



Minutes of Meeting on 2 September 2021 via Zoom

Present: Colin Cameron (Chair), Christine Wilson (Treasurer), Alison Limbert (Secretary), Alison Lamont-Chalmers, Luci Rooney, Claudia Duncan, Laura Gormley, John Nicholson

In attendance: Councillor Alistair Berrill

Apologies: Robert Young (Vice-chair), Fraser Allan

Minutes were taken by Alison Limbert as the Community Council is still seeking to appoint a minute taker.

A welcome was extended to Kenneth Alexander and Crispin Hayes (Killearn-Balfron Paths), and to Anita Crozier, resident.

1. Recording of Declarations of Interest

None

2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the meeting on 5 August 2021 were proposed as accurate by Christine Wilson and seconded by Alison Lamont-Chalmers.

3. Matters arising

- a) *Bank building* – after a visit to the McIntock Hall by Bank of Scotland representatives they are proposing to use it as a venue for a Community Banker pilot.
- b) *Endrick Gardens-Buchanan St path* – following representations to Stirling Council, action is being taken to get the fencing across the route removed and ensure this deemed right of way is re-opened for public use.
- c) *The King's Highway (path between Stirling and Dumbarton)*: BCC has been supporting Gargunnoch village in leading this campaign and attended recent meetings with Mark Ruskell MSP, and with David Hopper (Stirling Council) and Alyn Smith MP. Both meetings had good ideas about raising the profile of the campaign. Next meeting is on 29 Sept in Gargunnoch for all interested parties.

4. Projects

- a) *Space for Living*: At a recent meeting with Stirling Council the scope of work for street furniture for the Buchanan Street North development was scrutinised. A provisional start date of w/c 11th October has been agreed with Roads - this is not a confirmed start date - and should take approximately 8 weeks to complete. Once Roads have developed the work programme and traffic management plan, Stirling Council will be in touch with local elected members, the school, residents and businesses within the vicinity of the works.

- b) *Phone box refurbishment*: It was agreed to proceed with the refurbishment works proposal which is within budget and could be completed by the end of the year. Next steps include agreeing the ground works and the temporary provision of the Food Exchange. **ACTION: RY**

5. Police Report

The meeting noted a written report from PC Steven Graham. A member of the community had reported a case of “egging” of vehicles. The High School was informed and responded appropriately. The police report is available on the BCC website and noticeboards.

6. Elected Councillor's report

Consultations: Engage Stirling portal has 3 active consultations including closure of Buchanan Primary School, Alive with Nature plan and extension of special education needs provision.

Community Council guidance: Stirling Council is meeting on 7 October with a view to update the guidance and allow Community Councils the option to meet in person if they so wish.

COVID Cases: Forth Valley Health Board areas reported for week 17-23 August, 668 cases per 100,000. Cases in Stirling are below those in Clackmannanshire and Falkirk.

7. Treasurer report

Stirling Council has confirmed the amount of admin grant and that the cost of storage space rental can be covered by the admin grant. The grant for a minute taker is also available. The BCC bank account details have been updated with signatories from the current Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

8. Planning report

Robert reported 3 new planning applications, including the felling of an ash tree in Barnwell Drive. A question was raised as to whether this was in response to ash dieback disease. **ACTION: RY**

9. Chair - including Correspondence

- a) The Co-Op has submitted a preplanning application to Stirling Council to demolish the existing building and build a bigger new store on the current site. Discussions are underway with Stirling Council to ensure there is no reduction in parking availability. The anticipated earliest start date would be 2022. The Co-Op is working on a plan for a temporary store during construction.

- b) *Draft Community feedback and survey*: any edits, comments or additions to be sent direct to Alison. **ACTION: Community Council members**

10. Killearn to Balfron link path

Crispin Hayes (consultant) and Kenneth Alexander (Killearn Futures) presented the proposed route for the path with a focus on the section from Balfron towards the Endrick Bridge and on to Boquhan. The route includes a proposal to make the bridge single lane. South bound traffic would have priority for crossing. Intermittent rubber cycleway delineators (700mm long) would delineate the vehicular and the shared crossing area. This is a cost-effective solution to this section of the route. The funding for the project is to provide a path for everyday journeys and provide a viable alternative to using a car for a journey. Consultation meetings will be happening this Autumn with the community. There have been 210 responses to the online survey from both villages.

11. Membership of Community Council

The following proposals were made in order to be compliant with Stirling Council's Code of Establishment for Community Councils: Laura to be offered full membership effective from 13 May 2021; Alison Limbert and Claudia to be offered full membership at the October Community Council meeting (by which point both will have attended 3 meetings as co-opted members). These amendments were voted on and approved by all Full Members.

12. Community consultations

Household waste collection – At the online consultations the disappointment and concerns from the community were raised. Stirling Council has confirmed that the appointment system will remain at the recycling centre. Luci is awaiting feedback from Stirling Council on her proposal to assist in communicating with householders what can and cannot be recycled in the blue bins in a greater detail than the leaflet that was sent to householders. Claudia suggested that a plastic recycling bin be introduced at the recycling centre to accommodate additional household plastic waste rather than each household ordering additional bins. **ACTION: CC**

Branshogle Bridge B818 – John attended an online meeting hosted by Stirling Council. Apologies were given by SC for not engaging with the local community earlier and addressing concerns. Cllr Davies asked for the reasons behind the bridge failure and subsequent closure. Several reasons were discussed including heavy rainfall, drainage works, probable lack of rainwater maintenance and vegetation along roadside. Repair work has been hampered by Covid, lack of subcontractors and material supplies. SC are still waiting for tender submissions for the work and timelines to carry it out. The bridge structure is 100 years old and does not conform to modern standards. It was confirmed that there would be no weight limit on the new bridge. Concerns were raised by the community on the other 7 bridges along the same stretch of road and the alternative routes unable to support the volume of traffic and emergency vehicle access. SC said these bridges had been inspected according to the guidelines for highway structures. Action would be taken by SC road engineers to re-inspect the bridges again. C21 is the primary road for residents. SC agreed that this road would be considered high priority for winter preparations. Further concerns were raised by the community as to the quality of pothole repairs, speed restrictions in Fintry and the requirement to repair Fintry Cross. SC explained their road maintenance budget restrictions and limitations. SC would not commit to repairing Fintry Cross until after the bridge was repaired. Action was taken by SC to ensure that the national website was updated regarding the road closures and alternative routes as there is nothing currently on the site. The meeting closed with no confirmation of a further meeting. It was suggested that residents use SC Environment & Places enquiries as their email contact to SC on this matter.

13. Lottery Funding

Action on Climate Change Lottery Funding – It was agreed that Alison should contact Killearn Sustainability Group and HubG63 to discuss ideas for putting together a joint bid for a community project.

14. Eco-opera

The premiere of this will be taking place in Australia in October and it is hoped to find an opportunity to share some of the video at a future Community Council meeting.

13. AOB

Trip hazard – A resident suffered an accident near to the site of the old bus stop at the Co-op. The poor state of the pavement condition has been reported to Stirling Council via the portal. In addition Balfron Community Council to check if this area will be upgraded as part of the Space for Living scheme.

ACTION: CC

14. Next meeting - **Thursday 7 October 2021** at 7.30pm