

Killin Community Council

Bi-monthly meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the Killin Community Council held on Tuesday November 8th 2016
In Killin Primary School @ 7.30

PRESENT

R. Allner, T. Frost, F. Kennedy (chair), C. Kemp, G. MacKenzie,

APOLOGIES

F. Chisholm, Y. Gillies, L. Campbell, P. Farquharson, C. Campbell, C. Grant, B. Ronald, A. Fleming

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Hayes, T. Elliot (community liaison officer), A. Vince (Acharn biomass plant), C. Worling (biomass project manager) and 1 member of the public.

WELCOME from F.Kennedy.

MINUTES of last meeting 13th September had been circulated, read and were approved by C.K. and seconded by R.A.

ACHARN BIOMASS UPDATE Building warrants to be submitted. Emissions will be tested. Platform areas will be levelled in the next few weeks. They have rights to obtain water from adjacent burn but are looking to get a connection to mains water. Contracts have been signed with woodland suppliers within a 30 mile radius. It will be financially viable for 30 yrs. and lifetime depends on energy prices. When running there will be excess heat produced and this to be confirmed on completion. Biochar bi-product may be used as soil conditioner subject to tests. Plant should be operational by end of Sept. 17, the footpath open by Christmas and a Christmas tree will be donated for the hall.

ROAD LINING Yellow has been completed but white and new markings at Dochart bridge are still to be done.

20M.P.H. LIGHTS at zebra crossing appear to be repaired.

WATER PRESSURE Investigation is ongoing.

SEWAGE SMELL is also ongoing.

FORESTRY COMMISSION regarding proposed Morenish Woodland project. They have still to reply.

ARDEONAIG ROAD There are still passing place repairs and culverts to be done. Knotweed to be sprayed next Spring by new owners.

STREET LIGHTING Some are still out.

BALLECHROISK 20m.p.h. signs are awaiting update .

DOG WARDEN is to be asked again by F.K. to check if visit has taken place re. fouling.

SHORT CUT AND CEMETERY grass cutting will be reviewed in the Spring.

POLICE REPORT Antisocial behaviour – 40 year old male arrested after disturbance at Balquhiddar Braes caravan site.

Drug misuse –Sept - Drugs search warrant at an address in Cameron Court, Lochearnhead resulted in seizure of a quantity of class B drugs and 2 occupants arrested. Oct – In road checks in Killin area 2 drivers were found in possession of cocaine and cannabis and were dealt with accordingly. Local police involved in drug search in Gargunnoch where large quantities of Amphetamine, cannabis and cocaine were found.2 occupants were arrested. This incident involved officers across Trossachs and Teith community teams. These often involve Killin area officers for the duration of their shift. If you witness any sort of drug dealing in the community call 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555111 if you wish to remain anonymous.

There have been no incidents of violent crime.

Housebreaking/crimes of dishonesty – A number of thefts from BEAR roads dept. Between 19/9 and 27/9 trailer dismantled and stolen from yard off Lyon Road. Between 10/10 and 11/10 a trailer tow hitch was stolen from Station Rd yard. Between 12/10 and 13/10 a caravan, value £5400 was stolen from Main St. Strathyre.

Road Safety –Despite regular patrols collisions are still occurring. 18/9 A85 was closed at Lochearnhead after 2 motorcycles collided causing one fatality. 18/9 minor collision on A82 in Tyndrum a collision involved a caravan and a military pickup and boat.24/9 an elderly man arrested for drink driving at Crianlrich. 27/9 a 51 year old man was arrested and blood analysis is pending.

Incidents of note – Enquiries by police had to be carried out the very sad and sudden death of the Killin Hotel Manager due to it taking place in the public foyer. There were no suspicious circumstances. On 21/10 an 11 year old girl with significant mental health issues alleged an assault by her father at the Crianlarich Hotel. A 44 year old London man was detained and interviewed. This also involved Social Work Services and Police Family Units from London and Stirling.

Mountain rescue – 12/9 and 20/9 overdue walkers and quickly sorted. 23/9 at Cruach Ardrain a disoriented 54 year old man called for help with his mobile at 17-45 and was located and assisted down by 01-00. 22/10 a 65 year old woman with an injured leg was airlifted by coastguard helicopter.25/10 at Cruach Ardrain the body of a man who had fallen on steep ground was recovered with the aid of coastguard helicopter. Condolences to his family. Hillwalkers please be aware of changing weather conditions, have a map and compass and know how to navigate.

Community engagement – Darker Winter evenings can make properties more vulnerable to thieves so please take a few simple precautions and check the security of your home. Ask for advice if necessary .A police patrol of Main Street at the Primary School at relevant times takes place when possible. Traffic conditions are monitored at zebra crossing and

zig zags. Round House – Patrols are carried out during later hours after reports of broken glass bottles Parking – Issues continue to be monitored and vehicle owners provided with corrective advice. Activity for coming month – Attend to calls in Killin section and regular mobile foot patrols.

PLANNING None received. Councillor Hayes is to ask if online information from both Stirling and The National Park can be made more user friendly.

ELECTRICITY for the park is still ongoing.

CORRESPONDENCE none.

A.O.C.B. K.A.T. are still waiting to see if they have National Lottery funding for the Mill. The playpark fence is to be repaired and probably extended. The equipment needing repair is to be done. £150,000 is needed to revamp it and is, as yet, unavailable. A.H. is to see if any money is available from Stirling Council's underspend. Wild flower areas and fruit trees are to be planted in the coming year.

The roundhouse continues to be misused and police are to check. Public are to report to police if anything seen.

A.H. has requested that D.R.T. makes better connections to Callander and St.Fillans.

Abandoned caravan is still being investigated.

P.P.G. report – patient transport is, hopefully, to begin in the near future though details have not yet been put in place.

Bins and waste collection schedules have been rolled out. This has not been a total success. The working pattern of the bin men has not been sorted and new lorries are on lease and a firm from Cornwall was used to deliver the bins. K.C.C. has requested the costing of this to be investigated and if any savings are to be made.

Meetings regarding priority budgeting are being set up by Council and there are none scheduled for Killin. This is to be looked at.

A.H. reported that Stirling had made presentations to both Hollyrood and Westminster for extra funding but it would appear that very little of this is intended for rural areas.

Tilhill Forestry are to be approached for a village Christmas tree. An electrician needs to be asked to put up lights and Stitts will be asked to put up the tree as usual.

K.C.C. will pay for the licence for New Year fireworks. C.K. proposed this and R.A. seconded this.

Repair of potholes along the last stretch of Craignavie Road is to be requested by A.H.

There have been concerns expressed in the village about the unsuitable appearance of the new building beyond the Capercaillie. Planning was denied by the Community Council some years ago. A revised plan has been accepted by The National Park.

The meeting closed at 9-15 with F.K. thanking everyone for their attendance.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10th @ 7-30 in the school.

A minutes secretary is urgently needed. £30 per session is payable.

**MATTERS ARISING –
O.C.B.**

