

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting

Date of meeting: 20th October 2021

Venue: Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome:

Chair Stewart Gavigan welcomed 20 villagers and Cllr Rhona Brock

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Stewart Donaldson, Colette MacLeod, Steve and Isobel Howell, Carol Graham, Trish Forrester, Dave and Lynda Pryde.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 11th August 2021 were proposed as a true record by Mr R Cunningham and seconded by Mr G McDowell.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Rhona Brock reported that there was no feedback from P & K on the materials used to repair Dundurn Bridge, a grade B listed bridge.
- b. Residents have still not heard from Bear regarding the condition of the road outside Cairndhu and the bus shelter. Lorna Kennelly has reported twice, as has Stewart Gavigan who requested if P & K could assist with the problem. Jim Brierley advised that this is not the only area of concern, the A85 needs to be resurfaced through the whole village.
- c. Speeding in the village, P & K has still not met regarding average speed cameras, although Rhona Brock said there was to be a traffic meeting on Monday 25th October. Since the last CC meeting Crieff and Comrie have had 20mph speed limits introduced on the A85 trunk road. No news on road surveys and P & K were also going to investigate the signage that has been put in place by Stirling Council at Lochearnhead with a view to maybe having something similar in St Fillans.

Jim Brierley pointed out that speeding issues have been discussed at Community Council Meetings since 1980.

- d. Presentations by Crieff Hydro regarding Drummond Arms Hotel and Drummond Estates regarding the development of Dundurn Walk took place on Wednesday 1st September 2021. The presentations were well attended. Further presentations are to be advised. It was noted that Nick Oldham, Commercial Director for Crieff Hydro would be our contact for the next stage of the Drummond Arms development.
- e. P & K have not received any feedback from Sustrans regarding signage for the railway path.

- f. Rhona Brock has been in contact with P & K Environmental Health regarding the bins at the Achray Hotel. The bins are lifted every Tuesday, but they are not cleaned out. Rhona Brock will chase again, there is an odour monitoring scheme and if there are vermin that would assist the case.

4. Police Report

There was no Police Report.

5. Planning applications received.

Loch Lomond and Trossachs

2021/0278/TRE - 18th August 2021

Tree works within a conservation area: Semi mature conifer – Remove to ground level

Applicant: Joy Paterson - Westholme

2021/0297/LBC – 23rd August 2021

Internal alterations to existing former station building to form 3 No. short term accommodation units and conversion of existing waiting room to form 1 No. seasonal shop

Applicant: St Fillans Caravan Park Agent: Denholm Partnership Architects

Perth and Kinross

21/01561/FLL

Siting of a holiday accommodation unit, formation of access track, parking area and associated works at land 370m East of Tynreoch House, St Fillans

Applicant: Miss Lorna Maclarty Agent: Corr Cabins Ltd

6. Village working groups

a. Garden Group including Still

The garden group has met once since the last CC meeting. The tubs along the A85 are in the process of being removed.

If anyone has any ideas for the feature at both entrances to the village, please forward via email to Lorna Kennelly and Audrey Gavigan.

Still project, there had been a site meeting with Take a Pride in P & K Association and Chris Palmer Associates, following this meeting The Association has instructed Chris Palmer to proceed with the planning application.

b. Path Group

There is still no progress on the Fortrenn section of the railway path yet however Geoff Hardman-Carter is attending a meeting on 22nd October.

Mike Golding has refurbished one of the old benches along the railway path.

The Loch Earn Railway Path Project has won an award from the Perth and Kinross LEADER Programme under the ‘Local infrastructure & service improvement which has seen the biggest impact on the Community’ category. The category included projects that have improved local infrastructure, created community hubs, transport services and improved community properties. The prize is a stained-glass art picture called Standing Stones of Perthshire.

c. Festive Committee

The ‘Village Hug’ took place and was very well attended. The next event is Bonfire Night on Friday 5th November. There will be a wood collection for the bonfire closer to the time.

d. Play Park Group

Two families have volunteered to help with the upkeep of the play park, thank you to them for stepping up. Barry Fisher will be reporting on the Play Park at future meetings. It is hoped that it may be possible to buy a new table for the play park.

e. Community Centre Feasibility Study Group

The funding application for the feasibility study from the National Parks Recovery Fund was successful and the award is £26,500. The green light was given the week before the CC meeting and the study must be completed by March 2022. Denholm Architects have been appointed and they will commence with Stage 1 which consists of a sketch proposal and block plan, pre-planning, and scope of works to support planning application.

Thereafter, assuming we are given the green light, the group will appoint someone from the village to take forward to tender. Gary Loudon has volunteered, he will take the scope of works and put out to tender, minimum of three tenders. The scope of works will include everything required for planning. SEPA will also be contacted prior to planning application.

Items will run concurrently because of the time constraints, drainage and nature surveys need to be done and completed by mid-February.

Daisy Murray questioned what will happen to the Sandison Hall, the Hall will remain. Jim Brierley advised that the Sandison Hall cannot be touched without the permission of the trustees.

f. Cultural Heritage Group

Disappointed that there has been nothing from National Parks about the station platform demolition.

The damaged wall at Dundurn burial ground is being worked on, a thank you to Sandy Stewart.

There will be one more grass cut before the end of the season.

7. AOB

- a. The village email using GoDaddy is reaching the end of its life and will not be available after 15th November 2021. Inspire Web Development wanted to move everyone to Microsoft 365 but there is a cost for this and its not a viable for the CC. Don Forrester has been working to transfer all email addresses and emails to another provider. Thank you to him for his efforts.

- b. Station Road Caravan Park

Further to the invitation to come and make a presentation to the village, there has still been no response from the Caravan Park.

No information has been received from National Parks Planning regarding the outcome of their investigations into the demolition of the existing platform and works that have been carried without planning permission. The information and documentation were requested, and nothing was received within 20 working days, so a formal request has been made to them stating the Freedom of Information Act, a response has been received which will be forwarded on to the village.

- c. The book club at the Sandison Hall is up and running, currently open between 6 and 8pm on a Monday evening. Times may be altered for the winter.
- d. Stewart Gavigan CC Chair thanked all volunteers for their efforts.

Date and time of next meeting will Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.30pm at the Sandison Hall