

Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

December 2017

Welcome

Welcome to the December edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. We have included a host of information which we hope that you will find useful – if you have any questions about any of the information – or would like to know more – please don't hesitate to contact us on 01786 233076 or email communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk. The Community Engagement Team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

Have your say on the Stirling Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

The Stirling Community Planning Partnership brings together public sector agencies working in Stirling, local communities and the voluntary sector. The purpose of the partnership is to work together to tackle the complex and deep rooted inequalities in our communities and to improve local outcomes. Over the last year, the Community Planning Partnership has developed a 10 year plan setting out how they will work together to improve outcomes and tackle inequality in Stirling. This plan is called the Stirling Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).

We would welcome your view on the plan and have prepared a short survey for you to complete <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StirlingLOIP>

In addition to the survey, we will also be holding an engagement event on 23rd January in the Albert Halls, Stirling. There are two sessions, Session 1 will take place between 2.30pm and 4.30pm and Session 2 will take place between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. To register for the event please follow the attached link <https://loipengagementevent.eventbrite.com>

Scottish Government Local Governance Review

[A nation with ambition - the Government's Programme for Scotland 2017-2018](#) sets out the importance of empowering communities, large or small, to make more decisions for themselves. The Government's ambition is to place much greater control in the hands of the people who know best what a community needs: those who live or work in the community itself.

On 7 December 2017 the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, together with Cllr. Alison Evison, President of COSLA, launched the Local Governance Review. This marks the start of intensive engagement that seeks to involve everyone with an interest in the future of local democracy in Scotland.

The Government will work closely with councils, community councils, community planning partnerships, regional partnerships, businesses, and the third sector to explore what can bring about positive change. The most important test of every change that is proposed will be what citizens themselves want to see happen.

The Review will hear as many different voices as possible by bringing the conversation out into local communities in 2018.

Transforming planning

New legislation to simplify and improve the planning system has been set out by Local Government Minister Kevin Stewart.

The Planning (Scotland) Bill, will create a new structure for a more proactive and enabling system with clearer development plans, earlier engagement with communities, streamlined procedures and smarter resourcing.

The Bill builds on recommendations of an independent review carried out by a panel of experts last year.

<https://news.gov.scot/news/transforming-planning-1>

New funding to explore pioneering heat solution for rural Stirling

Stirling Council, alongside partner Scottish Water Horizons, has been awarded £100,000 to explore a pioneering heat solution for rural Stirling, with initial feasibility being carried out in Callander.

The first study of its kind in the UK, the project will investigate how waste heat extracted from the Callander Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) can be incorporated with thermal energy storage and distributed to remote and off-gas grid areas, combating rural energy and fuel poverty issues, such as a lack of fuel choice and higher energy costs.

Benefits will include energy demand reduction; energy savings; added resilience and security of heat supply, and possible income generation through opportunities for community ownership models.

There could also be opportunities for job creation and upskilling of local workers in low carbon and renewables. If successful, the project would be scalable and replicable across the Stirling Council area.

The joint application, known as the Callander Local Energy Opportunity (CLEO), is receiving funding from the Scottish Government's Innovative Local Energy Systems (ILES) initiative. Supported by the European Regional Development Fund, this initiative is designed to accelerate the development and delivery of low-carbon infrastructure projects in smaller towns and settlements as well as remote, rural and off-gas grid communities.

A905 Kerse Road, Stirling—Essential Bridge Works

Network Rail has produced a leaflet about the Essential Bridge Works. The leaflet is attached to the end of the News Sheet.

School Travel Plans – involvement and engagement with local communities

Stirling Council has a priority and target to ensure that all school and nursery establishments have a robust School Travel Plan in place by **June 2018**.

The target is supported by a commitment in Stirling Council's Active Travel Policy, [Walking and Cycling to a Healthier Stirling](#), Stirling Council, 2016:

'Stirling Council will, therefore, be supporting nurseries and schools in the area to ensure that everyone has a 'live' travel plan, in line with Council guidance.'

What is a School Travel Plan?

A School Travel Plan is a document that identifies local issues relating to school/nursery journeys. It sets out a strategy of agreed aims and identifies a package of measures designed to promote sustainable travel choices for pupils, parents, staff and visitors. The content of School Travel Plans is largely based on consultation with pupils, staff and parents, and is developed in partnership with the wider community.

What are the benefits of a School Travel Plan?

School Travel Plans help to:

- tackle concerns with the school/nursery journey and help improve safety on the route to school
- enable and encourage more active travel to school
- promote health, fitness and well-being
- encourage positive links with parents, school boards and the wider community
- promote road safety and increase opportunities for children to practice their road awareness
- enable schools/nurseries to access funding and support for appropriate safety improvements around the school/nursery.

Community involvement in School Travel Plan Development

Developing a School Travel Plan usually begins with schools/nurseries forming a Travel Plan Working Group (TPWG). A TPWG should include pupils, parents, staff and local community representatives. Community involvement and engagement with Travel Plan Working Groups is particularly important because it ensures that local community perspectives are considered in School Travel Plan development. It also helps schools to contribute to a consistent and co-ordinated approach to travel infrastructure issues at a local community level.

If you would like to find out more how your community council can contribute to Travel Plan development at your local school, contact Judith Edwards, Service manager, edwardsj@stirling.gov.uk.

Community News Phototrails

The Fieldfare Trust and their Phototrails website show 13 trails mostly around Stirling City, which are accessible to wheelchair users. The website uses photos to assist users to determine if the trail suits their ability. Stirling Area Access Panel, Stirling Council's Countryside Service and the Fieldfare Trust worked together in 2011-12 to establish some of the trails.

The Fieldfare Trust use innovative elements involving data logging to link photos via Google Maps to create an actual web based trail. See:

http://www.phototrails.org/default.cfm?page=home&county_id=68

Building Stronger Communities Vision, Mission and Values

Wednesday 21st February 2018 from 7.00 – 9.00pm

Venue: Wallace Room, Old Viewforth

A vision statement focuses on tomorrow and what a group or organization wants to ultimately become.

A mission statement focuses on today and what a group or organisation does to achieve it.

Both are vital in directing goals.

An organisation's values are its guiding principles which apply across the organisation and underpin how its work is carried out.

This course is aimed at:

People who shape and drive their community and/or voluntary organisations. Those who want to define what their organisation is striving to do and use this to promote to the wider community or funders.

By the end of the session participants will:-

- Understand the importance of a vision and mission statement
- Discuss and draft their group's values
- Discuss and draft their group's vision and mission statements

Booking is essential- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-stronger-communities-201718-tickets-29606216992>

Or call 01786 233076.

Funding

Community Grants / Community Pride Funding & Events Funding

A reminder of Stirling Council's small grants programmes – Community Grants and Community Pride – our flexible grants programmes with up to £1500 for a wide range of projects that benefit Stirling's communities.

For full details see the website

<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/community-life-and-leisure/voluntary-organisations-and-support-groups/community-grants>

or contact the Funding Officer 01786 233143 cowiej@stirling.gov.uk

Just two more deadlines before the end of the financial year, and money still available within both funds – get your applications in now.

Deadline:	Decision date:
4 January 2018	7 February 2018
7 February 2018	14 March 2018

Scottish Children's Lottery

Four new funds have become available through the Scottish Children's Lottery: all are open to registered charities, with funding available for up to 50% of project costs - small grants up to £2000, medium grants to £20,000 and large grants up to £50,000. Full details at their websites as detailed below.

<https://www.scottishchildrenslottery.com/en/stv/home/index.html>

Chance to Study supports projects working in the area of educational achievement through school years. Projects or activities they will support will work with the most vulnerable families with school aged children at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty.

Examples of projects or activities includes: provision of after school care/holiday cover ensuring time and resource for additional educational support; provision of specific IT/educational equipment for socially deprived children or children suffering from any form of physical or mental disability; one to one mentoring of children struggling within school because of family circumstances; provision of breakfast clubs providing nutritional and educational support.

<http://chancetostudy.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

Chance to Flourish supports projects and activities in Scotland, with the aspiration of alleviating the impact of poverty or financial hardship, social exclusion, relative/multiple deprivation and disability or illness to young people.

Projects or activities will work with the most vulnerable families with pre-school children at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty. Examples of projects or activities that may be funded include: practical family support including food, clothing and shelter; support for single parents including parenting skills, health and nutrition; accessible and affordable daycare or play facilities; support for vulnerable parents with preschool children or families with pre-school children suffering from any type of disability.

<http://chancetoflourish.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

Chance to Succeed supports projects that focus on employability and employment skills, helping to deliver a productive future for our young people. Projects or activities they support will work with the most vulnerable young people up to the age of 25 at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty.

Examples of projects or activities that may be considered are: employability and skills training within a local community; mentoring or one to one support, building the self-confidence and skills required to enter the employment market; provision of and access to the technical equipment required to pursue employment or further education; support to young people who have already been disadvantaged through being care experienced or suffering from a disability.

<http://chancetosucceed.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

Chance to Connect supports projects working in the areas of community development and citizenship, helping develop young strong adults. Projects or activities will work with the most vulnerable families and their communities, who are at a demonstrably high risk of being negatively impacted by poverty.

Examples of projects or activities aimed at young people that may be funded include: support for community libraries and learning spaces; community based leisure and sporting programmes; local youth clubs and recreational activities; local community projects physically enhancing the area and encouraging social inclusion and citizenship.

<http://www.chancetoconnect.co.uk/apply-for-funding>

Heart of Experian Charity Fund

Schools, charities and community groups can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects with a charitable purpose which benefit the community as a whole.

The Fund is particularly interested in supporting projects whose aims relate to financial inclusion, financial education, entrepreneurship or developing skills useful in business.

The funding must also make the project or group more sustainable. To be eligible to apply for funding the applicant organisation must have had a gross income of £500,000 or less in the most recent full financial year; have a written constitution and a management committee; and have unrestricted reserves that are less than 6 months' running costs. Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed by Trustees on a quarterly basis.

<http://www.charityfund.org.uk/who-we-are/>

Scottish Government's Race Equality Action Plan

This morning, we were pleased to be part of the launch of the Scottish Government's [Race Equality Action Plan 2017–2021](#) at Glasgow City Chambers, where Equalities Secretary Angela Constance met some of the Modern Apprentices we have helped get into work through our [Modern Apprenticeships for All](#) project.

The Scottish Government is determined to show leadership in advancing race equality, tackling racism and addressing the barriers that prevent people from minority ethnic communities from realising their potential. This Action Plan builds on the Race Equality Framework for Scotland and is informed by the work of independent Race Equality Adviser. It outlines over 100 actions that will be delivered over the course of this Parliament in areas of employment, education and lifelong learning, health, housing, poverty, community cohesion and safety, and participation and representation to make real improvements in the lives and experiences of minority ethnic communities in Scotland. The Action Plan also highlights specific Scottish Government led activities for the Gypsy/Traveller community.

This publication includes a Highlight Report setting out progress made on implementing the Race Equality Framework from March 2016 to autumn 2017.

A905 Kerse Road, Stirling

Essential bridge works

From January 2018



Network Rail will soon begin work at Kerse Road to replace the railway bridge to provide clearance for the electrification of central Scotland's railway. This work will involve partial and then full closure of the road bridge.

In November we installed a temporary service bridge which will provide access for pedestrians and cyclists. During the demolition and reconstruction weekends the temporary bridge will be controlled by marshalls, who will restrict access when materials are being lifted over head. For health and safety reasons members of the public will not be permitted on the bridge when materials are being lifted over head. Once lifting operations are finished, access to the temporary bridge will be permitted.

Subject to consents, from the 8th January until 22nd April 2018, Kerse Road will be restricted to one-way, with traffic only being permitted to travel in the direction from Craig's Roundabout to Springkerse. Traffic needing to access Stirling in the opposite direction will be diverted via the alternative route during this period. This will be ongoing until 22nd April 2018 when the road will close completely.

The road will be closed fully to traffic from 22nd April until 30th October. During this time there will be an all vehicle diversion in place, as detailed in the map.

The road will then reopen to two way traffic on the 31st October 2018. There will also be some overnight road closures (Saturday into Sunday) to complete carriageway works and remove the temporary bridge in January 2019.

There will be no disruption to train services during this work with the exception of the demolition. The demolition and reconstruction will take place over the weekends of **28th–30th April** and **5th–7th May 2018**.

A replacement bus service will be in place at this time. Further information will be available on the ScotRail website.

Community drop-ins

We have arranged a number of informal community drop-ins to provide an opportunity for you to come along and ask questions about the work.

Community

Tuesday 12th December 2017, 4pm–7pm
Crawford Halls, 70 Colquhoun Street,
Stirling, FK7 7PX

Thursday 14th December 2017, 12pm – 3pm
by HMV in The Thistles Shopping Centre,
Stirling FK8 2EA

Tuesday 9th January 2018, 4pm–7pm
Crawford Halls, 70 Colquhoun Street, Stirling,
FK7 7PX

Businesses

Thursday 14th December 2017, 4pm–7pm
The Golden Lion, King Street,
Stirling, FK8 1BD

Thursday 11th January 2018, 4pm–7pm
The Golden Lion, King Street,
Stirling, FK8 1BD

In advance of the full road closure in April there will be further community drop ins and these will be advertised in our next round of communications.

Project information can be found on Network Rail's website
<http://www.egip.info/projects/kerse-road-stirling-bridge-works>

Planned dates and times

Compound Set Up and Site Preparation

The site compound has now been set up and is located in the Story Yard, behind Kwik Fit.

Traffic information

To minimise the impact that the road closure will have on traffic flow throughout the Stirling area, Stirling Council are introducing a number of mitigation measures, supported by Network Rail, details of which can be found on Stirling Council's website.

Activity	Date
Single lane closure – access over bridge away from City Centre towards Springkerse	8th January–22nd April 2018
Full road closure	22nd April–30th October 2018
Two lanes reopen over structure (not suitable for HGVs)	31st October 2018–17th January 2019
Full road closure to remove temporary bridge and furnish carriageway	Overnight road closures Saturday into Sunday 12th / 19th & 26th January 2019

If any of these dates change we will communicate at the earliest opportunity.

Alternative methods of transport

Network Rail has worked closely with Stirling Council and other partners to identify ways to travel within Stirling during the road closure. Below are links to websites which detail travel planning options. These include public transport, walking routes, lift sharing options and the nextbike scheme.

www.gotoo.com

www.walkit.com/cities/stirling/

www.tactran.liftshare.com/

www.nextbike.co.uk/en/stirling/



Access to all businesses will be maintained throughout. Stirling will be open for business throughout the work.

Electrification – The Benefits

Electrification of the line from Grangemouth Junction to Stirling, Dunblane and Alloa (SDA), via Falkirk Grahamston is part of a Scottish Government investment to deliver a railway fit for Scotland's future. This project will see 100 single track kilometers electrified by Network Rail.

Electrification will deliver:

- Faster journey times to Edinburgh and Glasgow
- Increased capacity on morning and evening peak services to Glasgow and Edinburgh
- New, faster, longer greener electric trains



Under our licence conditions we are obliged by our regulator to work, wherever possible, at times that cause the least disruption to train services. This means we need to carry out work during the night and at weekends. The equipment we use means that some disturbance is unavoidable, but we will make every effort to minimise noise and those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community.

We will endeavour to employ the best working practices to minimise the impact on the local environment and residential areas. Network Rail is working proactively with Stirling Council throughout this project.

During the planning phase a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan was produced, which included the identification and mitigation measures in relation to protected species, tree preservation and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

A detailed Traffic Impact Assessment has also been produced which has informed the mitigation measures. Details of this can be found on both Stirling Council and Network Rail's website.

Our Commitment

As a responsible organisation, Network Rail is committed to delivering our work in a considerate manner.

Across all of our activities we take due regard of the environment and the communities where we work.

Throughout the construction we will be accessible, honest and informative, and we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to find out more about what is happening at Kerse Road and more generally in the area.

We will put in place a programme of community activities where anyone can come along, meet the project team and ask us any questions.



Contact

If you have any questions on the essential bridge works at Kerse Road, please email SDAelectrification@networkrail.co.uk

For the latest information on SDA please follow us on Twitter [@NetworkRailEGIP](https://twitter.com/NetworkRailEGIP) or visit www.egip.info/projects/kerse-road-stirling-bridge-works

If you have any other issues during the bridge works please call our 24 hour community relations helpline **03457 11 41 41**

recycle for Stirling



Christmas collection arrangements



December

Sunday 24th Normal collection

Monday 25th No collection, New Wed 27th

Tuesday 26th No collection, New Thurs 28th

Wednesday 27th Normal collection

Thursday 28th Normal collection

Friday 29th Normal collection

Saturday 30th Normal collection

Sunday 31st Normal collection

January

Monday 1st No collection, New Wed 3rd

Tuesday 2nd No collection, New Thurs 4th

Wednesday 3rd Normal collection

Thursday 4th Normal collection

Friday 5th Normal collection

On behalf of Stirling Council, Waste Services we wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



Caught over the legal driving limit!

Trying to forget what really happened!



Put all that weight back on again!



Ending up at A&E



Don't let alcohol or drugs
spoil your fun



...this Christmas

Worried about alcohol or drugs ? Call 0845 673 1774 for support



Get back on court with NEW Walking netball!

Come along and get involved! Walking netball is a slower version of the regular game – ideal for all ages and abilities.

Improve your fitness, meet new people and have lots of fun. All sessions are led by an Active Stirling Walking netball coach.

FREE TRIAL!

Try the first two weeks of Walking netball for **FREE!** Wednesday 10 January and Wednesday 17 January. Just come along and play – hope to see you there! **No need to book** in advance – just turn up, pay at reception and play!

PROGRAMME DATES

- Wednesday 24 January to Wednesday 21 March (8 weeks) (excl Wednesday 14 February)
 - Wednesday 18 April to Wednesday 20 June (10 weeks)
- Play for only £2.00 per person each week.**

