

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting

Date of meeting: 12th May 2021 7.30pm

Venue: Zoom Meeting, St Fillans

Welcome

Chair Stewart Gavigan welcomed 29 villagers, Cllr Rhona Brock and Cllr Roz McCall

1. Apologies for absence

Sgt Kevin Wilkie, PC Donald Florence and Cllr Stewart Donaldson

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2021 were proposed as true record by Richard Graham and seconded by Johnston Brown.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Community Council has purchased, and erected anti dog fouling signs and neighbourhood watch signs.
- b. Speeding in the village, Cllr Stewart Donaldson was due to have a meeting in March to discuss average speed cameras and funding, Cllr Rhona Brock advised that the council are still waiting for a date for this meeting to take place.
- c. Visitor management meetings with National Parks and other agencies, Police Scotland and representatives of P&K Greenspace are ongoing.

However, since the last Community Council Meeting in February, a number of items have been addressed as follows:

A new updated Code of Conduct for the Loch has been produced
The Parks have erected new camping signage
P & K have erected new signs for the passing places with no parking added to them, these are along the South Shore Road.

4. Police Report

Speed checks have been carried out in the village alongside unmarked vehicle patrols, and the Police have been working in conjunction with the ranger service to assist with visitor management.

On behalf of PC Donnie Florence

5. Planning applications received

2020/0277/DET – 21st January 2021

Further application for planning for the erection of a dwelling house without complying with condition 3 attached to 98/00064/FUL/P

Mr Robert McLarty, West View

2021/0023/DET – 7th February 2021 – **Approved 9th May 2021**

Change of use of hotel conference to shop

Ms Susan Stuart, Four Seasons Hotel

2021/0024/ADV – 7th February 2021 – **Approved 8th April 2021**

Installation of 2 No. illuminated signs

Ms Susan Stuart, Four Seasons Hotel

2021/0033/LAW – 3rd February 2021 – **Certificate Issued 9th April 2021**

Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) static caravan park for up to 45 caravans

Monarch Empire Developments Ltd.

2020/0287/ADV – 13th January 2021 - **Approved 5th March 2021**

Installation of 4 No. pole mounted signs between Ardrostan and St Fillans

Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

2021/0063/DET – 8th March 2021

Erection of new dwelling (original house Ingleside demolished under 2007/0258/DET.

Mr Colin Wilson, Ingleside

2020/0133/HAE – 30th June 2020 – **Approved 26th March 2021**

Erection of two storey side extension and removal of bay window

Mr Jonathon Dovey, Auchendoune

2021/0081/HAE – 31st March 2021

Erection of two storey extension to replace existing extension and erection of porch

Mr and Mrs Gavigan, Heatherlea

2021/0110/TRE – 26th March 2021- **No Objections 4th May 2021**

Tree works in a conservation area, 5 trees require pollarding

Mr Richard Steventon, Deaitch Cottage

2020/0290/LAW – 7th December 2020 – **Certificate issued 15th April 2021**

Lawfulness of erection of dwelling house approved under 2014/0050/DET

Mr Bobby Salmond, Land west of Earn View

Jim Brierley enquired about the application from Bobby Salmond. Having checked the application, there was a condition on the original application under 2014/0050/DET that there had to be improvements to the junction of Shoemakers

Lane and the A85. On the basis of evidence provided it was concluded that material operations took place prior to the expiry of the planning permission and planning consent 2014/0050/DET therefore remains extant and a certificate was issued.

6. Village working groups

a. Garden Group

The Garden Group had a socially distant working party which included the annual pre-season litter pick. Pictures and a write up have been featured on P & K's Greenspace website promoting their "Love it like a Local" campaign.

b. Path Group

i. Railway Path - Fortrenn Section: Still waiting for SSE to sign their Path Agreement but hoping to complete this section within the next few months. The appointed Contractor is on stand-by.

ii. Railway Path - Glentarken and Ardveich/Derry Woods Forestry sections are continuing to be planned and are progressing.

iii. Don has very kindly updated all the Village walks on our website (including new photos where required) but if villagers (or their guests) spot any errors or misleading instructions, please let Geoff know. Also, if anyone has any suggestions for other favourite local walks to be added, again, please let Geoff know. Thanks.

iv. Over the past few months, the Paths Group have cleared encroaching vegetation along all the 'made up' sections of the Railway Path and the path is now restored to its full width - massive thanks to all involved.

v. Thanks to whoever cleared and improved the Goat's/Scree Path.

vi. A few of the old, dilapidated path benches are being renovated and will hopefully be returned to their former glory and locations soon.

vii. A massive thanks to Park Rangers, Gareth and Colin (and Craig), for clearing an assortment of fallen trees on the Path heading towards the Old Village (Yellow Walk).

viii. We plan to improve some bad drainage spots on some of our paths over the next few months - but if anyone finds any other path problems, please let Geoff Hardman-Carter know.

c. Festive Committee

Ulrika Hollas advised that the Festive Committee, are planning to hold a one-day festival type event on the 14th August 2021, which will feature local talent, providing there are no future Covid restrictions. Details are to follow in the near future.

d. Play Park Group

Anne Patrick has agreed to take over maintenance of the willow tunnel. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Anne. Catriona Adams has also been assisting Anne and they are currently planning to lay bark in the tunnel for weed suppression.

Nothing else to report and the Play Park Group is going to go dormant. A huge thank you to Russell and his group for his and their efforts over many years to bring the Play Park to fruition.

Lorna Kennelly asked if was possible to send out another request for parents and children to help with the upkeep of the Play Park.

e. Community Centre Feasibility Study Group

Richard Graham gave a brief history behind the request from the Community Council in February 2021 to form a Feasibility Study Group. In the 2017-2022 Community Action Plan one of the aspirations of the village was to “investigate the development of a large, multi-use village hall with catering facilities”.

An email was sent out to the village in April to inform the village that the group had been set up.

The Group members are, Richard Graham, Steve Howell, Bruce Montgomery and Barry Fisher.

There are potentially four sites that have been identified within the village:

Existing Site – This has been ruled out because of the lack of space and parking facilities

Area beside the Play Park – Good land and space but only access would be via Shoemakers Lane which is only a single-track road.

Dundurn Walk – Has been ruled out because of the proposed future development proposed by Drummond Estates.

Land behind the memorial – good space but SEPA have shown 1 in 20-year chance of flood. If this area was chosen it would require a meeting with SEPA.

Mike Aldridge has been contacted regarding the study and has responded positively.

Two architects have been involved in the initial surveys, Andrew Finlayson and Jim Denholm. Jim Denholm currently works for Drummond Estates.

Next stage is for Richard Graham to write to Mike Aldridge formally.

Cllr Rhona Brock advised that if help was required from P & K the group should contact Tracy Ramsey and James Gardener.

f. Cultural Heritage Group

Jim Brierley confirmed that the group were halfway through the initial tidy up and the gate is under repair. Sandy Stewart has been contacted regarding the collapsed wall of the chapel; he is currently waiting for quotations for repair.

Following a meeting with Elspeth Bruce of P & K Greenspace, the Council have agreed to supply new signage and paint for the gate. Elspeth also advised about a new initiative being set up within P & K “Friends of Cemeteries and Burial Grounds” which is being created to encourage volunteers to help maintain these areas.

7. AOB

- a. Recent Housing Survey - Ulrika advised that 31 people responded, the main issue identified was the requirement of smaller properties within the village to allow for downsizing. Ulrika will email the responses out to the village.
- b. Still – This project has been on the agenda for the last couple of years, but the issue has been funding. Following a meeting with P & K Greenspace on Friday, whilst there are no guarantees, it appears there may be some funding that we can apply for to complete this village project, which has been on the back burner during 2020 because of Covid and its restrictions. There is a limited time to prepare the application.

Lorna Kennelly asked about other projects that could be considered, Ulrika Hollas mentioned that the “Still” project had already been approved by villagers. However, following on from this if villagers have any other projects they wish to be considered for the future, please let the Community Council know, so that the ideas may be sent out to the village for discussion and approval.

c. Station Road Caravan Park

The Community Council have been in regular contact with National Parks Planning, Stewart Gavigan has made a statement to the Strathearn Herald and has also contacted SEPA but has received no response from them to date. Stewart will continue to follow up on this subject.

Several villagers have also written to National Parks Planning

Stewart Gavigan read the statement from Jack Riggs of National Parks Planning and this has subsequently been sent to villagers via email.

When the Sandison Hall is open again, it is intended to invite the new owners to come and make a presentation regarding their plans to villagers.

As soon as planning has been submitted Stewart Gavigan will advise the village. There will then be 21 days for the planning to be studied and for any objections to be raised if required.

- d. Jim Brierley enquired about the progress for the repair of Dundurn Bridge. Stewart Gavigan has been chasing this and will follow up again.
- e. Lorna Kennelly has been in contact with Bear on several occasions about the state of the road outside her property. Her concern is the number of stones flying up as traffic passes. Stewart Gavigan will follow up with Bear.
- f. Jim Brierley raised the issue of a new 40mph sign that has been erected on Dundurn Bridge, it is obscuring the "weak bridge in 4.5 miles" sign. The 40 mph needs to be relocated. Stewart Gavigan to contact Transport Scotland.
- g. Johnston Brown raised the topic of a Books and Jigsaw Swap area which has been discussed via the St Fillans Reach Out Group. Johnston has suggested that it might be possible to organise in the Sandison Hall if a suitable location can be found.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 11th August 2021 at 7.70pm in the Sandison Hall providing there are no further Covid restrictions.