

MINUTES OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017

(held in the Allan Centre)

Present:

Mike Watson (MW) (Chair); Janie Meikle Bland (JMB); Michael Burt (MB); Leslie Harkness (LH); Joanne Chisholm (JC); Sandra Davidson (SD); Marie Gardner (MG), Siobhan Hencher (SH); Victoria McDowell (VMCD)

In attendance:

Councillor Douglas Dodds; Councillor Graham Houston; Councillor Alastair Majury; Andrew Davis (Stirling Council)

Apologies:

Iain McCusker; Margaret Sprunt; Nicos Yarrow; Councillor Alasdair Tollemache

Abbreviations - Community Council (CC)

B1453 Welcome, Apologies and Conflict of Interest

MW welcomed everyone to the meeting including Deborah Wood as minute taker and Fiona Drysdale and Fiona Gordon from the NHS. Apologies were received, as indicated above, and the absence of any conflict of interest was noted.

B1454 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2017 were noted to have the incorrect date. **Action JC.**

Updates were provided from LH on four actions from the September meeting.

1. Firstly, item B1449. Councillor Dodds has, since the last meeting, reported that the bus shelter beside the Fire Station in Cornton Road has now been cleaned by the Council, has new timetables posted and is fully operational.
2. Item B1449. Almost immediately after the last meeting, LH received a reply from Sergeant Alasdair Matheson of the Dunblane Police Station in response to the query about the issue of heavy lorries allegedly parking overnight in Inverallan Road. Sergeant Matheson assured LH that the area had been monitored by nightshift officers and no parking offences had been identified; he had attended the area personally, overnight on 3 occasions and saw no parked lorries. It is his intention to continue to monitor the situation when he is

on weekend duty. Sergeant Matheson stressed that as there are no parking restrictions in Inver4allan Road, the Police could only take action against a parked lorry if it were causing an obstruction, such as blocking a driveway or footpath.

3. Item B1451. Mr Drummond raised the matter of the wooden fence in Henderson Street which had been erected within the conservation area without planning consent. Councillor Dodds has taken this up with the Land Enquiries Department of Stirling Council and has also raised with the Council, the flashing illuminated sign in the window of the Barbershop, since this does not appear to have planning consent. A copy of the email correspondence with the Council has been circulated to BofA CC members and the two matters are currently being addressed. It would appear that, in the flashing sign case, there was some form of verbal agreement that the occupiers would either switch the sign off or to static mode.
4. Item B1441 on Parking Restrictions. Councillor Houston contacted Stuart Geddes, Team Leader, Traffic Management, Stirling Council and in his response, Mr Geddes confirmed that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) takes 3 months to go through the statutory process and another 4 to 8 weeks to order and install the signs and put down the road markings. Mr Geddes has also confirmed that introducing additional nearside parking on the dual carriageway would not be practicable.

B1454 Police Report

Sergeant Matheson gave the police report for October (ahead of the scheduled place on the Agenda as he had limited time to stay in the meeting). He gave apologies from PC Paul Gilliland and PC Dee Chalmers who were attending to a local emergency at the time of the meeting.

The current priorities in the Bridge of Allan area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Violent Crime, Theft, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were no reported anti-social behaviour issues since the last community council meeting.

DRUG MISUSE

There have been no recorded crimes involving drug misuse at the time of submission of the community council report.

VIOLENT CRIME

There were no reported violent related crimes since the last community council meeting.

HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY

There have been no reported crimes of housebreaking/ dishonesty at the time of submission of the community council report.

ROAD SAFETY

The Community Policing Team have recently been made aware of issues with speeding and traffic along Cornton Road we will continue to monitor this issue and over the upcoming month we will be deployed within this area using hand held radar.

The parking situation in the area has previously been raised at Community Council meetings and has been periodically monitored by Police. There have been no other offences identified on Police attendance, however the Ward team will continue to monitor the area. Should any parking offences be discovered, they will be dealt with accordingly.

OTHER MATTERS OF NOTE

Fresher's week was attended at the university by the community officers and no issues occurred over the week period that it began.

Community police have attended at the university and conducted a bike marking event and also engage with students in relation to bike security.

The ward officers have carried out foot patrols in and around Henderson Street and other adjoining streets. Such activity will continue over the coming months.

B1455 Action log

It was unanimously agreed that the Action Log would be reinstated with immediate effect.

MB advised that item 23 on the Action Log was closed on 02 July 2017.

MW proposed setting up an Road Safety action group, to include Council officials, Police, other relevant stakeholders and representatives from the CC. The group should seek community feedback on issues. JC will join MW in the group's urgent implementation. **Action MW and JC.**

B1456 Active Community

JMB confirmed there would be a meeting on 24 October 2017, following this a survey would be issued to the community.

LH asked for CC approval (B1434) that Roy Sexton be invited to a future CC meeting. MB suggested that the timing of this should be before Spring.

B1457 Road Safety

JMB confirmed that Sustrans representatives will attend the next CC meeting.

B1442 – Park of Keir – CC unanimously agreed willingness to work closely with Dunblane CC on this. **Action IMc**

B1458 FLOOD GROUP – WATER WATCH

A resident involved in the flood group advised that they were working with Stirling Council, alerting the Council to potential flooding issues by telephone, whereby the Council would send appropriate response.

In addition, Paul Laidlaw (Scottish Flood Forum) (ref. B1445) has advised that the Flood Group needs to be affiliated to CC to access available grant monies. SEPA have stated that BofA would be eligible for Green Bank Reinstatement funding.

B1459 NHS SERVICES PRESENTATION

JC introduced, Fiona Gardner, NHS Service Manager for Prison Healthcare and Community Services Specialist who presented information about ALFY, an NHS advice line for the over 65s and those with long term health conditions. And, Fiona Drysdale, team lead for ALFY and Anticipatory Care Planning presented a talk on Anticipatory Care Planning. Information leaflets and copies of 'My Anticipatory Care Plan' booklets were available at the end of the meeting.

MW thanked Fiona and Fiona, and commented on their interesting and informative talks, and that the CC would certainly follow up on this as a group.

B1460 ACTIVE COMMUNITY/ROAD SAFETY

JMB and LH attended a walkover/meeting to look at 3 areas: Wallace High School – Airthrey Road, Memorial Park and Fire Station. The group included representatives from the Stirling Council, the University of Stirling, Bikeability, Elected Officers, LH and resident Mr Duncan. There is ambiguity around the use of Airthrey Road cycle paths. LH pointed out that the cycle path on the Southern side of the road is being used by both cyclists and pedestrians, however, it is a designated cycle path.

A discussion followed around the possible solutions for Airthrey Road. A reduction from 40 mph to 30 mph had been suggested. Councillor Houston advised that there has been an attempt to have a culture change to a 20 mph speed limit around schools, however, this is not being adhered to; they are looking into this as an administration issue to get consultation.

Further discussion around the solutions for Airthrey Road ensued with regard to road signage changes and moving the cycle path. JMB suggested that this would be addressed in the Sustrans proposal. Councillor Dodds mentioned that he had been informed by Stirling Council that BofA CC had been offered a flashing speed sign for

this stretch of road, but that they had turned this down. The CC and past Community Councillors, who were in attendance at the meeting, did not think that this had been offered before. Councillor Dodds will pursue this possible future option. Concerns were raised that signage changes would not be sufficient to provide changes to the safety on Airthrey Road and that there may need to be a physical change to the road layout. JMB suggested that there should be an exercise in communication and education within the community, also that the Sustrans proposal should work for all of the community.

The CC will respond to support a proposal to reduce the speed limit on Airthrey Road.

B1461 – Christmas Lights.

Going forward SD will copy MG into the invoices for the Christmas Lights. SD will provide an update on the lights when she has the information.

SD will arrange transfer of assets (the lights). MG advised that the CC await a response from Stirling Council with regard to insurance.

SD advised that there had been no new community sponsored lights this year.

B1462 – Scottish Government – Building Low Emission Zones

A copy of the response has been sent to the 4 elected councillors. The scheme is focused on x4 large cities. IMc (not present) is liaising with Dunblane CC.

B1463 – Chair's Report

Dumyat path and car park – Councillor Dodds advised that the work on this has been suspended due to concerns raised by other local community groups, and that no decisions will be made until after a meeting with Scottish Power, which is due to be held in November.

The Darn Walk – The bridge at Coxburn. There are plans to rebuild the bridge and the section of path adjoining it. Once done it will reopen for walkers. Mr Gavin Drummond advised that as former CC Chair he was involved in this process and MW called for the CC to continue oversight of the Project. Mr Drummond advised that summer 2018 is the intended start date for works. JMB commented on the lack of communication to the community surrounding the Dumyat plans and suggested that improved community engagement and communication should be employed for the Coxburn works. MW suggested that there is potential for a group – Friends of the Darn walk, to be formed. Mr Drummond will provide some information to the CC and this will be distributed to the community via the CC social media sites.

B1464 – Treasurer's Report

MG reported no income or expenditure to date for the month.

Bank account move – MG advised that the signatories for the previous bank account

were needed to close it. **Action MG**

MG advised that the Memorial Bank Account signatories have been updated and she will chase the bank to settle this.

Red phone box adoption – There is an option to buy the public telephone box for £1. The questions raised are: 1) should the CC adopt? and 2) What would its future use be? Legal and insurance information should be sought prior to a decision being made. Stirling Council confirmed that they were not able to provide legal advice on this.

B1465 - Secretary's Report

1. For the purposes of the minutes, it should be noted that all members of the Community Council have received an email from the Community Engagement Team at Stirling Council informing them Stirling Council intends to formally review its scheme for establishment of Community Councils and their Code of Conduct, with a view to effecting any necessary amendments. The review will involve widespread consultation across the 40 CCs across the Stirling area and will have two x 8 week periods of consultation in October/November of this year and March/April/May of next year, with a final 4 week consultation on any changes proposed in July 2018. CC representatives are also being invited to meet with the Council on Saturday 25 November 2017.
2. Mr Drummond sent a copy of an email trail to LH. This is correspondence between himself and the Waste officials at Stirling Council, in relation to the unacceptable condition of the site at the Paper Bank in Fountain Road, where material can often lie unattended adjacent to the inner kerb of the pavement for lengthy periods. Mr Drummond feels that the sub-contractor employed to empty the bins every 4 weeks is less than fully effective and he draws attention in his correspondence to the fact that, in the past, the site has been given a deep clean along with a power wash of the containers. Mr Drummond's efforts have already had a positive result in terms of the Council arranging for the fly-tipped waste to be cleared from the site, although there is a threat that the Council could remove the bins if antisocial behavior were to continue.

Mr Drummond advised that the Council were not able to cross the boundary to clear waste in the area; it is the contractor's responsibility to clear up the overspill here. Councillor Dodds advised that the landowner (The Cooperative) has received a number of complaints from customers and would be happy to remove the recycling bins. In addition, some of the fly tipped material around the bins is not regular household waste. Various options were discussed including a reduction to the number of recycling bins. However, although this might solve the issue with the mess and create more parking, there was feeling that removal or reduction of these recycling points could, in light of recent reduction on the local household recycling collection regularity, cause other issues for residents.

B1466 – AOCB

JC called for CC members to attend the event meeting the following Tuesday.

There being no other business, MW declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 21st November 2017 at 7.30pm.