



MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 2018 IN MCLINTOCK HALL DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Colin Cameron (chair), Laura Elder, Alison Lamont Chalmers, Carsten Mandt (minutes), David McGowan, Bill Noblett, Christine Wilson

In Attendance: Viv Casteel (Balfron Development Trust), Denver Chalmers, Scott Craigie (Police Scotland), Ian Denvir (Stirling Council), Lesley Keighley, Councillor Graham Lambie (Stirling Council), Morag McAllister, Joe Norman, Lee Rooney, Janet Rutherford, Pat Thomson, Rae Wilson

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Fraser Allan, John Nicholson and Stuart Youens.

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting 7 June 2018**

Bill Noblett proposed the minutes as an accurate record, seconded by Laura Elder.

3. **Matters Arising**

Balfron Station road markings were re-painted and Stirling Council confirmed that the road alert system would be repaired.

Ian Denvir raised the car parking issues with the Coach House owners and the non-valid parking signs were subsequently removed.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

5. **Police Report**

BCC noted a report submitted by Police Scotland (attached), which highlighted a number of issues including anti-social behaviour, speeding and road safety. PC Craigie noted the support and cooperation from local residents which had helped with recent Police investigations.

PC Craigie agreed to follow up on the cold caller signs and purple bells as discussed at the previous BCC meeting.

Community concerns were raised with unsafe on-street parking at the new Cala development on Roman Road despite the availability of off-road parking in the development. This has created a hazard, exacerbated further by incomplete kerbing which had caused damage to vehicle tyres, and by blind corners. PC Craigie agreed to look into the situation.

6. Councillor's Report

Councillor Lambie provided a report on recent developments within Stirling Council, highlighting:

- 6.1. Progress with roads maintenance and upcoming road closures for resurfacing works.
- 6.2. Improvements in road safety, although provisions for visitor parking for Finnich Glen remains a problem.
- 6.3. Demand Responsive Transport and scheduled bus services: uptake of the Friday and Saturday evening bus service has not been as high as anticipated, which raises concerns over the sustainability of the service. There may be an option to replace it with a Sunday service that would link Balfron to bus routes to Forth Valley Royal Hospital. Passenger and community complaints concerning the Cambusbarron add-on to the C11/C12 service was noted. This has led to reduced passenger usage on the route. It was noted that this issue needs to be resolved urgently.
- 6.4. Barnwell Drive Land: adoption of the land by Stirling Council does not appear a desirable solution and the grassed area would best be kept in its current state. Funding of £7,000 is available through section 75 developer contributions to purchase play equipment for the small play park. This could perhaps be used towards an upgrade to make the play park more suitable for older children.
- 6.5. Changes to planning law, giving residents a new right to request a referral to planning panels if an application receives five or more local objections.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bill Noblett informed BCC of success with all three agreed Community Pride Fund applications: £1,000 for the war memorial refurbishment, £1,000 for the new gates to Donaldson Park, and £400 for Incredible Edibles.

8. Project Updates

8.1 Space for Living: Following the street event in May, the project team was working on a major funding application to Sustrans. This would support the design of detailed plans based on the ideas discussed at the street event. During the design phase, there would be in-depth consultation with the community at every stage to make sure any solutions were appropriate. The project's original focus was on the Buchanan Street spine from Printer's Row to the Clachan but the application will be extended to cover the whole village.

8.2 Playpark: The play equipment installation is nearly complete. Landscaping work included re-seeding of the grassed area, which requires the fences to stay for a further two weeks.

It was agreed to accept the current best quote Bill Noblett had received for the installation of the new park gates to allow the work to proceed without further delay.

8.3 War Memorial: Good progress had been made with the renovation works. However, this confirmed that the memorial is a fragile structure even if it looks sturdy on the surface. Future work undertaken around the memorial will need to be done carefully to avoid damage to the memorial.

Plans for landscaping were discussed and it was agreed that any such works would take cognisance of any emerging plans for the wider Clachan area as part of the Space for Living project.

Thanks were paid to the wider community for their generous donations that have made the restoration possible.

8.4 Community Resilience Plan: Progress was being made in drafting a plan. This was primarily a communication tool to support effective liaison between Stirling Council and the local community in the case of an exceptional adverse event. The plan is not designed to devolve responsibilities for crisis response from Stirling Council to the community.

9. Planning and Correspondence

The village car park issues were raised again, in particular in relation to long term parking by vehicles associated with the garage, both for repair and sale. Ian Denvir and Colin agreed to approach both the manager of the Co-Op and the garage owner to attempt to resolve the problems. Ian will also chase up the plans to resolve the number of disabled bays.

Stirling Council has approached BCC concerning the removal of diseased conifers in front of 48-54 Buchanan Street. In consultation with Balfron in Bloom it was agreed the trees could be felled as long as the residents of that building are informed of the decision beforehand.

10. Business from the Floor

- 13.1. Balfron in Bloom plan to re-plant the beds at the Clachan.
- 13.2. Improvements in waste collection were noted. The glass recycling bins had been removed from the Coop car park. Ian Denvir would investigate plans to replace them.
- 13.3. Rae Wilson highlighted the Saturday 11 August Big Lunch event at the Church Hall.
- 13.4. Lee Rooney mentioned that work on the business hub was progressing and had received great interest from local businesses.
- 13.5. Ian Denvir mentioned the Dementia Awareness event in Killlearn on Friday 10 August at 11am.

11. Any Other Business

The Flower Festival at the Church will be held on 15-16 September.

A social investment workshop will be held on 23 August in Alloa. Bill Noblett will attend for BCC.

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 6 September 2018, 7.30pm, Balfron Campus.