



BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016 IN BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Colin Cameron (Chair), David Dougans, Alison Lamont Chalmers, Carsten Mandt (minutes), David McGowan, John Nicholson, Bill Noblett, Christine Wilson, Stuart Youens

In Attendance: Gladys Farquharson, PC Raymond Murphy

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Pam Campbell, Laura Elder and Amanda Quinn.

2. Minutes of Previous meeting 7 April 2016

Bill Noblett proposed the minutes as an accurate record, seconded by John Nicholson.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1. Bill has produced leaflets to inform local residents about the Medical Emergency Care Service (MECS). They will be distributed by the Cubs.
- 3.2. The new village signs have been installed and a well-attended launch event was held on 30 April 2016.
- 3.3. The construction of the roundabout at Roman Rd/Dunmore St. is delayed by 1 – 2 weeks.
- 3.4. There is still no progress from Stirling Council on community plans for 'The Bunker'.
- 3.5. Work on the local directory is progressing. This will list community groups and local businesses separately. Options for making the directory more widely available and possible funding sources were discussed. **ACTION:** Alison to send draft to Colin
- 3.6. A funding application has been submitted for Balfroon in Bloom to plant new shrubs in the bed opposite the Coach House Inn.
- 3.7. Christine Wilson agreed to source a replacement Christmas tree.
- 3.8. Once the Clachan Oak has budded remedial work will be carried out.

4. Police Report

PC Raymond Murphy noted two incidents of vandalism where investigations are still ongoing. Reports have been received about inconsiderate driving and parking in the area, some of which coincided with the Balfroon 10k. A week-long speeding campaign is being run from 2-8 May. Callers to 101 can ask to be put through to the local office if they wish to speak to a local Police Officer. Police Scotland survey has been launched to identify local and national policing priorities. The survey is open all year long but results are reviewed periodically to inform policing priorities. Henceforth the monthly Police Report will be shared on the website and noticeboards.

5. Councillor's Report

As no elected member was available to attend the meeting, there was no Councillor's report.

6. Treasurer's Report

- 6.1. Bill informed the group that the annual financial report is with the auditor.
- 6.2. BCC received remittance from Stirling Council for Incredible Edibles but not for the full amount requested.
- 6.3. A bid was submitted on behalf of the Donaldson Trust for the play park self-closing gates. The application has been agreed in principle by Stirling Council.
- 6.4. A bid was submitted to Awards for All to purchase a staging system for the Balfron Bash and future community events. The decision will be announced on 23 May.

7. Planning and Correspondence

- 7.1. Gage Willox has contacted BCC to offer community groups help from the Scouts. Possible projects were discussed e.g. Balfron in Bloom or the Donaldson Park clean-up. The heritage benches need to be cleaned but they are responsibility of the Development Trust.
- 7.2. Carsten Mandt updated the group on planning for the transport and access consultation. The questionnaire has been finalised and copies will be available from Balfron Library. Pam Campbell has arranged for it to be developed into an online survey, which is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BalfronCC16> A consultation event has now been arranged for Sat 18 June 2016, 11am-2pm at Balfron High School. Fliers are being developed to inform all households in Balfron about the consultation. Community organisations and local businesses and services are being contacted directly as well.
- 7.3. John Nicholson reported from the Stirling Council Parks Forum. The key priorities for parks for communities are funding, increasing volunteer activity, management plans for parks, and a single point of contact in Stirling Council for parks. Stirling Council's intention is that the Forum will be organised by volunteers. A toolkit for volunteers was produced by Stirling Council to assist them with parks management.
- 7.4. John noted that a clean-up of Donaldson Park is planned ahead of the Balfron Bash. A date in late May has been suggested. Notices will go out to ask for volunteers to help. John will clarify with Stirling Council Land Services if they can provide tools and uplift of the waste.
- 7.5. Bill gave an update from the Broadband Delivery Group. £300k has been set aside to help "white spots" i.e. very remote areas that will have no access to super-fast broadband via fibreoptic cabling. For Balfron it remains unclear how many cabinets there will be. It has been suggested there will be four cabinets but no installation timescales or exact locations have been given. The lack of clear communication and effective project management for the rollout of superfast broadband, both at BT and Government level, was noted. It was agreed to invite the new minister after the election for an update, as well as raising this issue with the local MSP.

8. Dog Fouling Update

An excellent range of poster designs by Balfron Primary School pupils has been submitted for a dog fouling campaign. Stuart Youens will scan the images for laminating and to create a banner that can be re-used for future campaigns. Stuart will also approach Elaine Bannatyne to ask in what way High School pupils can get involved. **ACTION:** Stuart/Colin

9. Business from the Floor

- 9.1. Bill will contact Stirling Council to ask for the damaged exit sign and waste bin at the car park to be remedied.
- 9.2. Colin mentioned that there has not yet been a response about re-designating two of the now six disabled parking spaces in the Coop car park
- 9.3. Bill asked about entertainment options for the Balfron Bash on 20 Aug 2016. It was agreed to hire the spider mountain, bucking bronco and a bouncy castle.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of next meeting

Thursday 2 June 2016, Balfron Campus (if available)

1900 AGM

1930 June meeting

**Colin Cameron, Chair, will be in Doyle's
on Thurs 2 June from 1030-1130**

to meet anyone who can't make the evening meeting and has matters they want to raise.

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