

## St Fillans Community Council

### Minutes of the St Fillans Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 27th February 2019

Sandison Hall, St Fillans

#### Welcome

Chairman Richard Graham welcomed 16 villagers, CC members Don Forrester (Treasurer), Jacquie Harris (Secretary), Dave Pryde and Andrea Huspeth to the meeting.

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from Stephen Mitchell (Police Scotland), Blair Cramond, Jim Brierley, Trish Forrester, Daisy Murray and Elspeth Smylie

#### Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting in September were Proposed by Johnson Brown and Seconded by Lorna Kennelly.

#### Police Report

No recent incidents to report.

#### Planning

There are no planning applications of note.

#### Matters Arising

- **Strathearn & Strathallan Action Partnership** - The recent application for funding for heating improvements in the village hall has been approved.
- **Charitable Donations** - The following funds have been raised and donated to the following charities: Village Hogmanay Party - £450 (Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance); Burns Supper - £134.14 (Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance); Tunnel Party - £400 (Doddie Weir Foundation); Poppy collection & donations - £342.68.
- **Meeting with Luke Graham, MP** - RG met with Luke to discuss several issues in the village including speeding, acquiring digital speed awareness signs for the village, gritting / snow clearing provision, pot holes, collapsed culverts, communication, flooding and drainage, bus shelters, hard standings and bus stops, pavement cleansing, public transport and public toilets. Luke agreed to consider concerns over these issues, with priority to speeding, flooding and bus shelter / hard standings.
- **Resignation of Community Council Member and voting in of new member** - Brad Sol has recently resigned from the St Fillans Community Council, given his recent move out with St Fillans. On behalf of the community, RG thanked Brad for all his work on the Community Council.
- There is a potential new member to the Community Council who will be co-opted once they are on the Electoral Roll (a necessity for joining the CC). RG reiterated that several members of the St Fillans CC plan to stand down later in 2019 when their term of office comes to a close and asked those attending the meeting to consider joining later this year.
- **Core Path Review** - the date of consultation on the core path has been extended until 5pm Friday 26 April 2019. Details are on the village website.

#### Village Working Groups

- **Garden Group** - The GG have recently tidied up leaves at the Field of Hope and tidied up the woodland by the riverside on the village main street.
- **Path Group:** Phase 4 of the railway path is under construction with a view to completion by the 30th March. It is also hoped that work can begin shortly on the area behind the Fortrenn property and east of Glen Tarken Bridge,
- **Festive Committee:** The Village Festive Weekend will take place on the 17th and 18th of August, and planning is underway. Bruce Montgomery appealed for new members for the FC, to help ease the workload of the existing team - interested parties should contact Bruce. Bruce also explained his decision to step down from the FC, and also mentioned that he will now be the St Fillans contributor to The Villager.
- **Play Park Group:** Construction is underway, with a view to completion in April. Due to an unexpected expense in purchasing equipment, there has been a shortfall in funds. The group had planned to purchase some picnic tables to situate beside the park for the community to use. Given the funding restrictions, Russell suggested the idea of villagers / individuals sponsoring a table in order to achieve this objective.

#### **A.O.B**

- **Concerns raised by Jim Brierley** - whilst Jim did not attend the meeting, he raised several concerns about the village, including grit Bins, manhole covers, and construction access to Shoemakers Lane. RG explained he had brought most of these issues up in his discussions with Luke Graham. Regarding Shoemaker's Lane, a discussion took place regarding damage possibly caused by either the construction of the playpark and / or the cycle path. Photographs were taken before the playpark construction commenced and further photographs will be taken afterwards. It is hoped that any substantial damage will be rectified by the appropriate construction company.
- **Xmas lights** - it was highlighted that Xmas lights are still erected and need to be taken down. It seems the Cherry picker is no longer available, so RG said he would attempt to bring them down manually.
- Andrea highlighted the recent installation of wildlife ladders on gully pots on the village main street and Station Road. She urged villagers to see if they were being used and if possible, to take pictures.
- Don explained that fibreoptic broadband to the cabinet (FTTC) is now available in the east of the village and there has been a high uptake.

#### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting and the AGM are scheduled for 8th May 2019.

Jacquie Harris  
Secretary St Fillans Community