



**MINUTES OF MEETING of BRIDGE OF ALLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018
IN THE ALLAN CENTRE**

Present: Mike Watson (Chair), Michael Burt, Joanne Chisholm, Leslie Harkness, Janie Meikle Bland, Iain McCusker, Victoria McDowell, Nick Yarrow

In attendance: Councillor Douglas Dodds, Councillor Graham Houston, Councillor Alastair Majury, Councillor Jeremy McDonald, Councillor Alasdair Tollemache, Maria Lucy and Ian Diamond (Stirling Council), Jean Houston (minutes)

BA1441 APOLOGIES:
Sandra Davidson, Siobhan Hencher, Margaret Sprunt

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None.

BA1442 MINUTES:
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2018 were approved as a correct record. Proposed by JC and seconded by ImcC..

MATTERS ARISING:
Details of the new style rapid response unit and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation has been circulated to members.

BA1443 BRIDGE OF ALLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ACTIVE TRAVEL PLAN
Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) - Ethan Aldridge, Rhys Ferry and Aaron Gairns - gave a presentation promoting active travel and road safety around the primary school. They set out their principle objectives and how they aimed to achieve them. These were to reduce the number of cars driving to the school/nursery at the beginning and end of the school/nursery day and to encourage more children either to walk, park and stride, scoot or cycle to school/nursery. They explained how they would address parking issues for staff, parents and visitors to allow them to access the school/nursery more easily and safely; and how to improve knowledge of road safety among children and parents.

The JRSOs had the support of the community police team and were congratulated by the community council on their initiatives. They would be invited back to a future meeting to give an update.



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BRIDGE OF ALLAN FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

Maria Lucy and Iain Diamond were present from Stirling Council to give an update on proposals for a Flood Alleviation Scheme and invited feedback from the community.

The existing flood protection on Allanvale Road was in poor condition and needed to be replaced. In October 2007 damage risk assessment had been undertaken which had shown that 85 properties were at risk in one in 50 year event. The existing protection would be raised in height.

Iain outlined the proposed new scheme, which would cost £4.4 million, and was intended to give future proofing for a one in 100 event. Key areas of interest were:

- The footbridge – options included
 - Raise it 780mm requiring long disabled access ramp
 - Remove it to assist future higher flood protection scheme
 - Move it upstream to better location – need to consult community
- Raise roadway level
 - Complete removal of roadside trees as raised road and new flood wall will require wider footprint
- Impact on allotments and trees
 - To raise road level requires 4m wide construction strip through allotments
 - Consultation with plot holders will start soon
 - Removal of trees
- Surface water – back drainage
 - If water levels are high, rain water will be trapped on the wrong side of flood protection scheme
 - Need for non-return valves on river outlets
 - Upsize pipe work
 - New pumping station

In conclusion

- Bridge of Allan is 1km from the River Forth. A Stirling Scheme will increase water levels in both the Forth and Allan. To prevent additional flooding, the Bridge of Allan scheme will be constructed before a Stirling Scheme.
- Four schemes had been submitted for 80% funding by the Scottish Govt. The Council could only get funding based on a 1 in 50 years event (not 1 in 100).
- No additional protection was planned for UCP
- Once the preferred option was finalised, work would start by 2021

BA1445 POLICE REPORT

Sgt Robert Russell was introduced to the meeting.

During the period 17/4/18 to 15/5/18 the following crime was reported:

- Anti-social behaviour – none reported
- Drugs – one incidence of possession
- Violent crime – none reported
- Housebreaking – one incident of furniture stolen from a property
- Roads related crime -none
- Other
 - an incident reported of a financial ‘scam’ carried out against a female student; and
 - Diesel stolen from tanks at the University

The community team intended to be visible as summer approaches.

Councillor Majury raised the matter of speeding on Henderson Street and concerns regarding the number of HGVs. He suggested a 20mph limit would make the area more pedestrian friendly. JMB advised that speed of vehicles had been examined in 2017 and it was proposed to reduce the speed limit between the end of Keir Street and the University to 30mph. The Police indicated that they were not receiving many complaints about speeding. Residents needed to inform them of any incidents.

It was proposed to discuss this further at the next meeting of the CC.

BA1446 PARKING SURVEY

Joanne Chisholm shared the results of the parking survey with the CC’s conclusions and recommendations. 621 surveys had been completed and views were split. The matter of parking had been raised by a small number of merchants who were seeking support to increase the waiting time from 30 minutes to 60 minutes. In addition to the survey, the CC had spoken to individuals and organisations to get a better understanding of the concerns. The survey did not provide a clear cut response, with 38.9% supporting an increase in waiting time (but only 30% of merchants supported this option). It should be noted only 21 merchants responded to the survey. It was anticipated that the potential parking spaces would be significantly reduced if waiting times were increased (currently 880 parking opportunities on Henderson Street. The Community Council were of the opinion to retain the existing waiting time of 30 minutes and believed the slight gain potentially achieved for some merchants was outweighed by the disadvantage it would bring to others.

In relation to on-street parking on Fountain Road outside the post office, the CC recommended maintaining the existing 30-minute waiting time. Over 70% of respondents supported this option.

With regards to restricting the waiting time to a maximum of 3 hours in the



Fountain Road car park (immediately adjacent to the Co-op) whilst there was a majority of support for doing this, a number of significant issues were raised such as employees parking for more than 3 hours and residents without parking. The CC would recommend maintaining the existing arrangements.

With regards to charging, the Community Council were not in support of introducing charging for parking. The CC would be recommending improved signage to car parks and would work with Stirling Council to implement this.

The CC was acutely aware that these recommendations would be met with a degree of dissatisfaction from some merchants whilst welcomed by others. The Community Council believed they had conducted an open and fair consultation and gathered from 619 respondents a wide and varied range of views to inform their conclusion.

The full report was available on the website.

JMB indicated to the meeting that the University had a programme of works due to run to 2020 and would be represented at the next meeting to present the proposals and any traffic implications this would have on the community during the period of construction.

BA1447

PARK OF KEIR

Councillor Tollemache reported that since the Motion to Council regarding openness and transparency on negotiations, no details were available. He had been in touch with the Planning Manager who advised that there were legal restrictions on the negotiations. It was proposed to meet with ward councillors and then submit an exempt report to the Planning Panel. He had been advised that CC involvement was not planned.

It was suggested that if the Council was unable to reach agreement with the developers, Stirling Council should report “no deal” to the Scottish Government.

RAGE had written to Planning on this matter.

BA1448

COMMUNITY COUNCILS REVIEW CONFERENCE

Mike Watson reported on the Community Councils Conference held on 21 April. There had been two strands to the event:

1. The Local Governance Review on local democracy
 2. The Review of the Community Councils Scheme of Establishment, Constitution, Standing Orders etc.
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1. The Scottish Government Local Governance Review was concerned with the decentralisation of power to more local levels, considering how powers,



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responsibilities and resources were shared across levels of government and with communities.

SGovt aimed to explore changes to existing Governance across Public Services that could empower communities to better control their own affairs and take a local approach to their priorities and circumstances.

The review would run until around November 2018 and this engagement process would inform new legislation. At the same time, SGovt would be working with public sector partners, such as local councils, to consider if increasing the powers they hold could improve outcomes for people.

2. The Council was consulting on changes to the revised draft governing documents that would have an effect on the governance of CCs. The consultation closed on Wednesday 16 May 2018. The documents include:

Draft Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils
Draft Constitution for Community Councils
Draft Standing Orders for Community Councils
Draft Code of Conduct for Community Councillors

There were proposed boundary changes to

Broomridge (affecting Borestone, Braehead & District)
Bridge of Allan and Causewayhead
Buchanan and Drymen
Cambuskenneth and Logie
Hillpark & Milton (affecting Bannockburn, Borestone, Braehead & District)

The results of this second consultation phase will be presented at a Special Meeting of Stirling Council on 28 June 2018. Elected Members will be asked to agree a final draft amended Scheme. This final draft will be subject to a final 4-week consultation before being brought back for Council approval in August/September 2018. Community Council elections will follow in October/November 2018.

BA1449 SPEEDING IN HENDERSON STREET

This item had been covered under item 5 on the agenda.

BA1450 DATA PROTECTION TRAINING SESSION

GDPR would take effect from 25 May 2018 and the CC were required to take necessary actions regarding any personal data it held to ensure that it had individuals' consent. M Burt would send out a request to all newsletter recipients. A Policy Statement would be drafted.

BA1451 NETWORK RAIL/SCOTRAIL ISSUES

Councillor Houston reported on communications with the M.D. of the ScotRail



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Alliance (a partnership between Network Rail and ScotRail) regarding trains failing to stop in Bridge of Allan/Dunblane. The Donovan Review had been quoted from, which had made 20 recommendations that now formed the ScotRail Alliance's performance improvement plan.

Key elements of the improvement plan included measures to improve infrastructure and train reliability; better infrastructure performance during the autumn; suspension of skip-stopping, except as a last resort.

Early terminations at Stirling were usually the result of occurrences on a significant section of track, 7 miles long, that only one train could run on at any time. These decisions were not taken lightly and were fully investigated when they happened. Investigations needed to be undertaken to identify how to manage this section better.

Concerns regarding the number of carriages and overcrowding were expected to be addressed when new fleet came on stream and with electrification. New timetables at the end of the year would show improvements with added services and reduced journey time and there would be longer trains. Trains to Edinburgh would no longer stop at Polmont and Linlithgow which would be served by a new service.

Councillor Houston would follow up on outstanding issues, such as the Glasgow to Dunblane evening service.

BA1452 TENNIS COURTS

Mike Watson had contacted Derek Leitch of Land Services. The tennis courts were part of the Memorial Park Steering Group remit and a meeting would take place on 8/9 June. MW and JMB to attend.

BA1453 VODAFONE/CITYFIBRE ANNOUNCEMENT

Stirling will be among the next wave of towns to benefit from a roll out of ultra fast, Gigabit capable full fibre broadband from Vodafone and CityFibre. Bridge of Allan was encouraged to register interest in having BofA included and residents and businesses had the opportunity to express interest via the Vodafone website.

BA1454 PLANNING UPDATE

No matters to report.

BA1455 CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Community Council was required to have it's A.G.M. in June and this would take place at 7pm immediately before the CC meeting at 7.30pm.
- It was planned to put an article in the Bridge of Allan Connect Magazine seeking new members of the CC and inviting people interested to get in touch.



BA1456 SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Councillor Majury had been in touch to advise that he had asked the Parking Enforcement Team to consult with the CC to determine the need for kerb stripes at appropriate points on Fountain Road to limit loading/unloading of large vehicles and balance safety concerns with commercial needs.
- Councillor Majury had also raised the matter of discarded and unsightly metal racking and shelving at the rear of the Allan Centre, apparently left by an electrical contractor upgrading the Centre's wiring – this had been attended to by the Council.
- Andy Davis, Community Link Officer, had reminded the CC that it was proposed that co-opted members could become full CC members subject to A.G.M. approval; also of the need to declare any interests in terms of items on the agenda at the beginning of each meeting – this was already done.
- Stirling Council was currently undertaking a review of the suitability of polling places and invited comments and suggestions by 27 June 2018 – these could be submitted also via an online questionnaire.
- S. Council advised that Libraries and Archives had a survey running until 25 May to ascertain users' views on the service currently provided and future priorities. Hard copies of the survey available in libraries and also available online.
- Councillors Dodds had raised the matter of contractors working in Alexander Drive, adjacent to the Provost's Park, having failed to replace a road sign (now reinstated) and that rubble had been "dumped" on the rear banking of the park during works to repair a fault in the power supply to the public toilets.

BA1457 RESIDENTS' VOICE

- Concerns about the Stirling Marathon route and disruption to Henderson Street . This would be discussed at the next meeting.
- Grass cutting – were there new arrangements to stops trimming in places.
- Plant Sale – The Friends' annual plant sale would take place on Saturday 19 May.
- Volunteers were needed to help with the watering of hanging baskets. A notice would be put on Facebook.

BA1458 DATE OF A.G.M. AND NEXT MEETING

The A.G.M. would take place on Thursday 19 June at 7pm followed by the Community Council meeting at 7.30pm.

