

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the St Fillans Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 21st November, 2018

Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome

Chairman Richard Graham welcomed 12 villagers, CC members Don Forrester (Treasurer), Jacquie Harris (Secretary), Dave Pryde and Brad Sol to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Rhona Brock, Donald Florence (Police Scotland), Andrea Hudspeth, Frances Brown, Trish Forrester, Lynda Pryde, Steve & Isobel Howell, Gordon & Pamela McDowall.

Minutes

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

Police Report

No recent incidents to report although RG reiterated the need for villagers to be vigilant, given the spate of oil and boat thefts over the last few months.

Planning

The planning application for a BT broadband cabinet to be situated opposite Neish House was recently approved.

Matters Arising

- **Debris in Dundurn Walk Field** - An email was sent to Marcus Salter (the developer) regarding debris which have been left in the field from past building projects. Marcus has arranged for the debris to be disposed of in a skip.
- **Community Investment Fund** - Chris Sanderson from Perth & Kinross Council came to the meeting to explain community funding which is available to apply for. A sum of £50,000 has been set aside in Strathearn to help fund projects in the community and reduce social inequality. There is an additional Community Fund of £2500 to be given directly to each Community Council for the same reasons.
- Regarding the Community Fund, Russell Cunningham made an application for funding for the village hall heating system. This application was approved by a quorum of the St Fillans Community Council. We are waiting to hear from Perth & Kinross Council if it's approved.
- **Tunnel Party**: A party will be held at the tunnel on the railway line on Friday 14th December. This is a community event and all are welcome to attend. Toilets will be made available at the chalet at the Four Seasons hotel. Please bring a bottle and chairs, if required!
- **Christmas Carols**: The village Christmas Carol Service will take place at 6.30pm on Sunday 16th of December at Sandison Hall.
- **Community Council Membership**: 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. He asked those attending the meeting to consider joining next year, to ensure a smooth handover.
- **The Loch Earn Railway Path project** was recently nominated for a UK wide Community Project Award, and won a 'Highly Commended' accolade.

Village Working Groups

- **Garden Group** - In preparation of Remembrance Sunday, the GG tidied up the War Memorial. Eric Kennelly also explained that the National Park have been continuing their efforts to eradicate Japanese Knotweed in and around the village.
- **Path Group**: Phase 4 of the railway path will begin in January 2019, with a view to completion by the end of April 2019.
- **Festive Committee**: The Village Bonfire Night was a great success. Donations on the night were more than sufficient to cover costs of catering etc and the surplus will partly offset the fireworks cost, the balance being covered by funds raised by the Festive Committee earlier in the year and already lodged with the Community Trust.
- **Play Park Group**: the contractor hopes to be on site by January 2019.

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- **Village Hogmanay Party**: The Party is being organised by & Audrey Gavigan and Gordon & Pamela McDowall. Tickets are now on sale, and will be £5 per person. Places are limited.
- Bruce Montgomery highlighted a marketing idea for the village by distributing and hiding painted stones, with a view to getting exposure on social media.
- The recent Countryfile ramble in St Fillans was attended by 32 villagers and friends. £850 was raised for Children In Need. A 'Mince Pie Walk' is scheduled for the 28th December.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 13th February 2019.

Jacque Harris
Secretary St Fillans Community Council

Addendum

Links to details, guidelines and application forms for both funds can be found on the village website under 'About/Community Council'