

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the St Fillans Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 10th July 2019
Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome

Chairman Richard Graham welcomed 18 villagers, Cllr Stuart Donaldson, Cllr Rhonda Brock, Cllr Roz McColl, CC members Don Forrester (Treasurer), Dave Pryde and Andrea Hudspeth to the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from S&A Gow, Lorna Kennelly, Lynda Pryde, Jacquie Harris, Isobel Howell, Steve Mitchell (Police Scotland) and Trish Forrester.

Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM in May 2018 were proposed as true record by Steve Howell and seconded by Russell Cunningham.

Police Report

RG confirmed speed checks were being planned to take place in the village. There have also been recent police patrols in the area to check on drink driving.

Planning

An application for an extension to Kirklea was approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Road closures - upcoming road closures (for maintenance works) in the area in July and August were discussed.

Community Funding - there is a fund of £1.2 million in community funding available, and applications for £3000 to £50,000 for community projects are now open. It was suggested the community could make an application to fund a storage facility for the village marquee etc, as the current storage location at David Kerr's may not be available for much longer.

Community Council Membership - RG reiterated that several members of the St Fillans CC plan to stand down later in 2019 when their term of office comes to a close and asked those attending the meeting to consider joining.

Meeting with Luke Graham - a meeting with Luke Graham, MP, was scheduled for Friday 12th July in the Loch Earn Brewery and subsequently at RG's home, Lochearnside, where all villagers were welcome to attend.

Village Working Groups

- **Garden Group** - The GG had their AGM in June. Lorna Kennelly stepped down, and Audrey was appointed Treasurer and Sally Croft was appointed Secretary,
- **Path Group** - Planning for Phase 5 is underway. A grant application has been made to SSE and funding to be sought from the Gannochy Trust and Sustrans.

- **Festive Committee:** In terms of funding for equipment - a villager kindly donated a freezer, and a bottle cooler has been purchased for £100, the cost of which was covered by a £100 donation from the Achray Hotel. Thank you to Laura from the Achray for the donation. The upcoming events for the Village Festival were also outlined and discussed.
- **Play Park Group** - the Park is now open, although the Tower remains fenced off as it has still not been completed. Ropes have not been installed properly and an alternative contractor is being sought to complete the job. Other parts of the park yet to be completed include the Cloud Cradle, Balance Logs, Pebble Patch and Cairn. The council cannot sign off and begin maintaining the park until these items are completed. It was also mentioned that the willow tunnel will also be strengthened later on in the year.

A.O.B

- Speeding in the village was discussed again. Cllr Roz McColl said it's an issue of concern across Perth & Kinross and will continue to focus on it. It was mentioned that a speed measurement box had been installed in the village but as it was placed on the wrong part of the street it was not useful. The idea of sourcing a 'pop up policeman' was also discussed.
- The current disrepair of the Loch Earn Brewery was discussed. RG has been in touch with the Planning dept of the National Park but as there is a new planning officer, a letter should be sent again to follow up. There is a Buildings At Risk Register - it was suggested that the CC submit an application, and also contact Perth & Kinross Council to discuss the issue. Geoff Hardman Carter offered to spearhead this initiative.
- There has recently been significant noise disturbance on the south shore of the loch at the water sports centre due to parties taking place, which were held by staff members.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 4th September 2019.

Jacquie Harris
Secretary St Fillans Community