



## DRAFT MINUTES

### ONLINE MEETING ON THURSDAY 1st October 2020

#### 1. Welcome, recording of those present and apologies

**Present:** Fraser Allan, Colin Cameron, Alison Lamont Chalmers, Carsten Mandt, John Nicholson, Bill Noblett, Luci Rooney, Christine Wilson, Robert Young

**In attendance:** Cllr Rob Davies, Cllr Graham Lambie

**Apologies:** Pam Campbell, Laura Elder, David McGowan

**2. Recording of Declarations of Interest:** John Nicholson re Planning report; Christine Wilson re Spokers Loan trees

#### 3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Bill Noblett proposed the minutes as an accurate record, seconded by Alison Lamont Chalmers.

#### 4. Matters arising

Item 4.3 Colin reported that Bank of Scotland had not yet engaged in discussion about the proposed bank closure. Discussions are taking place with Stirling Council about the possibility of using the bank building as community service hub. Scotland On Sunday are due to carry an article about the closure on 4 October.

Item 10 Colin noted that the landowner had issued a full response regarding the Spokers Loan tree removal and the protocols followed. Discussions were ongoing with Stirling Council regarding communication on such matters.

#### 5. Covid-19 Response

##### a. Balfron Covid-19 Support group update

Christine Wilson reported that local support networks were in place but current demand for assistance was low.

##### b. Balfron Resilience update

The resilience group continued to support Stirling Council with messages on current restrictions and encouraging uptake of the tracing app. Regarding winter planning the group was liaising with Stirling Council to ensure grit boxes are full and encouraging uptake of the seasonal flu vaccine.

##### c. Balfron Food exchange

Luci Rooney confirmed the exchange was still well used. Robert Young volunteered to research costings for a full refurbishment.

#### 6. Projects

**a. Heritage War Memorial Proposal** BCC agreed to fund the cost of a plinth being installed, using existing war memorial refurbishment funding.

**b. Small Playpark - Donaldson Park** Bill reported that final quotes were expected shortly, with work due to start 8-12 weeks after that.

**c. Space for Living** It was noted that work had started at The Clachan, with Printer's Row due to follow. The collapsed drains in Spoker's Loan were understood to have been added to the Stirling Council roads programme. The Church of Scotland have been in touch regarding the availability of the War Memorial for Remembrance Sunday. Colin advised that a Plan B would likely be necessary. Alison agreed to source and purchase a wreath on behalf of BCC.

## **7. Police Report**

A written report was noted.

## **8. Elected Councillor's report**

The Finnich Glen proposal had received a negative planning response as it was seen to be contrary to the local development plan. However, it was noted that Police Scotland supported the development.

The Killlearn Hospital site was recommended for housing development incl. a care home facility. The next 3 year road programme would include Balfron road improvements in Station Road and Dunmore Street.

## **9. Treasurer report**

Bill confirmed that BCC was now insured for public liability for the Dunmore Street phone box. The admin grant had been received.

He also confirmed that the grant funding received for benches and shelter improvement projects could be carried forward.

BCC noted that funding may be needed for this year's Christmas trees. A Community Pride funding application would be made if necessary.

A new BCC notice board had recently been installed at Doyle's, with thanks to Christine Wilson and Derek Townsend.

## **10. Planning report**

No new applications.

BCC noted approvals for a number of domestic developments in the area, some with conditions attached.

## **11. Chair - including Correspondence**

New guidance was expected shortly on holding online AGMs.

## **12. AOB**

Issues with the quality of Stirling Council grass cutting in the village were raised. It was agreed that opportunities for maintaining areas for wild flowers should be looked at, e.g. orchard in Weaver's Winnel or in Donaldson Park.

The seepage of water in South Lomond Terrace had been reported. Scottish Water tests suggest that this was ground water rather than a leaking pipe. Cllr. Lambie undertook to follow up with Stirling Council.

BCC paid tribute to the lives and community contributions of Morven Linter, Alan Mulgrew and Chick Skinner who had recently passed away, and gave condolences to their families.

## **13. Next meeting - Thursday 5th November 2020 at 7.30pm**