

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting

Date of meeting: 21st October 2020

Venue: Zoom Meeting, St Fillans

Welcome:

Chair Stewart Gavigan welcomed 23 villagers and Cllr Rhona Brock

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Chris Boardman

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 12th February 2020 were proposed as a true record on 6th May 2020, by Mrs C Graham & seconded by Mrs A Gavigan.

3. Matters Arising

Matters arising were covered in the chair's report sent out May 6th 2020

4. Police Report

30/01/2020 - Theft of heating oil from Dundurn Walk

11/07/2020 - Theft of cut out police officer

10/08/2020 - Illegal fishing of eels

The police are aware that there have been several complaints regarding wild camping this year. Researched incidents since Jan 1st 2020 for the St Fillans area found there were 55 complaints made regarding campers and anti-social behaviour, 3 complaints regarding use of jet skis on the loch and 1 complaint of a male riding a moped on a public path.

Ruth Graham and Stewart Gavigan are having a meeting with Inspector Craig Stephen on the 3rd November 2020 to discuss the events that took place this year and the ongoing plans for the season 2021.

5. Planning applications received

2020/0134/NOT 16th June 2020

Construction of 600m of ATV forestry track

Mike Aldridge - Drummond Estates

2020/0133/HAE 30th June 2020

Erection of two storey side extension and removal of existing bay window

Jonathan Dovey – Auchendoune

6. Village working groups

a. Garden Group

A further update on the Field of Hope project, supplies have been ordered from Stewarts, plants ordered from Bennybeg and work is progressing.

b. Path Group

- i. Going forward, we've recently been awarded £30k of funding from NatureScot (formally Scottish Natural Heritage) for future Project Design and Management for Railway Path. (I've attached our Work Schedule and Achievement Plan for more detailed information, if required.)
- ii. LERP Fortrenn Section - full funding in place, just waiting for final signed Path Agreement from SSE and hoping for completion by 1st April 2021.
- iii. LERP Glentarken (west of bridge) - much of the design and planning done. Still needs Path Agreements, Planning Approval and additional funding. Completion hoped for end 2022.
- iv. LERP Ardveich and Derry Woods - landowner discussions, design and planning started. Completion aimed for 2022/23
- v. Lochearnhead (Village Path Infrastructure Study which includes the Railway Path) - Sustrans and the National Park already engaged in Community Consultations. Findings and Recommendations to be published shortly. Completion 2022/23?
- vi. LERP Glentarken Woods - 2023/24?
- vii. Update Village Walks information on Website, including possibility of GPS mapping.
- viii. General Path Maintenance; with the help of the Garden Group. Cutting back encroaching vegetation, clearing fallen trees etc.

- ix. Thanks for everyone's help - please let me know of any path problems.
- x. The counter on the Railway Path (located above Little Port Farm) has recorded 24,686 walkers and 11,678 cyclists since opening in August 2016. That's over 36,000 journeys that would either have been difficult and dangerous using the A85 or not have been made at all.
- xi. Loch Earn Railway Path Project has been selected as one of the finalists for the LEADER Funding Awards, in the category 'Local infrastructure & service improvement which has seen the biggest impact on the community'.

c. Festive Committee

Plans for 2020 have been severely disrupted because of Covid-19, however plans are underway for 2021.

d. Play Park Group

The playpark is being well-used with lots of visitors and positive comments. The lockdown meant that various contracts, invoices and negotiations could not be finalised, but things have now moved on.

The 21 notices and information boards have now been delivered and mainly installed.

All final invoices are in and have been paid.

The last tranche of funding (less than 1%), is expected to be received imminently.

The project will be finished on budget, if not on time!

The only item to be completed is the pebble-patch. (You may remember painting a pebble 2 years ago!). We have left this till last to see what is left! Basically, we need to shift 10-20 tons of material to increase the mound for the patch! We may have to wait till the spring.

7. AOB

- a. As long as there are no further changes in restrictions, it is still proposed to have a socially distanced remembrance service at the War Memorial on 8th November 2020 at 11 o'clock. Susan Hardman-Moore will conduct the service and Sandy Campbell will attend as piper. There will be a church service afterwards, there is space for 16 people or 32 if you are in couples from the same household. There will be track and trace information taken at the bridge and it is recommended that facemasks are worn.
- b. P & K are going to re-instate the 115 service between St Fillans and Comrie. The 115 service will only be able to take two people at a time. Waiting for current timetables to forward to the village. If anybody has any comments

about the service or would like to propose that the service is run on a different day, currently three days a week, please advise the CC so that comments can be passed onto P & K

- c. The question of salt bins was raised, some are owned by the hotels and some by P & K, Stewart Gavigan to follow up.
- d. Bruce Montgomery asked about the village shop, discussions are ongoing with Liam Cayless. An anonymous survey is to be sent out to villagers and it was requested that as many as possible complete this.
- e. Rhona Brock asked about the change of meetings to a Tuesday, after reflection it was recognised that Tuesdays coincide with another regular event on that day, so meetings will revert to Wednesday. It is hoped that meetings will be able to resume in the Sandison Hall in the near future.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 19:30

Stewart Gavigan

Chair St Fillans Community Council