

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the St Fillans Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 25th July 2018

Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome

Chairman Richard Graham welcomed 20 villagers, CC members Don Forrester (Treasurer), Dave Pryde, Brad Sol and Andrea Huspeth to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Isobel Howell, Trish Forrester, Lynda Pryde, Peter Rickhuss, Sally Crofts and Jacquie Harris (Secretary).

Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting in July were Proposed by Russell Cunningham and Seconded by Steve Howell.

Planning

There are two live planning applications, concerning Oakbank Cottage and the Bluestone Church.

Matters Arising

- **Speed Sign** - BS has been investigating the possibility of having a speed sign installed in the village. The approximate cost of a sign with speed camera is £1700. This would need to be discussed with Bear Scotland.
- **Xmas Tree** - there is a working group for arranging xmas lights for the village Xmas tree. Volunteers are needed!
- **Data Protection** - An email has been sent to everyone on the village email list asking for permission to keep their personal data on file (name and email address). In accordance with the new GDPR regulations, DF reiterated that only those individuals who reply to that email will be sent emails.
- **Boat Race** - BS will be helping to arrange the Great Loch Earn Boat Race, which will take place on Sunday 28th April 2019. So far he has had interest from 13 potential teams. Strathearn Distillery will be sponsoring the event, and there is also the possibility of a raft activity on the day.
- **Drummond Hotel** - RG has written to the National Park to express village concern over the state of the building.

Demit of Office Bearers and Election of Office Bearers

This could not take place as no Councillors were present.

Hall Lights

Sally Watson explained new lighting has been installed in the Sandison Hall. This was organised by the Hall Committee. The lights have been funded by generous donations from the 'Sew n Sews', John Forte, proceeds from the Village History exhibition, Kathleen Ward and David Birkmyre. The £59 underspend will go towards the fund for updating the village hall heating system.

RBS Review

An independent review is being carried out regarding the proposed closure of the Comrie RBS branch.

Village Working Groups

- **Garden Group** - there has been one meeting over the summer. The group has been busy with a litter pick up, and a tidy up around the war memorial. The mowing group has managed to keep up with grass cutting. There was a further survey of Japanese Knotweed in the village, and areas have been treated by the National Park, and the situation will continue to be monitored. Finally, there was an appeal for plants which could be used to refresh the boat planter outside Sam's house.
- **Path Group** - Phase 4 of the railway path has been postponed until after the hunting season. Some work may take place soon outside the Fortrenn property.
- **Festive Committee** - Bruce Montgomery reported. The village festive weekend will take place on the 18th & 19th August. The format will be similar to previous years, with a BBQ on the Saturday, alongside kids activities etc. Additionally, a screening of the St Fillans film, The Village On The Loch, by Mousehole films, will take place on Friday 17th.
- **Play Park Group** - the contractor hopes to be on site by September.

A.O.B

- Johnston Brown expressed concern that rubbish has been left on the Dundurn Walk Field by developers, and asked if a letter could be sent asking for this situation to be rectified.
- Speed Camera - it was suggested that a group of village volunteers could record speeding offences using a mobile camera.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 26th September 2018.

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