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Minutes of CC Meeting 8th February 2016 Crianlarich Hall at 7.30pm

1. Present:

John Riley (Chair), Alan Smailes, Isla Craig, Andrea Hobson, Sheona MacLennan, Iain Wragg, Falcon Frost
Billy Ronald (LLTNP), Theresa Elliot (SC), Cllr Alycia Hayes,
Members of the Public: Robert Burns, Ian Marett, Catriona McKenna (Crianlarich Primary Parent Partnership),
Duncan Lemay
Apologies: Bruce Crawford MSP, Charlie Urquhart, Mary Anderson, PC Craig Murray, Kelly Clapperton-Bates

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 11th January

6.1 John wishes to take this opportunity of thanking Councillor Martin Earl for his prompt resolution of the care home issue.

Proposed: Alan Smailes

Seconded: Falcon Frost

3. Report from Police Constable Craig Murray

- 17 Calls to the area since the last meeting.
- 1 call re damage to the Crianlarich Hotel whereby a guest had gone on the rampage and trashed a room. 1 male apprehended.
- 1 report of an alleged theft of a jacket from the Tyndrum Inn.
- All the rest were roads related with attendance at snow gates, floods and high winds on the Rannoch Moor. I was recalled again re the weather and there were a number of vehicles blown off the road on the moor. Although not technically our area the road was closed to high sided vehicles and I along with others were assisting our colleagues in the north re this. Dealing with these weather incidents often took up most of a shift.
- The recorded wind speed on that day at the Ski centre car park was 104 MPH
- Otherwise apart from weather calls, crime wise not much reported.

4. Matters Arising

4 - CC Secondments - details of the new Community Councillors have passed to SC.

Fishing Club - There has been a good response to the sale of season tickets so far. Local outlets will sell day tickets. Bailiffs have not yet been appointed, but the intention is to have someone in place by the start of the season. Up to 4 people will be trained. Alan is progressing this with Jimmy Gauld in Killin, who is the local Tay Preservation Officer. The Scottish Government legislation regarding Tay orders for salmon tickets will be printed on the backs of local maps.

Private Housing Plots - Land North of Mansefield was designated for housing during 1990s. This was removed following the Charette process held in Tyndrum in 2013. The NPA view is that there is sufficient other housing plots in Tyndrum, and future development will be confined within the identified village boundaries until these housing plots are filled. There is currently no intention to bring the North Mansefield land back within the village envelope.

It was agreed that there is nothing further the CC can do until consultation on the next Local plan begins, which

is likely to be in 10-20 years.

5 - Outreach Surgery / Health - Following the meeting held with NHS FV in October, the promised note of meeting has not yet been received. John has raised this with Bruce Crawford and asked him to follow up. One of the key issues is that there seems to be no parity between travel expenses for Highland and Argyll & Bute patients, and those in Forth Valley.

Gillian Taylor (Stirling Council) has investigated other possible types of outreach health service. Local nurses do not see much benefit in an outreach clinic as most of their patients are house bound. Possibilities mentioned so far include an open day event to promote telecare type products for elderly/infirm people and/or a well health clinic. Gillian Taylor is pursuing these and other possibilities.

It was commented that a return taxi from Tyndrum to Killin surgery is £52. Changes to the DRT booking system means that DRT is not available for patients who require a same day appointment at the surgery.

6.1 - Toilet Cleaning - A Stirling Council representative met with Cameron Dryburgh in Tyndrum, who has made a proposal regarding taking on responsibility for cleaning Tyndrum & Crianlarich toilets twice per day 365 days per year. Cameron has put forward a price but has not yet had any response from Stirling Council. Alycia & Theresa will follow up on this.

Action Alycia & Theresa

7 - Cattle Creep Crossing - John has supplied Billy with a sketch of the problem area. Billy will investigate further. It is possible this area is the responsibility of the Forestry Commission rather than the NPA.

Action Billy

7 - Transport - It is still unclear whether the gradient of the WHW footpath meets planning requirements, and if not why not. Billy will continue to investigate.

Action Billy

Potholes are an ongoing problem, and have got significantly worse recently. Bruce Crawford is also going to pursue this. Charlie will continue to create a list of transport issues to pass to Transport Scotland. Rural Stirling housing have had 2 flooded houses in Tyndrum, believed to be due to a blocked culvert in Tyndrum. It is difficult to find organisations to take responsibility for this type of problem.

Action Charlie

10 - Minute Secretary - Andrea is considering taking this on, and will take the minutes on a trial basis at the March meeting.

Action Andrea / Isla

5. Priority Based Budgeting (including Proposed Change to School / Nursery management structure)

It was announced last week that SC are proposing to replace the Head of Nursery in Killin and in Crianlarich with the Primary School Head teacher (shared between Killin & Crianlarich). A meeting was held in Killin on 7th February, and the following areas of concern were identified:

- We have already tried to have a triple headship and it didn't work out. Resulting in losing The school head teacher and causing long lasting damage to staff morale and the everyday functioning of the school. There is no way The Head Teacher being in charge of 4 establishments will be at all better.
- The geographical area that the 2 schools and 2 nurseries are on are an hours round trip. The road in between often being closed by weather, RTA's, trees on road.
- The current head teacher has experience with a school/nursery setting but does he have experience working with under 3's?
- Who is to be in charge in the school holidays when Head Teacher off 11 weeks a year?
- Health and Safety risk. It is noted in the proposals a concern would be that Doune nursery is not attached to the school building and emergency protocols would need to be introduced. What about Killin/Crianlarich?
- At present the Nursery manager covers sickness etc. How would this effect the ratio's if manager no longer part of staffing scheduled?
- Current head teacher very new to post, still requiring support from Stirling Council

- There is not a strong stable team in Killin or Crianlarich to cope with the strains of losing their head teacher to one of three other establishments. As highlighted by Stirling Council it has been difficult to fill teachers positions. Crianlarich's Principal teacher is going on maternity and Killin has advertised for the 3rd time to recruit a Principal teacher.
- The proposed saving of £60,000 seems small compared the huge upset and upheaval it will bring to both communities.
- The nurseries latest Care inspectorate report was excellent based on the experience and management of staff. One thing that was going right for Stirling Council and you are undermining it and the hard work put in by staff.
- How many other schools are under dual headship for schools but also dual head ships for nurseries?

It was agreed that the CC should support the views of local bodies in issues of this type (ie Crianlarich Parent Partnership, Killin Parent Partnership and nursery Parents Group). Individual responses are generally better than a combined one, and parents are being encouraged to complete the online survey and send emails to all Stirling Council councillors.

The Community Council will also write in support of the Parent Partnership views, and it is understood that CC views normally carry some weight. The Stirling Observer are also collating an article on this, and the CC response to Stirling Council will be copied to the Stirling Observer.

Action Alan / Ian

6. Community Council Website

The Scottish Democracy website was designed to enable networking with other Community Councils. However, unfortunately this aspect of the site never took off, and it agreed that the site is now outdated and unwieldy.

It was agreed that a new modern format site should be trialled. Key to the success will be the ability for documents to be uploaded and content to be updated by non technical Community Councillors. It is also important that an archive of the Scottish Democracy site is retained in some format, to retain all the documents and discussions held on there.

Ian Marett kindly offered to use his professional skills to help with this, and will put together a draft alternative site for review by the rest of the Community Council.

Action Ian Marett / Isla

7. Report from Office Bearers

7.1. Chair

No additional report, the Chair has become involved with several issues already covered under matters arising.

7.2. Secretary

Again a fairly quiet month, the only issue is the revised PBB that Stirling Council have had to come up with due to further cutbacks. This was released late on Friday, which has not left us much time to prepare.

- Up to the time of writing (06/02) I have posted 27 items on the website: 14 (including this report) under correspondence
- 6 under Planning
- 3 under Environment
- 4 under Transport
- I have also forwarded 14 e-mails to CC members.
- I have been very active on the Strathfillan Angling Association front, collating and preparing requests for season permits. An advert for local membership can be found in the latest edition of the Killin News.

7.3. Treasurer

No Report

8. Reports from delegated groups (not already covered under Matters Arising)

8.1. Environment

Work on the CiA Paths project is re-starting next week, with the intention of being finished for Easter.

8.2. Planning -

An edited version of the LLTNP weekly planning list (identifying Strathfillan issues) is published on the Scottish Democracy website each week. There are a number of planning applications live just now relating to hydro schemes and electricity connections. Community Councillors should all be keeping an eye on these lists, and can raise any applications which may be cause for concern.

There is currently a planning proposal to replace the derelict sawmill on Lochdochart Estate with a biomass chipper and dryer. It is understood there is the likelihood of up to 3 jobs being created once the development is established. It was not felt that the CC had any comment to make on this application.

9. Report from Councillor Alycia Hayes

The second round of PBB cut proposals were announced this week. As well as the issue already discussed, other areas of concerns include doubling cost of music tuition and introducing a snack charge for nursery. This policy would mean that some children may not have a snack provided, although it is hoped that each nursery would share out resources amongst all children.

Other proposals include

- food waste might go in brown bin, rather than in separate caddy.
- Reduce size of SC pool car fleet by 20%
- Reduce number of managers. Plan to save £0.75M
- Cuts to adult learning groups

Individuals should be encouraged to fill in the survey and email all administration councillors with views.

Following the recent severe flooding a number of Communities have revisited their need for a Community Resilience plan. It has been found that in an emergency situation, key people and resources weren't as easy to identify as expected, and it would have been useful to have the information written down.

Similar issues could occur when a community is cut off by a prolonged road closure, or during a long power cut.

David Bright of Stirling Council would be happy to work with the community to develop a resilience plan.

There is a significant amount of work involved, and the wider community needs to be engaged with the process as well as the Community Council. Sheona volunteered to contact David Bright to discuss how to start the process.

Action Sheona

10. Report from Theresa Elliot (Stirling Council)

Theresa has been appointed as a Community Liaison officer by Stirling Council working on a part time basis and will be attending some CC meetings throughout the year to feedback between Stirling Council and the Community Council. Restarting the Breadalbane CC Forum could be looked at, if there is an appetite for this from all 3 CC bodies.

11. Report from Billy Ronald (LLTNP)

Issues have already been covered under Matters Arising.

It is understood that SUSTrans are involved in developing the Tyndrum - Crianlarich cycle path, although it is believed that they will not be in a position to fund as much as was first hoped. A report on the progress of the cycle path is being given to SCDT Directors by Natalie Stevenson of the LLTNP Countryside Trust at the next SCDT board meeting on 24th February. The project is currently being led by the Countryside Trust, but working closely with SCDT to ensure local views are being taken into account.

12. Any Other Competent Business

Meeting Dates - The noise from the Zumba class now held in Crianlarich Hall on a Monday evening is making it very difficult to hear during CC meetings, particularly for those who suffer with hearing difficulties. It is understood that Monday is the only suitable night for Zumba, so it was therefore proposed that CC meetings will move to the 1st Tuesday of each Month from March. This will also be easier for local councillors, as there will not be a clash with other Trossachs & Teith CC meetings. Alan will revise the hall bookings and advise Helen Geddes.

Action Alan

Gold panning - it is understood that the various key agencies are close to producing a policy statement on Gold panning in Tyndrum. It is expected that this will mean that recreational gold panning effectively cannot go ahead. Already, the World Gold panning championship (which was due to come to Tyndrum), has been moved to another UK location. It is agreed that recreational gold panning brings significant money into the local community, although there are also difficulties associated with it. However, the CC role is to ensure that the legislation is clarified, for the benefit of everybody.

13. Date, time, place of next meeting Tue 1st March 7.30pm