

Strathfillan Community Council

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St. Fillan's Crozier
The Quigrich

Meeting 6th November 2017 in Crianlarich Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. Present/Apologies

Present: Alan Smailes(Chair), Mary Anderson, James, Allardice, Falcon Frost, Catriona McKenna, Isla Craig, Alistair McDonald, Theresa Elliot, Ian Marett, Cllr Jeremy McDonald, Mark Holt.

Apologies: Sheona MacLennan, Billy Ronald(LLTNP), Michelle Flynn(Stirling Council)

Members of the public: Margaretanne Browne, Gordon Tweedie, Helena Tweedie, Duncan Le May

Also in attendance: Gordon Kerr, Station Manager, East SDA - Delivery Stirling and Clackmannanshire, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Bryan Craig and Colin McGeoch(Crianlarich Fire Station)

Gordon Kerr gave an update on Crianlarich Fire Station:-

The station needs 4 to run – by the end of 2016, the number retained in Crianlarich had dropped to 3. When Bryan Craig moves, this will drop again. Tyndrum has 7, so Crianlarich currently only operates in combination with Tyndrum.

There has been advertising, open days and targeted invitations – 1 is currently in the application process. Gordon is supporting this candidate.

The Area Manager is keen to maintain the station.

The Fire Station wants to improve the emergency services provision within the community eg cardiac arrests, falls in the home – they could potentially attend sooner than an ambulance.

An alternative would be the smaller Rapid Response unit – this needs only 3 firefighters

Gordon`s question to the CC was whether anyone else in the village might be interested in joining. Isla thought everyone suitable would already have had the option to find out more...James explained that a problem in Crianlarich is the transience of its residents: The SYHA, Rod & Reel, Crianlarich Hotel, Ben More Lodge all use live in staff, who may not choose to make the village a permanent home. James added that he was glad that the Fire Brigade are keen to keep the station – it just needs personnel from our community. Ideally the Station would like to have a core of at least 5.

Another open day will be organised

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of Monday 2nd October 2017 Proposed by IM, seconded by AM.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Mary got the wreath – Jeremy had the council one, but wasn't sure whether he'd manage to attend Crianlarich`s Armistice Service.

Alan and Falcon chased up trying to get better signage for the Falls of Falloch

James contacted Stirling Council about the large boulder on Glenfalloch Road – the council duly had it removed.

Catriona contacted Mr Teall about trying to get the 20mph signs synchronised with the school`s timetable – as they currently are not.

Ian is still improving the website and has now blocked most spam – he'll forward the link to Alan and Isla

Isla will send a piece for inclusion in Killin News

The issue about firearm medicals is now resolved

The next CC meeting has been organised to take place in the Tyndrum Inn, Tyndrum at the usual time.

The hedge at Meadow Grove was trimmed.

2. Reports:-

Police Report

Roads related 7

Road accident 5

Animals 2

Concern 3

Assistance 1

Mountain rescue 1

It been a lot quieter of late, however, the main thing, as I'm sure everyone is aware of, is the long term missing person Tony Parsons last seen in Bridge of Orchy cycling to Stirling. He has not been found despite extensive searches involving Police search teams, Mountain rescue, police helicopter, Coastguard etc. The search continues at the moment but at this time there have been no further sightings and no trace of Tony or his mountain bike.

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

Chairperson`s Report

Fibre Optic Broad Band, Strathfillan

As far as I am aware there has been no further progress.

Tunnel Bridge (A85)

To be closed between 28th and 29th October 2017

CiA/Environment:

LSY to get 'No Camping' signs. The Trust is offering £5 per tub/box for planting bulbs.

Meetings:

PPG

The PPG meeting is on 1st Nov. Items of note to be discussed are: an update on signing firearms certificates, update on informing of hospital choices, waiting time for appointments at surgery, update on hospital cars, appointment times at hospital and CPR. training.

Crianlarich Fire Station

Gordon Kerr, Station Manager, East SDA - Delivery Stirling and Clackmannanshire, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service will attend Mondays' meeting to clarify the current position of service provision at Crianlarich Fire Station. I will start the meeting with his report.

West Highland Community Rail Partnership

I have been invited to be Chairman of the committee. The next meeting is Monday 13th Nov. at Corpach.

C60 Consultation Drop-in Session

The session was well attended and I have since corresponded with SC and have also gained support from SATA (Scottish Accessibility Scotland Alliance) who will write a letter in support of our quest for the C60 to run from Tyndrum and not terminate at Killin. There are two proposals on the table 1. Kingshouse to extend its notice until the end of March and 2. Provide a Saturday shopping service. This is very acceptable but, however we must not lose sight of our intention to push for the C60 to Start and finish at Tyndrum.

Signing of Firearms Certificates

I have contacted the surgery voicing our concerns expressed at the last meeting and also sent a copy of the minutes.

Future of Tyndrum Tourist Information Centre

The TIC is to close at the end of December, this follows a drastic fall in numbers visiting the building (Visit Scotland statistics) the building will be put up for sale. The TIC is one of several across the country which are due for closure.

Other items

A82 road closure; the A82 will be closed for repairs from the 6th to 21st Nov. weekdays between the hours of 8am to 6pm.

Together For The Future of Our Communities” Stirling Council Community Conversation

Meeting at Old Viewforth 14th Nov. 2pm to 4pm

Your Park Stakeholder Forum, at Brig O’Turk Village Hall on Monday 13th November starting at 7pm.

Community Council to a Conference on Saturday 25 November 2017, 10am-2pm (including lunch) at Old Viewforth, Stirling. Two representatives from each CC.

Proposed Workshop on the Local Development Plan

National Park venue Friday 27th Oct.

Review of CC Scheme etc., survey go to link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/stirlingccreview>

CC Meeting Venues

The next CC meeting (Dec) will be held at the Tyndrum Inn as agreed

Isla contacted Fiona (Digital Scotland) for an update on the broadband, but there was no new news. Jeremy said the Council has asked BT for a costing on selected postcodes. – The Council is contributing more money, but wants more say in where the money will go. A meeting was due to take place on 7th Nov. Jeremy said he’d let us know the outcome.

The Trust has asked Robert Horn of Stirling Council as landlord of LSY, whether they can obtain No Camping signs. Alan wanted the No Camping Zones set by LLTNP to include Strathfillan, but others disagreed – a discussion led to the agreement that more education is needed for visitors – leaflets and better signage. The LLTNP will meet to discuss and review this years` Zones.

Both Alan and Alistair attended the PPG meeting.

Treasurer`s Report

The balance is £607.34 – the wreath was bought

CiA/Environment

Nothing to report

Health Nothing to report

Planning

Weekly list no 40

Proposal installation of roof light (conservation style)

Location Glenfalloch bothy

List of extant applications no 40

Construction of 2 private dwelling houses Station Road Crianlarich

Hydro power scheme Benmore Farm

Development proposed repair/ upgrade of upland paths location Beinn Narnain, Ben Lui, Beinn Glas, Ben More and Conic Hill

Development of an underground mine to extract gold and silver with associated service and production building, plant storage areas, tailings storage facility settlement pond and gauging station, bridge and car parking. Location Cononish Road Tyndrum.

Change of use of land for the sighting of a mobile snack bar Loch Iubhair layby Crianlarich.

Weekly list no 41

Nothing to report

Extant list no 41 no change

Weekly list no 42

Proposal erection of reception building and change of use of existing lodges from staff accommodation to holiday accommodation Location Tyndrum lodges Tyndrum.

Erection of timber domestic garage Location Tynreay Clifton Road Tyndrum.

Weekly list no 43

Nothing to report

Extant list no 43 no change

Housing Nothing to report

Broadband Nothing new to report

But thanks to CC input, the telephones in Crianlarich have been fixed.

Vodafone has upgraded its mast – there is now 4G in Crianlarich

Transport

All 3 items reported – sign at jcn of A85 was fixed; rock was removed; Theresa said 20mph sign was not yet updated.

Ian said he has reported a blocked drain at the end of his driveway – Inverherive House. He has been chasing a response for 6 weeks. James to contact Bear.

Action James

C60 Update- 2 people have been identified as prepared to apply for Bus Driving training-and Kingshouse Travel have agreed to continue until the end of March 2018. A Council rep at the PPG meeting said they expect the service to be put out to tender.

Fishers run a service, from Oban to Arbroath, though only in summer. This has to be booked one day in advance. The bus-stop in Crianlarich is Ben More Lodge Hotel.

Housing

It's the Council's responsibility to keep on top of gardens of empty properties. No 5 Strathmore Terrace has not been maintained. Jeremy said he'd look into it

Councillor's Report

Will keep pushing the C60 issue and is seeking to improve the service by extending it to Tyndrum.

Action Jeremy

Will keep pushing the broadband issue – we don't want Digital Scotland postponing, by moving Strathfillan to R100

Action Jeremy

Heritage sites should be championed for improving tourism. Alan said we could include heritage sites along the cycle path in our funding applications.

Glenfalloch Road has had grass cut, on one side of the road. Jeremy will feed back that the other side still needs done.

Action Jeremy

Report from Billy Ronald

No report submitted.

Tyndrum Action Group Nothing to report

Theresa's Report

Michelle Flynn wanted to check that we had been updated about the C60 latest.

AOB

Recycling :- the changes to the emptying were done without any review. The updated calendar is online – this is not practical or convenient for those that don't access the internet.

Deer Management:- Falcon asked if anyone sees deer at the side of the road to report it – in particular around Edenkip, Lochearnhead and Glen Ogle. It can be reported to Will Diamond

Duncan informed the meeting that Tyndrum Village Hall wish to obtain the VisitScotland Tyndrum building in order to keep an information centre in Tyndrum. He suggested that it could also be used for

classes eg Tai Chi. The Trust will discuss this further. Theresa said that the Scottish Land Fund would help. Jeremy said he'd enquire about that.

The Trust AGM will be on 30th November. Natalie Stephenson from Countryside Trust will make a presentation

A request was made to have Tyndrum as an item on the agenda for the next meeting. It was agreed to keep it till Any Other Business...

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th December at 7.30pm in Tyndrum Inn.

Action	Person Dealing with action
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Transport: blocked drain A82 outside Inverherive	James
C60 bus issue	Councillor MacDonald
Broadband Issues	Councillor MacDonald
Heritage Trail	Councillor MacDonald
Grass Cutting, Glenfalloch Rd.	Councillor MacDonald
Contact details for reporting deer on road	Falcon