

Strathfillan Community Council

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St. Fillan's Crozier
The Quigrich

Meeting Tuesday 6th September, Crianlarich Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. Present/Apologies

Present: Alan Smailes (Vice Chair), Isla Craig, Ian Marett, Catriona McKenna, Alistair MacDonald, Mary Anderson, Mark Holt, Kelly Clapperton-Bates (Minute Secretary). Cllr Martin Earl, Theresa Elliot (SC)

Members of the public: Gordon Tweedie, Helena Tweedie;

Apologies: Falcon Frost, Charlie Urquhart, Billy Ronald (NPA), John Riley (Chair), Sheona MacLennan, Craig Murray (Police Scotland).

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of Monday 5th July 2016

Alistair proposed, Mary seconded.

3. Approval of new Associate member and Minute Secretary

Catriona McKenna was approved as a new Associate Member.

Kelly Clapperton-Bates was approved as the new Minute Secretary.

4. Report from Police Constable Craig Murray

No report sent – if one arrives later it was agreed to cc to Kelly.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Tyndrum Lay-by

Charlie has written to Transport Scotland about concerns raised over the reputed removal of the lay-by north of Brodies Shop in Tyndrum. Charlie to find out if the plan is still going ahead, and to put in an objection if it is.

Gold panning

Although we have received responses from all the relevant authorities, we are still 'in progress' relating to the Crown Estate's position.

Strimming/Tubs

Thanks are extended to Duncan Lemay for undertaking strimming across many areas of Crianlarich, it was agreed the village looks much better for it. It was agreed that the tubs and planters will be drilled in the winter to prevent waterlogging next year.

Deep cleaning

Stirling Council were to undertake a 'deep clean' of council adopted roads across Strathfillan, though there is a lack of clarification as to what this means and entails. Martin is to investigate this, and find out what has been done locally. Alan is to forward him the relevant email.

Council Housing

Concerns were expressed at the height and general unkempt nature of the grass of the council housing. Theresa is to contact John McMillan to resolve the issue.

Zebra Crossing

Charlie is to contact the relevant body to repaint the zebra crossing in Crianlarich, as it is getting very faded.

Fencing

Alistair to discuss with the land owner over the maintenance and repair of fencing in Tyndrum.

Tyndrum Improvement Group

Mark has drafted a letter to encourage Tyndrum residents to get involved in the Improvement Group, and aims to set a meeting at the Tyndrum Inn in the near future. It was agreed he should decide on a date as soon as possible and advertise it in the next issue of the Killin News.

6. Report from Office Bearers: Chair/Secretary/Treasurer

Chair's Report:

Due to doctors advice John will not be attending meetings until further notice.

As I am still experiencing slow broadband speeds I am sending information direct to Community Councillors and not on the website, I hope this will be rectified before our next meeting (October).

We are getting reports of problems with wild camping mainly in the Tyndrum area and the possible theft of a picnic table.

Goldpanning

With the help of Bruce Crawford, MSP, all the authorities have now responded but due to the responses I would suggest we are no further forward in regard to the Crown Estates position.

Roadwork notifications

Major resurfacing works are due to commence Monday 19th September on the A85 West of Tyndrum, a convoy system will be in place. If you have any comments please forward to Charlie.

New members

We welcome Catriona McKenna as an Associate Councillor and Kelly Clapperton-Bates as our minute secretary

On behalf of the CC I will be attending Rural Stirling Housing Association AGM on 22nd September.
On behalf of the CC I attended the opening of Scotgold's refining plant on 3rd August.

The AGM of the Community Rail Partnership will be held on the 22nd of September, I am attending this as a member of the board and as representative of Strathfillan CC and Trust. I have canvassed most of

the businesses in Strathfillan to join the partnership. The AGM is offering free train travel on the day to Arisaig.

Stirling Council Waste Services, New Waste Collection Service

The new containers will start to be delivered from the 5th September. I arranged a drop-in at Crianlarich Hall so the community could see how the new system will operate.

Deep cleaning adopted roads, SC were due to begin a 'deep clean' in the Strathfillan Area w/c August 22nd. Did anyone see any evidence?

Trunk Road Quick Deployment Signs

These are now operational in our area and should facilitate advance diversions due to emergency road closures.

Knotweed spraying in our area took place during August.

I attended a follow up meeting on local service provision on behalf of the CC in Killin on 24th August. Unfortunately Stuart Carruth was due to attend but was called away at the last minute, however, Waste Service Manager, George Sommerville and the new Director of Education. We discussed the new waste services and issues around school transport.

7. Reports from delegated groups

CiA/Environment

There have been serious concerns raised about people camping irresponsibly in and around Tyndrum; a picnic bench looks to have been stolen from Tyndrum Community Woodland; and unacceptable behaviour has been noted in Crianlarich, including people defecating around Lower Station Yard rather than using the public toilets (a lack of signage is seen to be partially to blame), and along popular riverside walks, and there are too many campervans and tents in Lower Station Road. There are legitimate concerns that this will get worse in 2017 when the By-Laws are introduced further south in the National Park.

It was noted that Strathfillan Community Development Trust plans to arrange a meeting with relevant stakeholders and organisations later this year to discuss how best to manage the situation into next year. It was agreed that a plan should be in place by Spring 2017, however in the mean time temporary signs clearly directing visitors to the public toilets should be erected in Lower Station Yard.

Health

Due to on going problems with the BT line installation into Crianlarich Village Hall, the NHS Event arranged for the 6th and 7th of September has been postponed until the 12th and 13th of October. The venues will be the same (Crianlarich Village Hall and Tyndrum Inn), although a back-up plan of the primary school has been put in place if the phone line is still unavailable.

There has been an offer of local defibrillator training by the Scottish Mountain Rescue. It was agreed that the Trust should research this, and arrange if needs be.

There is some uncertainty over the local paramedics vehicle, with reports that it is currently out of action. Alan is to speak to Tim Frost to find out what is going on.

Planning

The Real Food Cafe in Tyndrum has applied for a change of licensing hours, bringing their Sunday hours into line with the rest of the week. No objections were raised.

Transport

There will be road surfacing works on the Oban road north of Tyndrum in the coming weeks, a convoy system will be in operation. Lix Toll is to be closed from September 6th for six weeks for refurbishment. It was reported that the lights in Willow Square are still permanently on. Martin will chase this up with the council. Stirling Council have planned a meeting in Strathfillan about local transport provision. As no dates or venues are known Martin is to find out. The CC will then put up posters.

Housing

Alan and Theresa will both be attending the RSHA AGM in September. Kelly hopes to attend but it will depend on other work and family commitments.

8. Report from the local Councillor

There has been a lot of restructuring across the Council over the summer, and only two directors have been appointed, Alistair Brown and Stacy Burlett. Senior management has been pared down, with team leaders reducing from ten to five. David Crichton is now in charge of the Land Team, who will be one of our main points of contact.

9. Report from the NPA

No report, Billy has sent apologies.

10. Any other competent business

Martin will be attending a Broadband meeting in Stirling, and on behalf of the CC will ask why Digital Scotland and Open Reach are now six months behind in bringing fibre-optic broadband to the Strathfillan area? Ian informed the CC that the Strathfillan website is to be in place for January 2017.

Concerns were raised over the lack of working seat belts in the high school bus, and that the vehicle might not be fit for purpose. Martin advised Mark to go directly to Johnathon Anderson at McLaren High. If there is not response then Martin will chase it up.

11. Date, time, place of next meeting

Tuesday, October 4th 2016, 7.30pm at CVH

Meeting closed at 8.40pm