

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of Community Council Meeting

Date of meeting: 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Venue: Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome:

Chair Stewart Gavigan welcomed 20 villagers, Cllr Rhona Brock, Cllr Stewart Donaldson, Cllr Noah Khogali and guest speaker James Nairn

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Lorna Kennelly, Don Forrester, Trish Forrester, Andrea Hudspeth, Ruth Graham, Gordon McDowall, Pamela McDowall, Kathy Montgomery, Ulrika Hollas, Steve Howell, Isobel Howell, Mal Hall, Hilary Burnett, Ian Moncrieff

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 23rd February 2022 were proposed as a true record by Richard Graham and seconded by Russell Cunningham.

3. Matters Arising

- a. P & K Councillors confirmed that there is still no feedback regarding the materials used for the repair of Dundurn Bridge. It should have been repaired with lime mortar not concrete.
- b. P & K Councillors confirmed that they haven't been in contact with Sustrans regarding signage for the railway path.
- c. Further to concerns raised at the last CC meeting about the damage being caused by beavers, Stewart Gavigan introduced James Nairn, who is a representative of Scottish Wild Beaver Group. James gave a presentation on living with beavers with a question-and-answer session afterwards.
- d. There has been no further progress on internet connectivity within the village.
- e. Update by Crieff Hydro regarding Drummond Arms Hotel.

Progress has been slow, however, final arrangements for the outbuildings by the architects are going ahead prior to the application for planning permission. There are plans for pop up food and beverage wagons outside the Drummond during the season. All water sports are on the South shore, moorings will be upgraded but are staying. Jet skis will only be launched from the South side of the Loch, and it will not be possible to

launch without insurance. There will be a safety boat on the Loch when there are water sports active and power craft are launched.

- f. Speeding, Neil McFarlane of Transport Scotland was invited to attend the CC meeting. He declined but will come for a walk around the village with CC members date to be confirmed. Villagers were requested to forward to the CC any questions they would like raised during the meeting. Cllr Stewart Donaldson expressed his disappointment that Neil McFarlane was unable to attend, he will persevere with highlighting the problems for the village regarding speeding. Several suggestions were put forward as solutions to alleviate the problem.

- g. Station road caravan park, nothing further from National Parks Planning. Scottish Forestry has stopped corresponding. Email string has been forwarded to P & K. It is believed there should have been consultation with the community before felling started.

4. Police Report

Nothing to report from the Police.

Jim Brierley stated that there had been no physical representation from the Police for a number of years approximately 4. This was agreed by previous CC Chair and current Chair

5. Planning applications received

2022/0041/TRE – 21st February 2022

Change of use of land to caravan site (for the siting of 3 pods for self-catering accommodation)

Applicant: John Floyd – Tarken House

2022/0043/DET – 28th February 2022

Change in use of land to caravan site for 1 No. caravan (for holiday use)

Applicant: Lorna McLarty – Littleport Farm, West View Cottage

2022/0076/75A – 28th March 2022

Application to discharge a planning obligation related to planning permission ref. no. 2015/0386/DET

Applicant: Mr Bobby Salmond and Mrs Patricia Magnus – Land at Glentarken Park

2022/0092/DET – 31st March 2022

Change in the use of land from garden ground to caravan site for 2 no. caravan(s) (pod style for holiday use)

Applicant: Mr Rico Hollas – Clach Mhor

2022/0100/HAE – 31st March 2022

Erection of single storey side extension to existing dwelling house

Applicant: Mr Dougy Grant – Glenalbyn Cottage

6. Village working groups

a. Garden Group and Still Project

The Garden Group met in April for their annual start of season litter pick.

The Still Project is progressing, three applications have been made to date for funding of the project and we are awaiting decisions. There is going to be a press release in the Strathearn Herald week commencing 16th May 2022 about the project to return Still to the Loch.

b. Path Group

The new section of the railway path has been completed and it is hoped that villagers have been able to make use of it. A bollard has been installed at Station Road end of the railway path. The next phase of the path is being planned. There was a work party to clear saplings from the path, thank you to the volunteers. There will be another work party in June in conjunction with the National Park.

c. Festive Committee

A meeting is to be held week commencing 16th May 2022 to discuss the festive day, email to be sent to villagers when dates are confirmed.

d. Play Park Group

Pebble patch still needs to be constructed, there is no expertise within the group, if there is anyone in the village who could offer advice or assistance please contact Geoff Hardman-Carter or Murray Henderson.

e. Community Centre Feasibility Study Group

Nine surveys have been completed for the pre-planning application; these will be sent out to the village. One concern was flooding but because of the height of the land this should not be an issue. There will be a meeting with Denholms and the fire brigade to discuss access to the site. Discussions with the village will be required in the near future to decide the next step.

f. Cultural Heritage Group

Jim Brierley has been in touch with Callander Heritage Group and will arrange a meeting with Robert Ross of Community Greenspace at P & K.

g. Local Place Plan

There is a meeting on 12th May 2022 to finalise the review of the Community Action Plan. A meeting will be arranged with the village to share the review and to explain the differences between the Community Action Plan and the new Local Place Plan.

7. AOB.

- a. A motion was raised to adjust the Community Council Constitution, the constitution has not been amended since the move of elections and financial reporting from May to October. Section 9a – change May to October, Section 11b - change May to October and Section 14e – change accounting year from 1st April until 31st March to 1st September until 31st August.
19 in favour, 1 abstained.
- b. The play park was recently vandalised, the community has dealt with this as low key as possible. However, should there be any further episodes these will be reported to the authorities. A quote for the replacement of the damaged signage has been received £129.60 plus delivery. This will be taken out the of the play park funding which was earmarked for the pebble patch.
- c. There was an incident with campers on 10th May 2022, one boat was stolen and another vandalised also a cabin on the Lochside was broken into. The police attended the incident. Stewart Gavigan reiterated the need for villagers to report incidents to the police and also to the National Park so they can be included in their weekly reports.
- d. The question of how long caravans are allowed to park up was raised by Jim O'Donnell, it was thought they are only allowed to stay for three days. There are folks who are parking up and remaining for several days, sometimes weeks. The park rangers are unable to do anything as it is a public road. Cllr Rhona Brock will check who the land belongs to or whether the land where they are parking is a public road.
- e. Jim Brierley raised a question about the bus shelter at the Four Seasons which is in a state of disrepair, Cllr Rhona Brock will investigate to see if a replacement has been organised.
- f. Johnston Brown said there would be an email going out to invite villagers to a Jubilee Garden Party on the 4th June 2022, to be held in the church garden. There is also a cake sale at Cairndhu Cottage on 14th May 2022 to raise funds for Christian Aid.
- g. Harry Burnett said that the recent roadworks to repair the village drains and roads has managed to block as many of the drains as possible, these are still blocked, despite being reported.
- h. Stewart Gavigan thanked everyone within the village for their time and efforts.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 10th August 2022 at 7.30pm at the Sandison Hall