 4pm. It will take place in the Church Community Rooms across from McLaren Hall. Senior Management members of Stirling Council want the opportunity to meet local communities to discuss priorities and to understand

local challenges. Invitations have been sent to CCs, the KAT and SCDT and Parent Partnerships...this will be an opportunity to discuss the C60 bus problem..

## **AOB**

Falcon raised the issue of the state of the school and nursery. He cleaned guttering of the nursery at the weekend. The two buildings are falling into disrepair. Martin said he'd deal with this...

John stated that Alan is still doing too much. Once the website is up and running, the community can become more involved. Ian said he was making time this week to do more with the site. With Charlie moving away, there is space for more co-opted members of the CC. The invitation to join was made to the members of the public who were in attendance. Sheona and James offered to join. These two offers were proposed by Isla and seconded by Falcon. Since Charlie had been responsible for transport, James offered to become the replacement. He questioned whether any budget for planting re the bypass, could come to the community, that we can design and maintain. Martin said, he'd ask the question. Alan will update James with all that has been discussed and requested re transport ***action Alan***

There will be free defibrillator training both in Tyndrum at the Green Welly on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2 – 4pm and in Crianlarich Village Hall on the same day from 7 – 9pm. It's a great chance to learn how to use the machines.

James said that as dog walkers are expected to pick up their dog mess, so too should horse owners if their horse has defecated on the new cycle path...

The next meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in Crianlarich Village Hall'