

## **St Fillans Community Council**

### **Minutes of the Community Council Meeting**

Wednesday 12th February 2020 Sandison Hall, St Fillans

**Welcome:** Chair Stewart Gavigan welcomed 19 villagers, Cllr Stuart Donaldson, Cllr Rona Brock and Perth & Kinross Transport Hub representative Margaret Roy to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Councillor Roz McCall, Andrea Hudspeth, Eric & Lorna Kennelly, Steve Howell, Carol Graham, Russell Cunningham
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting in November 2019 were proposed as a true record by Ann Patrick and seconded by Don Forrester.
3. **Police Report:** No Police report. Another theft of oil has been reported within the village and residents are reminded to be vigilant.
4. **Bus Service:** Margaret Roy, P&K Council gave an update regarding the imminent withdrawal of bus services by Stagecoach.

Despite no available council budget, P&K have implemented additional subsidised services 3 days (Mon, Wed & Fri) per week. New timetables were provided. Provision is subject to review based on usage. Much discussion took place around comparable services in Stirlingshire, the availability of funding for a community transport initiative & relevant revisions to the Transport Act which are still being assessed for impact. Cllr Donaldson thanked Ms Roy for her efforts whilst expressing disappointment that a daily service could not be provided at the same time recognising budget constraints.

#### **5. Matters arising:**

- a. Stewart Gavigan made a request for information regarding repairs to historic bridge which is a Grade 2 structure following car accident in 2019. Stewart Donaldson to provide contacts.
- b. Colette MacLeod advised that SSE has confirmed that they are not responsible for the footbridge. Contact details for their property Services were provided to the chair for follow up if required.

- c. Carol Graham and Lorna Kennelly have contacted Bear and requested repairs to potholes.
- d. The issue of speeding through the village was raised. There is no evidence of any police speed checks having been done despite confirmation from the Police that this exercise would take place. Life size police cut-outs which the village have provided on a self-help basis have had some positive impact. There is a meeting in Methven on 20<sup>th</sup> February regarding road safety on the A85 which Stewart Gavigan is going to attend.
- e. Responsibility for gritting of footpaths in icy conditions was questioned. St Fillans should have a P&K Council Level 2 service (as advised by Richard Graham) indicating a same day/next day service from the council. Discussion took place re the ownership and re-filling of grit bins should we need to continue to operate on a self-help basis.

## 6. Planning:

John Light – Application number 2020/0001/HAE  
Erection of a single storey extension and alterations for Tigh-na-Craig

- 7. **Environment:** Andrea Hudspeth sent apologies and no report was provided.
- 8. **Village Working Groups:** General call for working group volunteers was made. Please contact the group lead if you can help.
  - a. **Garden Group:** no report provided
  - b. **Path Group:** Potential to explore a grant from the Gannochy Trust for future works. Majority of the cost for upcoming path work will be covered by Sustrans. Foxknowe to Glen Tarken is in planning subject to funding. Contact with Peter Quinn regarding the potential 'Tay Way' project is still outstanding. Issues identified which relate to footpath maintenance should be raised with Geoff.
  - c. **Still:** Options for Arts funding and Crowdfunding are being considered. Whilst artist is unhappy with proposed siting, he will continue his involvement for ongoing maintenance as needed
  - d. **Festive Committee:** Alison Smylie is welcomed to the group. Ulrika advised that the date for the village Festive Weekend being considered is 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. It was noted that this clashes with the Crieff Highland Games 150th anniversary

weekend. This and other events are being considered before the actual date is announced.

VE Day celebration will take place on Fri 8 May 2020.

- e. **Play Park Group:** Maintenance work completed to the chambered cairn and the willow tunnel. Eyrie structure to be repaired in March.

**A.O.B:**

1. Cllr Rona Brock advised that St Fillans doesn't seem to have claimed £1000 already earmarked from the Local Action Partnership fund.
2. Re Village Heritage, Cllr Donaldson advised that David Strachan, Director P&K Heritage Trust would be a useful contact. A one-off donation has been offered for the clean-up of the burial ground and Jim Brierley proposed a Heritage working group which he has offered to co-ordinate. Cllr Donaldson suggested we contact a Mr Greig, Bereavement Service Manager for assistance.
3. The number of hedges which are encroaching on footpaths has been highlighted by Lorna Kennelly and all residents are asked to take appropriate action to remedy as this makes it unsafe for pedestrians.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** To be confirmed

Colette MacLeod  
Secretary, St Fillans Community Council