

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 15th February 2023
Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome: Chair Donna Littler welcomed 18 villagers and Cllr Noah Khogali, Baillie Rhona Brock, Inspector Lesley McDonald, Sgt. Iain Gillies

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Stewart Donaldson, David Gow, Sally Crofts, Peter Rickhuss, Don Forrester, Trish Forrester, Andrea Hudspeth, Kathy Montgomery, Anne Patrick, John Littler, Dave Pryde, Lynda Pryde, Rico Hollas, Ulrika Hollas

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last Meeting on 19th October 2022 were proposed as a true record by Stewart Gavigan and seconded by Richard Graham.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Dundurn Church – no further report as Craig Dobney is away, to be added to village groups for future meetings.
- b. Hogmanay Party – Event raised £461, donations were made as follows, £30 to the Sandison Hall, £215.50 to St Fillans Trust, £215.50 to the Garden Group

4. Police Report

Inspector Lesley McDonald took over as Locality Inspector for South Perthshire last year. Sgt Iain Gillies is based in Crieff.

It is hoped there will be patrols with Rangers again this year, plus another weekend of action. The police have been given a copy of the byelaws that apply to the Loch and the locations of the camping permit areas. Campers can be charged with failure to leave but this is not an arrestable offence. Anti-social behaviour is a fixed penalty offence.

Regarding speeding, Community Officers to engage with Council and have some enforcement sessions and patrols.

The intention is to give St Fillans some 'more robust police protection.'

Contact details 101 or by the contact us email which can be dealt with more quickly.

5. Planning applications received

No village planning applications received since the last CC meeting in October.

6. Village Working Groups

a. Garden Group (Including Still)

The Garden Group, Paths Group and Play Park Group are amalgamating their personnel resources and equipment. The Spring litter pick will be on the 4th April. Thank you to the person who repaired the bench at the Field of Hope and to Russell Cunningham for refurbishing the bench from the War Memorial.

Still Project – The project was awarded £5000 in December from Rural and Island Communities Ideas into Action and with villagers' contributions we have now reached our target and we are able to move the project forward.

The sculpture has been returned to the artist for work on the base in preparation for its return to the Loch.

Geoff Hardman Carter and Audrey Gavigan have a meeting on 17th February with the artist Rob Mulholland and Take a Pride in Perth & Kinross representatives to discuss how we proceed.

b. Paths Group

The next phase of the railway path is due to start on 27th February, from the bridge for 1km, it is hoped there won't be too much disruption.

The group have another bench to be located along the path, suggestions as to location requested.

When the weather improves, work will begin again on path maintenance.

Angela Lamont raised the issue of a culvert/drain having no cover by the Four Seasons.

Thank you to whoever is working on the goat's path.

c. Festive Committee

No meetings held recently; however, it is confirmed that there will be a festive weekend this year, dates to be confirmed.

d. Play Park Group

The Concrete area has been sorted by P & K.

The group has received £2500 from P & K's Community Investment Fund to enable the pebble patch to be completed.

It's planned to have a clean-up before Easter and as previously mentioned by the garden group, it's planned to share personnel and equipment resources.

Ways for paying for maintenance need to be investigated, the group is also looking at the possibility of a container or shed to be located by the Play Park.

e. Community Centre Feasibility Study Group

No activity since the meeting in October. Once the place plan is complete there may be a better understanding about the village requirements and wishes.

f. Cultural Heritage Group

Snowdrops that were planted last year are thriving.

A volunteer in the village is analysing/collating information from the 1921 census as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

g. Local Place Plan

The group have received £4000 funding from The National Park to fund Kelly Bates assistance with the Place Plan.

There were 73 responses to the survey. The next step is for Kelly to collate responses, which will be presented to the village on the 26th March. There is the opportunity to form focus groups and the draft plan will be prepared.

Villagers' voices will be heard through the Place Plan.

Funding for printing will be through the National Park. It is hoped the plan will be complete by August.

h. AOB

- i. Councillors' updates - If there are any village plans for the King's Coronation get in touch with P & K as there is potentially support on offer to support events i.e. free road closures.
Baillie Rhona Brock is now a representative for the National Park, Rhona is also setting up a Councillor Group.
- j. Don Forrester and John Littler (as back up) to become associate members of the Community Council to help manage the village website and email system.
- k. Anyone willing to join a 'Skills List' for Community Council use, please contact Donna Littler at donna@stfillanscc.co.uk. This is designed to support the community council to get skilled support on tasks or issues they are working on and for community council access only.
- l. Community Council Finances – as there is a shortfall between funding received and expenses, we are reviewing the insurance policies and reaching out to local businesses to advertise on the village website for £30. The website has around 10,000 hits from visitors and the villagers. If anyone is interested, please contact the CC at donna@stfillanscc.co.uk
- m. Dundurn Field Development – Following the issue of revised plans, LLTNP are waiting for the applicants to come back to advise proposals for social housing and a response from P & K regarding parking spaces.
- n. Reports that the public toilets in St Fillans are currently not open. Councillors advised they will open from 1st March, which is the beginning of the season. The village has had visitors throughout the winter, if the shop and local businesses are shut there are no facilities. Cllr Noah Khogali will take this forward.
- o. Drummond Wind Farm – Further to the survey sent out in December, the wind farm access is to be on the Lochearnhead side of the loch, the wind farm is proposed to be situated roughly behind the hills at the playpark side of the village working

towards the west end of the village and planned to consist of 14 turbines, the nearest to the village would be 3km away. There is a feasibility study in progress, and an environmental impact assessment planned on the area.

The CC has received an email from SSE Renewables, stating they would like to attend a CC meeting, the hope is they can attend the May meeting.

- p. Wire Women sculptures have been offered to the village from P & K Council. The responses received from villagers were in favour of accepting them, location and methods of fixing to be determined.
- q. Richard Graham collected £345 on behalf of Poppy Scotland, many thanks to the Church and villagers.
- r. Victoria Gell is setting up a new business and requires 6 case studies for her Masters. Contact Victoria directly if interested.
- s. Villagers magazine AGM to be held on the 28th February at 7:30 pm in Lochearnhead Village Hall. The magazine will not be going back to a paper copy, various distribution methods being considered.
- t. Johnston Brown asked if the Village Telephone Directory could be updated, Audrey Gavigan is going to undertake this.
- u. Request for defibrillator training/refresher course.

7. Date and time of next Community Council meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7:30pm in the Sandison Hall