

# Strathfillan Community Council

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Minutes of CC Meeting 5th July 2016 Crianlarich Hall at 7.30pm

## 1. Present:

Alan Smailes (Chair), Isla Craig, Falcon Frost, Alistair MacDonald, Mary Anderson

Billy Ronald (LLTNP), Theresa Elliot (SC)

Members of the Public: Nicola Hay, Mark Holt

Apologies: John Riley, Sheona MacLennan, Charlie Urquhart, PC Craig Murray, Cllr Martin Earl, Cllr Fergus Wood, Cllr Alycia Hayes, Ian Marrett

## 2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 7th June

**Proposed:** Mary Anderson

**Seconded:** Alistair Macdonald

## 3. Report from Police Constable Craig Murray

Since last month there have been 43 calls in the Strathfillan area:

- Theft 1
- Counterfeit notes 1
- Animals deer/ sheep on railway line 5
- Abandoned 999 1
- Road traffic related 17 road accidents/road related
- Concern 4
- External agency 1
- Mountain rescue 2

Mountain rescue: 1 male lost on Ben Lui however when described as to where he was, local knowledge prevailed and I was able to access very close to him by vehicle and he was removed from the hill.

Again an example of local knowledge was when a 76 year old male slipped on part of the west Highland way and suffered a suspect broken ankle. From his location we were able to drive to within 80 metres of him as was the 4X4 ambulance and he was removed to hospital.

Operation Zenith is ongoing which is in direct response to road accidents involving motorcyclists in the area, this involves proactive patrols by the roads policing unit and local units to educate and enforce if required.

Operation ironworks is still ongoing with patrols of lochsides but the weather has not been good and numbers of visitors has been low

The new emergency signage store has been placed at Crianlarich Fire station, this will allow motorist to be informed of road closures quicker and of alternative routes and can be deployed by Police, fire and Bear. It will negate Bear having to first go to their depot to uplift signs as they are already at key locations. Crianlarich, lix toll, locheanhead and at a location still to be finalised in Tyndrum.

## 4. Matters Arising

**4.1.** Layby at Brodies shop. Charlie to respond to Transport Scotland regarding this. **Action Charlie**

4.2. Oban Times Headline. An apology has been received from the Chair of Oban CC regarding this. No further action is necessary.

## 5. Report from Office Bearers

5.1. Chair - no report

5.2. Secretary - items received during the month have been circulated by email.

Bruce Crawford MSP has written to LLTNP, Crown Estates & Fisheries asking them to confirm their position re Goldpanning in Tyndrum. Steven Paterson MP is also willing to help. Alan will continue to push for progress.

**Action Alan**

5.3. Treasurer - no report

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

6.1. Environment - Grass adjacent to the SCDT houses at Strathfillan Terrace needs strimming. Isla to speak with SCDT housing group to arrange this. **Action Isla**

Soil has been purchased for the Willow Brae flower tubs, but needs to be transported from LSY. Billy will assist Alan with this. Some of the new flower tubs need holes drilling for extra drainage.

**Action Billy / Alan**

6.2. Planning - Approval has been given for addition of a conservatory to a house at Clifton.

6.3. Health A Public health "roadshow" is being held in Crianlarich (6th September) and Tyndrum (7th September).

The event is being organised by NHSFV, in conjunction with the CC and SCDT, and will showcase potential uses of new technology to make access to healthcare easier for remote communities like Strathfillan. Please encourage as many as people as possible to attend, particularly those who are regular users of health services. High attendance is essential for the community views to be taken in account in shaping future plans. The views of people who are less familiar with using new technology must be represented, as well as from those who are more comfortable with technology.

6.4. Broadband - The installation date for Fibre Optic in Tyndrum has been delayed to December 2016 (from June 2016). No date has yet been given for Crianlarich. Ian Marrett will continue to push for more information on timescales.

6.5. Transport - Stirling Council have today attempted to cut grass on the verges alongside Glenfalloch Road. There has not been much evidence of amenity grass cutting in Crianlarich & Tyndrum in the last few weeks, and there is also a tree down on steps going up to Willow Square. Theresa will try to find out where, and how often, grass cutting in Strathfillan should take place. Council will not be responsible for cutting grass on private land. **Action Theresa**

Alistair will contact Ian Cleaver regarding grass cutting on the land he owns around the TIC. **Action Alistair**  
Zebra crossing lines are getting faded again and more warning signage approaching the crossing would be helpful.

**Action Charlie**

7. Report from Councillor - No report

8. Report from Billy Ronald (LLTNP) - Nothing to report

## 9. Any Other Competent Business

**Tyndrum Improvements** - Mark Holt has been in discussion with John R, and others, regarding resurrecting the Mansefield Residents Association, to push for improvements in Tyndrum. The CC unanimously agreed with his view that there should in fact be a body to voice views for the whole of Tyndrum, rather than a single street. Mark is going to organise an initial community meeting, to decide on issues, priorities and next steps.

The CC fully support the formation of this group, and suggested that it should be "joint" between the CC and SCDT, in a similar way to the CiA group. Isla will liaise with Mark to provide support on behalf of SCDT. However, the group itself will be formed from interested Tyndrum community members. **Action Mark**

**New bins** - the new system of refuse collection being implemented by Stirling Council in the autumn will result in 64 bins & 16 boxes being located in the Willow Brae / Square area. This has the potential to cause further street congestion on collection days, as well as causing difficulties for some householders in finding space to store them all. There is confusion over exactly what the changes are and when they will take effect. The nearest information event was in Killin, although most households did not receive information leaflets till after this event had happened. Alan will ask Councillors for clarification on it all, and enquire whether a Strathfillan information event could be arranged. **Action Alan.**

**Supermarket Deliveries** Ian Marret has sent a letter to Tesco re closure of the click and collect facility in Killin. It was observed that Inverarnan has a greater choice of supermarket deliveries (which come from Greenock) than for the rest of Strathfillan (which come via Perth).

**DRT Strathfillan** will have extended service hours from August 2016. There will be more timetabled journeys between Crianlarich & Killin, although the times of these have not yet been published.

#### 10. **Co option of Councillors**

Under the terms of the CC constitution, a maximum 2 CC members may be co-opted (1/3 of the number of elected members). Andrea is no longer able to continue as a CC member, due to other commitments. Alan proposed that the CC co-opt Falcon Frost & Sheona MacLennan.

Proposed Alan Smailes, Seconded Alistair MacDonald.

Associate directors can also be appointed, for areas of special interest, but have no voting rights within the CC. Ian Marrett will be appointed as an Associate Community Councillor with special responsibility for Broadband & Website. Mark Holt will be appointed as Associate Community Councillor with special responsibility for Tyndrum issues.

*[All members of the public, and other local representatives were asked to leave the meeting. The final agenda point was discussed by CC members only]*

#### 11. **Appointment of Minute Secretary**

An advertisement was displayed locally for approximately 2 weeks, advertising for a paid minute secretary. 2 applications were received. At this point the meeting was conducted in private between the elected representatives to discuss the candidates. A decision was reached and Alan will contact both candidates to explain the decision. **Action Alan**

#### 12. **Date, time, place of next meeting Tue 6th September, 7.30pm**