

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the St Fillans Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2017
Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome

Chairman Richard Graham welcomed 16 villagers, Cllr Rhona Brock, Cllr Roz McColl, Cllr Stuart Donaldson, Donald Florence, Police Scotland, CC members Don Forrester, (treasurer), Brad Sol and Jacquie Harris (secretary) to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Frances & Johnson Brown, Dave & Lynda Pryde, Zelda Sol, Blair Crammond, Eric & Lorna Kennelly, Isobel Howell and Peter & Sally Rickhuss.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting in February were proposed as a true record by Russell Cunningham and seconded by Steve Howell.

Police Report

Donald Florence reported. With the exception of a recent jet ski & equipment theft on the south loch, and a sheep worrying incident, there have been no significant incidents to report.

Planning Applications

No recent planning applications of note, with the exception of the village play park (as noted below).

Matters Arising

- **Bus stops** - RG and Rhona Brock met with Transport Scotland to discuss the bus stops and shelters in the village, many of which are in disrepair. Due to budget constraints, it is likely that the village will be given refurbished replacement shelters - an enclosed one for outside the Four Seasons hotel and an open one at the Field of Hope. Poles and signs also need replacing, and the bus stops on the opposite side of the road by the grass verges will be given a 'hard standing'.
- **Speed signs on Loch Earn** - John Wilkie has generously donated speed limit signs to be erected, in an effort to curb speeding jet skis. One sign has been erected at the launch site at the Arran Brewery, and others will shortly be erected on Neish Island and at the Loch Earn Caravan Park.
- **Street lighting** - RG has been in contact with Neil Fraser from Bear Scotland. Work has now resumed on completing the replacement street lighting and will be completed in 1-2 weeks.
- **Resignation from St Fillans CC** - Andrew Martin has reluctantly resigned from the CC due to illness. On behalf of the CC and the wider community RG thanked Andrew for his contribution and wished him a full recovery. RG also explained the CC had discussed a potential replacements for the committee, and had unanimously nominated Andrea Huspeth. This was warmly welcomed in the meeting.

Damage to grass verge in village, caused by Bear Scotland

Grass verges along the main village street were damaged when Bear Scotland installed new street lighting. RG has been in touch with Bear, who have so far been unresponsive, as they have to many other requests. The Councillors will seek a meeting with Bear in order to resolve the above issues.

Website: responsive web design / village news

DF reported that in the last month the website had over 850 users, a significant number of which access the site on mobile devices. Given this high usage, the CC have invested £360 to make the site 'mobile friendly'. Additionally, the 'Village News' section has been moved to the front page of the site to make it more visible.

Village telephone directory

DF is continuing to update the village telephone directory. A soft copy will be made available, but it was agreed there is a preference for a printed copy which will be produced shortly.

Bus service update

DF reported the four month trial of a Saturday night service from Crieff to St Fillans is proving to be popular, however he urged villagers to continue to make use of the service, in the hope that it will be made permanent. Further info can be found on www.stfillanscc.org.uk.

Boat race update

The Loch Earn boat race was held on Sunday 23rd April. The race has had a diminishing number of entrants in recent years. Consequently, several individuals have expressed an interest in taking over the organisation of the event.

St Fillans Ball

The St Fillans Ball is on Saturday 20th May, at the Sandison Hall. Proceeds will be donated to the Scottish Air Ambulance service. Tickets are still available. Please contact Harry Burnett for more info.

Village Working Groups

Garden Group

Jim Brierley reported. The group would like to move some top soil from the building site near Dundurn Walk and use it at the Field of Hope.

Path Group

Geoff Hardman Carter reported. Work has commenced on phase 3 of the railway path, and is on schedule to be completed by the end of June. A funding application has been submitted for the subsequent phase, near Glenbeich.

Festive Committee

The festive weekend will take place on the last weekend of August, and will be a 3 day event with each day celebrating a different century of St Fillans history. The Committee have received £1530 in lottery funding which will help keep ticket prices down. Bruce Montgomery also reminded the meeting that the design a wine label competition is still open. See the website for further details.

Play Park Group

Russell Cunningham reported. The group are waiting for approval of match funding of 60k from the Gannochy Trust. A planning permission application has also been submitted. Bruce Montgomery explained that a number of householders from Shoemakers Lane have concerns about the project, and whilst they don't object to the play park itself, they would like appropriate signage to be erected regarding traffic access and get a better understanding of the parameters of construction. It was agreed to discuss this further if and when final go ahead for the park is approved.

A.O.B

- David Kerr has generously donated £100 towards the village hall, and £100 to the Festive Committee (which subsequently was passed to the St Fillans Community Trust), in memory of his late father.
- The Community Action Plan will be held at the Achray hotel at 7.30pm on 5th June. Villagers are urged to attend (there will be plenty of wine!).
- A 19th century picture of St Fillans has been gifted to the village.

- Brad Sol has been approached by a technology firm to see if himself and others would be interested to upgrade broadband provision in the village privately, given that the Openreach upgrade is unlikely to go ahead until late 2018. It was agreed that Brad would email the village with further information.
- RG introduced the new Councillors to the meeting, and wished them success in their new roles.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 26th 2017.

Jacquie Harris

Secretary St Fillans Community Council