



**BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADOPTED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2014 IN BALFRON CAMPUS**

**Present :** Colin Cameron, Mary Young, Ann Johnston, Laura Elder, John Nicholson, Dave McGowan, Sandrine Gardner.

**In Attendance :** Pam Campbell. PC Ailsa Brough, Robert Murphy ( for part of meeting)

**Apologies :** Bill Noblett, Alison Lamont Chalmers

**1 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting :** Proposed by Mary And seconded by Laura

**2 Matters Arising :**

- 2.1 Mary suggested deferring co-option of a tenth CC member for six months.
- 2.2 Colin stated that the business logo's had been removed from the CC Facebook page.
- 2.3 Jim Thomson's gift of a letter B to replace the one missing from the village sign has brought to attention the poor state of the village signs. **Action:** Ann and Mary to make enquiries about when the signs were put in place and about the possibility of replacements.
- 2.4 Laura confirmed that Annmarie Duncan had offered to take the minutes for the CC. She was unable to be present at this meeting because of the short notice, but will be present from the May meeting. **Action** Bill to apply for the supplementary administration grant.

**3 Defibrillator**

Robert Murphy informed the CC of fund-raising efforts to provide the village with a defibrillator. The initial cost would be £1,700 with an annual maintenance cost. The maintenance would be undertaken by the Trossachs search and rescue team and Stuart Ballantyne a member of the team would organise training sessions. Pam stated that funding may be available. Possible sites for the defibrillator would be at the library, the local office or the co-op. **Action** Ann to ask Stuart if he would give a short presentation at the next CC meeting

**4 Police Report**

- 4.1 Ailsa informed the CC that she would be moving to Stirling in May. She hoped to provide clarification of the new community Policing arrangements for the next meeting.



4.2 Ailsa reported that she had asked Stirling Council to repaint the yellow lines in the village. She also reported problems with people parking in the Co-op loading bay.

4.3 Seven crimes have been reported in the area in the last month; these include road traffic offences, a domestic incident and the theft of garden equipment.

4.4 Extra Police Officers will be on duty on 27<sup>th</sup> April for the Balfon 10k and the Strathendrick Classic Car Club Rally which will be passing through the village,

4.5 Laura asked about the possibility of having a Police Officer present at the school to control traffic.

## 5 Treasurer's Report

5.1 Documentation relating to the new signatories for the bank account was presented to the bank on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

5.2 The balance in the account at the start of the new CC was £258.89 with the invoice for £100 for the audit last year's accounts still to be paid. The administration grant for 2013/2014 has now been processed with £347.40 being remitted.

5.2 Clarification is being sought for two items for which there is no documentation, a deposit of £48 in May 2013 and a cheque payment of £50 in Nov/ Dec.

5.3 Bill raised the question of a possible shortfall in funding for Phil Cunningham/Aly Bain concert. **Action** Ann will speak to Lachie and Balfon 2014 working group.

## 6 Planning

6.1 There are no new planning application for the BCC area which require comment from BCC

6.2 LDP Reporter's Examination. The Reporter is not recommending the sites at Roman Road and Land at Mollincleric, Kepculloch Road for housing development. He is also not supporting any modifications to the plans with respect to current housing projects at Dunmore Street and Kiltrochan.

6.3 Balfon and Doune which were Rural Centres have now been reclassified as Rural Villages.

6.4 The High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Any hedges exceeding 2m in height are covered. The act provides for Councils to determine where there are disputes. In Stirling Council's case this will be handled by Planning with a fee of £192. Proof that an attempt has been made to settle the dispute in the form of a letter written during the preceding 28 days must be provided.



6.5 An application for demolition of some buildings and redevelopment of Stirling Community Hospital to provide facilities for the elderly, including a 130 bed residential complex and 5 GP practices, was approved with conditions.

## **7 Correspondence**

7.1 Letter from Police Scotland regarding policing Plans for 2014/15. On file in the CC box in the Library

## **8 Reports on Meetings Attended By CC Members**

8.1 Alison attended two training meetings on understanding the language of planning and project management.

8.2 Colin attended a meeting of the Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER local action group.

8.3 Mary, Alison and Ann attended a Community Resilience Exercise to test Community Emergency Plans. **Action** CC to work on Community Action Plan with plans for dealing with adverse weather conditions as a starting point.

8.4 Bill will attend a meeting of The Broadband Advisory Group on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. John may also be able to attend but if he is unable, Laura or Colin will attend with Bill.

## **9 Car Park**

9.1 Mary reported that the cost of the resurfacing was £45,000 from the original budget of £60,000 allocated. She had contacted Stirling Council's Roads Department to enquire why safety issues had not been addressed, ie the placing of the car park exit into Dunkeld Court. The Roads Department stated that the Co-op had not approved this change.

9.2 Problems still exist with the line of sight at the exit being restricted when buses are parked at the bus stop.

9.3 Ailsa stated that a fine had been issued for parking on the zebra crossing.

9.4 Laura raised the issue of speeding on Donaldson Way

**10 Councillor's Report** A copy of the councillor's report is on file in the CC box in the Library. Copies of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet are also on file in the box.



#### 11 AOB

11.1 Balfon in Bloom. The CC will advertise the Balfon in Bloom Coffee Morning on the 10th May in the McLintock Hall and add an appeal for volunteers.

11.2 Grass-cutting. The CC is no longer able to fund the cutting of the grass between the bench and the village sign at the entrance to the village. Kieran offered to take responsibility for cutting the grass. **Action** Pam to check re. safety aspects and insurance. Mary to contact Hector MacDonald. Kieran to check with the owners of Ballindalloch if they own the stretch of grass.

11.3 Balfon 10k. CC agreed to support the organising committee's appeal to have Stirling Council's Roads Department's charge of £1,200 for road closure lifted. **Action** Colin to write to Roads Department on behalf of CC.

11.4 Killearn Hospital Site. The CC agreed to support the clean up and development of the site.

11.5 Data Protection Act 1995. Pam advised that CC should be registered. The cost of £35/annum will be covered by the administration fund. **Action** Ann will contact The Information Commissioners Office.

11.6 Balfon Bash. The CC voted to support an application for funding for the Balfon Bash.

11.7 BCC Logos. The CC agreed on the use of the round green tree logo.

**The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 in the second floor conference room at Balfon Campus.**