



MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 MAY 2018 IN BALFRON HIGH SCHOOL DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Fraser Allan, Colin Cameron (chair), Laura Elder, Alison Lamont Chalmers, Carsten Mandt (minutes), David McGowan, John Nicholson, Bill Noblett, Christine Wilson, Stuart Youens

In Attendance: Stuart Ballantyne, Joanne Ballantyne, Viv Casteel (Balfron Development Trust), Denver Chalmers, Caroline Cherry (Forth Valley Health and Social Care Partnership), Councillor Robert Davies, Ian Denvir (Stirling Council), Nicola McCann, Sgt David McNally (Police Scotland), Lee Rooney, Janet Rutherford (Balfron in Bloom), Pat Thomson (Balfron Heritage Group)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from David Dougans and George Somerville (Stirling Council).

2. Minutes of Previous meeting 5 April 2018

Christine Davies had asked for an amendment to agenda item 6, which was accepted as follows: Delete *“However she would only consider this financially viable if children attended several days per week”* and replace with *“However she would only consider reinstating Monday and Tuesday breakfast club if the number of children attending increases to make this financially viable”*. Laura Elder proposed the minutes as an accurate record, subject to the agreed amendment. Christine Wilson seconded.

3. Matters Arising

Stirling Council advised that the street lighting in George Terrace, Hillhead Brae and Strathview Terrace would be replaced within the next nine months.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Police Report

BCC noted a written report submitted by Police Scotland, which highlighted a number of issues including vandalism and road safety. School crossing patrols were discussed, noting the prolonged staffing shortage to cover all crossing points. Sgt McNally advised that any issues should be raised with Police Scotland.

Speeding continued to be an issue in the village and from a community perspective Police enforcement efforts appeared to have had no discernible impact on driver behaviour. Colin explained that addressing speeding was an important aspect of the work undertaken in the Space for Living project.

Colin noted that the arrival of PC Scott Craigie had seen a noticeable improvement in communication between BCC and Police Scotland.

6. Refuse Collection

George Somerville (Stirling Council) had been invited to speak to this issue but was unfortunately unable to attend. He agreed to feed back after the meeting on issues raised by the community:

- It was suggested that the recycling bins in the Co-op car park be moved to the civic amenity site, freeing up space in the car park. Also, the collection times of these bins should be looked at as they were frequently overflowing.
- The possibility of being able to uplift items that were deemed usable from skip was queried. It was understood that Stirling Council did not permit anyone to take items that had been deposited in the skip. Ian Denvir agreed to find out what the exact policy was that covered this issue.
- It was noted that food waste bin bags were now only available from the Library and limited to six packs per household per year.
- More frequent paper/cardboard collections were requested, perhaps swapping with the tin/glass collection. Laura highlighted that cardboard boxes for takeaway food (e.g. pizza boxes) could not be recycled.

7. Neighbourhood of Care

Caroline Cherry gave an overview of the current work to establish a Neighbourhood Care Team in Balforn. This approach to providing care in the community is based on the Dutch Buurtzorg model of care. It originally started as a community nursing team but now includes social care and other health professionals. The Scottish Government are looking at adopting the Buurtzorg model in Scotland. Balforn is one of several pilot sites to test the approach in the Scottish context.

The model is designed to ensure that care is person-centred to allow each individual to be as self-managing as possible. The model focusses on informal networks, recognising the limitations of formal health and social care systems' ability to address loneliness, isolation and wellbeing. The neighbourhood care team – will provide care coordination locally. This will link into formal networks – i.e. NHS and social work services, with the team acting as a gateway. The detailed neighbourhood care team model is being developed by the staff who work in it to ensure it is localised and fit for purpose in the community in which the team operates. The Balforn team covers the rural South-West, with a population of around 14,000. The team includes existing staff such as Stirling Council Re-ablement staff, district nursing, adult social care, allied health professionals and third sector and carers services.

Expected benefits of the model are:

- Better outcomes
- Reduce confusion for adults managing their way through the care system
- Working with communities, recognising assets
- Improving autonomy for staff decision making
- Improve staff satisfaction
- More patient centred care

8. Councillor's Report

Councillor Davies provided a report on recent developments within Stirling Council:

- 8.1. Stirling Council has approved a new organisational structure
- 8.2. Adoption of the new Local Development Plan. There was a shortfall of land for housing development, which would be addressed in future iterations of the Plan. Cllr Davies pointed out that the 25 year population growth forecast for Stirlingshire predicted a 10% rise. However, this depended on net migration. The area is expected to face a challenge with an ageing population (e.g. the number of over 75s is expected to rise by 80%).
- 8.3. A development of affordable houses in Killearn was approved but an application for executive houses was rejected.
- 8.4. Stirling Council adopted a change in planning procedures: planning referrals can now be made by Community Councils. The changes also include a lower threshold for a planning referral, based on the number of local objections raised to a development that had already been approved by planning officers.
- 8.5. The Balfron Station road closure is reportedly due to re-open on Monday 7 May
- 8.6. Parking at Finnich Glen was recognised as a road safety issue but there was no solution as yet. Discussions with all relevant stakeholders continue to find a sustainable way forward.

9. Treasurer's Report

Bill Noblett provided an update report on BCC finances:

- 9.1. Written proof of the bank account change had been received
- 9.2. Bank of Scotland had included a cheque of £400 for compensation but BCC agreed this was insufficient. Bill is awaiting a reply from the Bank. If a mutually agreeable resolution could not be found there is an option of escalating the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service.
- 9.3. The accounts for 2017/18 are being audited
- 9.4. It was agreed to submit a bid to the Community Pride Fund to support the Incredible Edible project.
- 9.5. It was also agreed to submit a bid to the Community Pride Fund to cover the cost of installation of the new gateway at the Donaldson Park entrance in Spoker's Loan.

10. Project Updates

- 10.1. *Space for Living*: A street event was scheduled for Sat 12 May at Doyle's, 11am-3pm. This is an opportunity for the community for the first time to see the practical ideas the external consultants had developed and provide feedback. Colin stressed that these are not formal proposals yet but possible solutions to issues previously raised by the community.
- 10.2. *Playpark*: Bill mentioned that he had received an invoice for delivery and installation of the cable way, with installation due to take place in early June.
- 10.3. *War Memorial*: A stall would be included at the 12 May event to start fundraising then. Crowdfunding was required for £5k, with the majority of costs expected to be covered by a War Memorial Trust grant. However, it was noted that there was currently high competition for War Memorial Trust funding as 2018 was the centenary of the end of WW1, leading to increased great interest in refurbishing existing war memorials.
- 10.4. *Data Protection*: The BCC policy would be finalised in a separate meeting following this meeting.

10.5. *Community Resilience Plan*: Ian Denvir reported on a recent training session which included case histories from Scottish Power and Scottish Gas Networks. Communities are encouraged to identify a credible action plan for emergency. It was agreed to set up a working group to develop such a plan. Stuart Ballantyne, Fraser Allan and Lee Rooney volunteered to join the group.

11. Planning and Correspondence

Balfron Bash: It was noted that there is no longer capacity within BCC to lead on the organisation of the Bash. A call on Facebook to find a new lead had been unsuccessful. In the absence of an organising committee to take forward the planning, and recognising that ground conditions in Donaldson Park are unsuitable, it was agreed to skip 2018 and prioritise finding both a new site and a new leader for 2019. Colin emphasised that the Community Council would continue enthusiastically to support the initiative as an important contribution to the life of the community.

The Action in Mind bid that was supported at the April meeting and which had missed out on “Your Place Your Priorities” funding was being pursued in another form. BCC agreed to support the bid.

12. Business from the Floor

- 12.1. It was noted that the Poppy Club would open a breakfast club Mon – Fri from August 2018, with no minimum usage requirement. Following the recent survey of parents discussions were now underway to explore childcare provision at the school with Stirling Council.
- 12.2. Lee Rooney reported progress to develop industrial space at the old Stirling Council depot site. This was now moving on to pre-planning. Plans would maintain the existing Post Office sorting office and build an industrial unit to house local businesses, office space and workshops, as well as yard space. Lee Rooney was anticipating having the site in a useable position in the next 6-9 months.
- 12.3. Stuart Ballantyne mentioned that Trossachs Search and Rescue had secured “Your Place, Your Priorities” funding to replenish the defibrillators in the area, including Balfron.

13. Any Other Business

Forthcoming events were noted:

- Balfron in Bloom Coffee morning on Sat 5 May.
- Heritage Group exhibition opening on 11 / 12 May in the Library
- Balfron Development Trust Emergency General Meeting on Mon 21 May

14. Date of next meeting

Thursday 7 June 2018, Balfron Campus.

NOTE AGM AT 7pm, followed by the regular meeting at 7.30pm

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Police Service of Scotland

Community Council Report



Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Balfon Community Council

Reporting Period:

May 2018 Compiled by PC Scott Craigie

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

A vehicle was damaged whilst it was parked in Weavers Winnell, when a young couple smashed a bottle against it, this is not believed to be linked to the previous vandalisms however high visibility patrols continue in the area of Spokers Loan, Weavers Winnell and Donaldson Park.

There has been an attempt to break into the Bakers and More and enquiries are ongoing in relation to this.

There has also been a fire raising in the village whereby someone deliberately set fire to a vacant business premises in Spinners Street. Enquiries are also ongoing in relation to this.

Anyone with information relating to any of the above incidents is encouraged to contact the office, 101 or crime stoppers.

THANK YOU

Following information received from residents a search warrant was obtained for a premises within the village. This lead to the recovery of £8000 worth of Cannabis. My colleagues and I would like to thank the community for their continued support as this is a very positive example of what can be achieved.

Road Safety

The problems in relation to people entering or leaving the village at excessive speed persist.

I am aware of a number of issues in relation to parking and the lack of a school crossing patrol on Buchanan Street in the area outside the CO-OP. With this in mind I have attended in the area on a regular basis and will continue to do so. I have asked colleagues to do the same however this is on a more sporadic basis due to their other commitments. I have liaised with the Stirling Community Warden's supervisor and he is going to have his wardens attend in the area over the coming week. I have also spoken to the manager of the School Crossing Patrols regarding the school crossing. He advises me that his department are working hard to resolve the issue and hope to have something in place soon.

Theft

There have been no further such incident since the last report and although this is good news I would ask residents to remain vigilant and continue reporting any suspicious activity.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

PC Scott Craigie remains the only ward officer in post at this time for the Forth and Endrick area. I am advised a second officer has been identified to fill the second half of the role, although there has not been a start date agreed as yet. I will keep you up to date with this process. PC Scott Craigie is based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact.

Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at

www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision

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