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Community Council Report for 6th May 2020

(in absence of a community meeting due to Covid-19 virus)

Before I start my report, I would like to thank St Fillans Village for adhering as much as is reasonably possible to the government guidelines during the lockdown period of the Covid-19, (Coronavirus) outbreak.

Also, a special thanks to all that have volunteered and supported our community through this difficult time. I look forward to when we can reopen the village, meet up socially and welcome visitors back to our beautiful village.

Meanwhile, whilst the country is in 'lockdown' I will continue to question strangers as to where they are staying in the village and if they are not, why they are here. This is alongside the police, who have been turning away visitors that want to stop in the village or walk in the hills, people from relatively close places.

This I witnessed last Saturday 2nd when I fortunate to meet and chat with the two police officers in a layby at the West end of the village. I did thank them for the work they are doing and the fact they are putting themselves at risk to protect others.

To all, please stay safe as we seem to be coming out of the worse period of this pandemic. The Community Council have applied for mitigation and resilience funding for the community, this, if we gain the funding will be used to offset costs for our volunteers. It is also aimed at recovery projects for the village in the future.

Report

1. No apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last meeting agreed by Mrs C Graham seconded by Mrs A Gavigan.
3. Police report. I have been sending out the Area Commanding officers report, I hope this has been acceptable.
4. Matters arising.
 - (a) Cllr Rhona Brock highlighted the community council where entitled to a £1000 Local Action Partnership fund. This was applied for by Mr Rico Hollas and accepted by St Fillans Council.
 - (b) Jim Brierley proposed a heritage working group. This has been put on hold till the C-19 Guidelines are relaxed. On a positive side, 16 people have expressed an interest.
 - (c) Hedges encroaching onto footpaths. Some of the hedges that were becoming a nuisance have been attended to. The one at Corranour has been noted and the new owners will be requested to attend to their hedge when the timing is right.
5. Planning Applications.

2020/0052/DET 9 March, Loch Earn jetty adjacent to layby on south Loch Earn road, St Fillans. Crieff Hydro. Current action - Notify Neighbours. As far as I am aware this is a jetty to provide disability access to the loch and next to one in total disrepair.

2019/0323/DET, 13th April. Upgrade works to existing path, formation of new section of path (212 metres long) and associated works. Lochearn Railway Path between Dalveich & Ardveich, St Fillans. This has been approved. Good News!

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6. Village working Groups

- (a) Gardening Group. The Gardening group have not been able to meet because of the current restrictions however the annual litter pick has gone ahead individually as part of villagers' daily exercise. A collection of 34 bags of rubbish so far. An introduction of a new electronic app system for recording volunteer hours has been set up and rolled out. The village mowing roster for 2020 has started.
 - (b) Path / Still Group.
As above in planning, permission has been granted for the next phase of LARP. The Path group have been putting down non-slip tap on cattle grids for the benefit of cyclists in wet conditions. If anyone on their walks on our local routes sees anything that needs attention e.g. fallen tree, please let Geoff Hardman-Carter know so it can be attended to. 'Still' is on hold till further notice.
 - (c) Play Park. Notices for the play park are ready to be printed and erected once 'lockdown is over.' It might be possible to move some earth while socially distancing ready for the pebbles to be cemented into place.
 - (d) Festive Committee. Unfortunately, the Festive weekend for this year has been cancelled. This has not dampened the committee's spirits though. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day there will be bell ringing from the Church and a drive through with music on Friday 8th May at about 5pm. Please step outside with a glass of something and wave any flags you have. They are also looking to set up a village event when guidance rules are relaxed, and it is safe to do so.
 - (e) The Bus Group. This is on hold till further notice.
7. A.O.B. Any questions you have regarding the village please send them to me. I will try to answer them or add them to matters arising for the next meeting or bulletin.

To all, please stay safe and healthy and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to meeting up with you all in the not too distant future.

Kind regards

Stewart Gavigan

St Fillans
Community Council Chair