



Minutes of meeting 2nd June 2022

Present: Robert Young (Vice Chair), Alison Limbert (Secretary), Christine Wilson (Treasurer), Alison Lamont Chalmers, Claudia Duncan, Fraser Allan, Luci Rooney, Sue Bell, Donna Dutch (Minutes)

Apologies: Colin Cameron (Chair), PC Steven Graham, Alasdair Street, John Nicholson

In Attendance: Councillor Paul Henke, Councillor Rosemary Fraser, Dorothy Henke, Craig Potter

2) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the meeting on 5th May were proposed by Alison Limbert and seconded by Alison Lamont-Chalmers.

3) Matters Arising

a) Welcome was extended to newly elected councillors Paul Henke and Rosemary Fraser. They informed the meeting that they will generally be attending on a rota basis. Paul Henke also intimated that he would like to attend every meeting if possible. Gerry McGarvey has also been elected as a Ward councillor and will attend on a rota basis.

b) Confirmation was given that Sue Bell and Alasdair Street have been approved by Stirling Council as co-opted members of BCC. This was welcomed by all.

c) BCC will commemorate the changeover of Shearer's Garage when the time comes. Planning is still pending.

4) Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Henke declared an interest in matters related to the pathway between Buchanan Street and Endrick Gardens, to be discussed under Any Other Business.

5) Projects

a) **Phone Box** - The flow of food coming in and out of the phone box is high. More is required and a fresh appeal will be done via social media. The application for financial support was completed by CW. The Phone box Food Exchange will be officially opened at the Eco Festival on 11th June. New signage recognising contributors to its refurbishment and permanent information board inside will be completed. Phone box budget is now complete and will be officially closed(CW).

Action LR

b) **Eco Festival** - finalising arrangements underway. Posters have been displayed around the village and further social media publicity will be shared. The Library will have a stall at the event. Feedback postcards will be distributed on the day. The event is within budget and may have some surplus.

Action AL

c) **War Memorial** - CW has contacted the War Memorial Trust and they are satisfied that the work needs to be completed following the inspection. Quotes will be obtained and CW will continue to liaise with The Trust re recommendations of stonemasons. **Action CW**

6) Police Report

The Police report is available on the BCC website and notice boards along with warnings on how to identify fraud and scams. <https://balfroncc.org.uk/>

Concerns were raised at a previous meeting re speed of drivers on Buchanan Street. A request for a survey on speed monitoring would be useful to determine the effectiveness of 20mph limit. Also the speed signs are limited on this stretch, in comparison to Killlearn, where there seems to be an abundance of signs. A request was made for replacement reactive 20mph signs to be pursued. Cllrs Henke and Fraser undertook to contact the relevant people at Stirling Council. **Action PH/RF**

7) Elected Councillors' Report

a) Branshogle Bridge work is delayed by two months. It is a priority to get the work completed as it is causing problems for businesses and commuters. The farmers are having to divert and this is causing economic hardship. Concerns shared about the lack of work that appears to be going on. Communication has been poor and residents require better and more frequent updates. This is ongoing and both councillors present have a meeting to discuss the issues and the impact it is having on the communities.

b) Catterburn bridge: no dates yet given when work will commence.

c) PH had been approached about the hygiene of the public toilets on Buchanan street - this is being investigated. **Action PH**

d) Concerns over the neglected roads and pathways have been expressed and they are becoming dangerous for the community. PH has a meeting with Brian Roberts re road/bridges. **Action PH**

The community are reminded to log road/pavement issues with Stirling council. See link: <https://stirling.gov.uk/online-forms/potholes/>

Councillors Henke and Fraser want the community to know that they are happy to meet and are available for any concerns you may have. They are hoping to hold drop-in sessions going forward. **Action PH/RF**

8) Treasurer's Report

a) Phone box - budget is now complete and closed

b) Shearers gift is approved

c) Donations have been made to the Queen's Jubilee Party and the "Old Crocks" Village Fete out of CC general budget

d) 3 tables purchased which will be available for use within the community

e) ICO privacy for website has been paid

f) Insurance/war memorial paid.

9) Planning

Revised drawings for the petrol station have been submitted and a decision is awaited. Details of planning can be found at the the link below:

stirling.gov.uk/planning-building-the-environment/planning/view-comment-on-planning/

10) Chair

- a) Invitation extended to consultant advising on Killearn to Balfron Pathway to attend September meeting to update BCC on current status and progress **Action CC**
- b) Re-pointing works on two structures on B818 to be undertaken (for approx 5 weeks) - stop/go boards will be in place.
- c) 'A day in the life of a blue bin' - Colin and Craig Potter to visit contractor's establishment in Edinburgh on 8th June and will attend and feedback to group. **Action CC/CP**
- d) Strathendrick Care Home - BCC are seeking confirmation from Stirling Council whether the home has been sold. Still on-going but apparently it hasn't been sold. **Action PH/RF**

11) AOB

- a) Food donated by the Co-op for the Phone Box will be collected on Mondays and Fridays. **Action LR**
- b) A request to the new Deli in Killearn regarding surplus food to be made to see if they would be willing to contribute to the phone box. **Action CD**
- c) Dorothy Henke informed the meeting that she had had a 'Teams' meeting with representatives of Stirling Council to discuss the situation regarding the strip of land between 11A/B/C and 15 Buchanan Street and the formation of a pathway between Buchanan Street and Endrick Gardens. Dorothy confirmed the willingness of herself and her husband Paul (who took no part in the discussions having left the meeting) for this to happen but expressed concerns principally regarding their privacy and overlooking of their property and the dangers presented by the inactive building site to the rear of 15 Buchanan Street.
A proposal has been put to Stirling Council by Dorothy and Paul Henke which includes the purchase of a strip of land from SC and the erection of a fence along their boundary.
A further meeting on site with SC is required to look at the boundaries, differences in levels and the location of a manhole to determine a way forward with the formation of a pathway. Fraser Allan expressed his views on the matter as a Balfron resident and Councillor Fraser expressed some views on behalf of Balfron Pathways following representation from the Group.
Dorothy Henke shared sketch plans and undertook to email them to BCC.

**The AGM will be held by Zoom on Tuesday 14th June at 7.30pm.
Anyone wishing to attend should contact hello@balfroncc.org.uk.**

Next meeting Thursday 4th August 2022 starting at 7.30pm