# DRAFT MINUTE ONLINE MEETING ON THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2020

**Present**: Fraser Allan, Colin Cameron, Pam Campbell (Stirling Council), Cllr Rob Davies (Stirling Council), Laura Elder, Cllr Graham Lambie (Stirling Council), Alison Lamont Chalmers, Carsten Mandt, Bill Noblett, Luci Rooney, Christine Wilson, Robert Young

Apologies: David McGowan, John Nicholson

# 1. Recording of Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

# 2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Christine Wilson proposed the minutes as an accurate record, seconded by Bill Noblett.

# 3. Matters arising

Bank of Scotland: BCC are still awaiting a constructive response from Bank of Scotland to discuss the future of the Balfron branch. *LATER*: *email received stating that the Bank of Scotland does not yet have a firm date for closure, but when they do they will contact BCC, our MP and MSP to organise a meeting.* 

Tree removal: Cllr Lambie reported that the Stirling Council paperwork documenting the decision to permit the removal of diseased trees in Spoker's Loan had been reviewed and was all in order. He agreed to report back to the residents that had raised concerns.

Remembrance Sunday: No public event will be held but a wreath will be laid on behalf of BCC. A video of the ceremony would then be shown at the Remembrance service.

# 4. Covid-19 Response

Christine reported that demand for support in the village was still low. Fraser noted that the Resilience Group continued to issue social media messaging to raise awareness of up to date Covid-19 guidance, in particular regarding the new five tier system.

# 5. Project Updates

Playpark: Stirling Council confirmed that repair works in the small playpark had been scheduled.

Space for Living: Works at the Clachan were progressing well. A number of snagging issues had been identified and were due to be discussed with Stirling Council. Christine confirmed that the long standing flooding issue in Spoker's Loan had been addressed but repairs to the wall were still to be carried out. The Council has agreed

to use spoil from the roadworks to infill potholes in the car park area north of the Buchanan Street shops.

# 6. Police Report

A written Police Scotland report was noted.

# 7. Elected Councillor's Report

Cllr Davies and Cllr Lambie reported that the Finnich Glen and Killearn hospital site planning applications had been approved by Stirling Council.

Cllr Lambie has reported the water leak at Strathview Terrace.

Stirling Council has a Business Resilience Fund for small businesses up to £200 available for the purchase of personal protective equipment. Further information on the Council website.

# 8. Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report.

## 9. Planning and Correspondence

No new planning applications to report. No update was available on the Ballochruin proposal to which BCC had lodged an objection.

Serious concerns were raised over the mid to long term future of the Strathendrick Care Home. It was understood that while Stirling Council owned the building services were delivered by the Health and Social Care Partnership and discussions about the future of the care home would need to involve the Partnership.

Colin has asked Stirling Council to remove the skip signage in Buchanan Street as it is no longer required.

#### **10. AOCB**

Laura confirmed that the Christmas trees have been booked for the Tontine and the Library. A date will be agreed for their installation. Colin will contact the Primary School over the possibility of involving pupils in the switch-on. Luci shared plans for a Christmas project to support people who are alone at Christmas. In the first instance, demand for such visits needs to be ascertained. BCC supported the idea in principle. Bill confirmed that there is funding available in the Covid-19 fund to support such a project. Insurance cover for the volunteers may be covered by the existing BCC policy. This will be confirmed once detailed plans are agreed. Luci agreed to refine plans and feed back to BCC members.

Colin reported that Stirling Council confirmed that an AGM could now be held online. This will take place at the next meeting.

#### 11. Date of Next Meeting

19:30 on Thursday 3 December 2020, incl. AGM