

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 2019 Sandison Hall, St Fillans

1. Welcome & Introduction: Cllr Stuart Donaldson welcomed villagers to an Extraordinary General Meeting He thanked St Fillans for the immense community involvement and singled out Richard Graham and Don Forrester for their efforts during their tenure.
2. Stewart Gavigan was appointed Chairperson and Richard Graham handed over the Chair.
3. Additional positions appointed
Vice chair:Ulrika Hollas
Secretary: Colette MacLeod
Treasurer:Rico Hollas
4. Data Controller is confirmed as Stewart Gavigan
5. The Constitution was adopted noting that (Clause 16) has now been updated to reflect the property (playpark) sub-let arrangement with Perth & Kinross Council.
6. Financial Statement showing the current position of the Community Council was given by outgoing Treasurer Don Forrester, who thanked Johnston Brown for independently auditing the accounts. A copy is available on request.
7. Dates for future Community Council meetings are agreed to continue as quarterly. Dates will be published on the village notice board and communicated by e-mail.
8. There being no further business, the agenda moved to the Community Council meeting.
9. Date of next meeting will be notified in due course.

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Welcome: Chair Stewart Gavigan welcomed 22 villagers, Cllr Stuart Donaldson, incoming Community Council members Ulrika Hollis, Rico Hollis & Colette MacLeod to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Cllr Rona Brock, Councillor Roz McCall, Geoff Hardman-Carter, Eric & Lorna Kennelly, Gordon McDowall, Hilary ?, Ian Moncrieff and PC Steve Mitchell.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting in September 2019 were proposed as a true record by Richard Graham and seconded by Steve Howell.

3. **Police Report:** Police have sent their apologies and no report was given.

4. **Matters Arising:** None

5. **Planning:**

Ref No: 2019/0274/DET Erection of 4 dwellinghouses, 1 detached garage, 1 detached carport and access road at Glentarken Park, St Fillans. Neighbour notification notices have been issued.

6. **Still ”:** **Panu Lehti from Achray House Hotel** has offered a donation of approx 50% of the cost of siting, maintaining and lighting 'Still' subject to it being situated at the Achray Hotel lochside; how the remaining funds would be raised has yet to be agreed.

- a. Jim O'Donnell raised concern that a question he previously raised as to the reason behind re-siting 'Still' has not been answered to his satisfaction.
- b. It was agreed that the artist should be consulted and a work group be set up to progress further. Geoff, Panu, Jim. to be involved and the artist will be invited.

7. **Environment:**

Andrea Hudspeth gave no report but explained that a full report would be provided at the next meeting.

8. **Village Working Groups**

- a. **Garden Group:** Sally gave the report in Lorna's absence. 2 work parties have taken place since the last CC meeting; Field of Hope & war memorial and church in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. The group also provided support for the post bonfire clean-up and villagers who supported were thanked for their efforts. Sally has suggested that an invitation could be extended to the National Park Ranger to give a talk on invasive weed species. Further update will be given at

the next CC meeting.

- b. **Path Group:** Johnston provided an update on the path. Last section is complete with planting taking place. Raising funding for the development of the next section of the path has been challenged due to the rejection of an application to SSE. However, efforts continue with an application to the Gannochy Trust. Planning has been submitted and a structural engineer's report provided by Campbell of Doune.

Festive Committee: Ulrika gave an update on Village Bonfire event, thanking all contributors to the success of the evening; Andrea for making sure no hedgehogs were harmed, Russell for obtaining the fireworks, Richard for safely executing the firework display, Gordon for the music and Rico for the refreshments. Of approx £426 raised at the event, £176 in costs were accrued and £250 was paid to the community trust to offset the cost of the fireworks.. Chair Stewart Gavigan thanked all the Festive Cttee for a successful event.

Play Park Group: Russell advised that the ropes have now been replaced and the tower strengthened and so play area is open. Robin Speering has built a new frame for the Eagles Eyrie providing a stronger base on which the designer has agreed to rebuild the broken structure at his own expense. The Pebble Patch area and cairn are yet to be completed. Funding is on target and the lease has now been agreed with P&K Council.

A.O.B:

1. Richard advised that this year's Poppy Appeal collection raised £258.60. The sum of c£3500.00 in sponsorship was also raised by Richard, Steve Howell his niece and Craig Gavigan who ran the Porto Marathon in support of The PSP Association.
2. Fraser Ballantyne advised the meeting that St Fillans Golf Club was recently awarded the 'Best 9-hole Course in Scotland' at a celebration dinner in St Andrews. The community is asked to promote the accolade widely in support of growing the club.
3. Jim Brierley asked if there was any update regarding repairs to the Dundurn Bridge which was damaged c8 months ago through a road traffic accident. Concern is growing over the viability of the bridge. There is also concern over the plans for a logging route which has previously been advised.

4. It was advised the the handrails over the footbridge are rotting and noted that this work was previously undertaken by the Hydro.
5. Carol Graham raised the ongoing issue of speeding through the village following an incident where Lorna Kennelly was almost injured by flying gravel when a heavy vehicle sped past the bottle banks at the east of the village. Don Forrester confirmed that an application for funds to purchase a single Speeding/Pop-up Policeman has been made. Chair Stewart Gavigan made the point that this should not absolve ongoing efforts to address the issue of speeding through St Fillans.
6. Sheila Cramond raised concern that there was no snow-clearing by P&K following heavy snow at the beginning of the week.
7. Questions regarding the re-supply of grit/salt for the 3 bins which support the village were also raised for clarification.
8. Requests for volunteers for the Festive Ctte (now only 4 members) were made, even if this is on an event only basis. Contact Pete Rickhuss if you can help.
9. Cllr Stuart Donaldson advised that there is a new Director of Countryside Trust, Peter Quinn. He is aiming to support a new route, 'The Tay Way' between Kenmore & Perth. The CC are encouraged to engage him as required.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wed 12 Feb 2020 at 7:30pm

Colette MacLeod
Secretary, St Fillans Community Council