



Minutes of Meeting of Bridge of Allan Community Council

Held on Tuesday 16th October 2018

in the Allan Centre

Present : Mike Watson : Chair (MW), Joanne Chisholm (JC), Nick Yarrow (NY), Victoria McDowell (VMcD), Siobhan Hencher (SH)

Apologies ; Leslie Harkness (LH), Janie Meikle Bland (JMB), Michael Burt (MB), Sandra Davidson (SD), Margaret Sprunt (MS), Iain McCusker (IMcC), Alexander Stewart MSP.

In attendance : Councillor Alasdair Tollemache, Councillor Douglas Dodds, Councillor Graham Houston, Councillor Alastair Majury, Councillor Jeremy McDonald.

Abbreviations : Community Council (CC), Stirling Council (SC)

B 1534 Welcome, Apologies and Conflict of Interest

MW opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed everyone. Apologies were given, as indicated above, and there was no conflict of interest to note.

B 1535 Approval of Minutes, Matters Arising and Action Log

The minutes for the meeting of September, 2018 were read and approved (Proposed : VMcD ; Seconded : SH).

In terms of matters arising from the minutes, MW reported on the following items :

Item B 1519

Councillor Dodds has previously raised with SC the concerns about the flooding in the Fountain Road car , and the jetting work to clear the blocked gullies. This has been complete.

Item B 1531

Darn Walk: Gavin Drummond provided an update advising that there would be four phases of work. Awaiting an update from ScottishPower Networks.

All books on the history of Bridge of Allan have been sold and it is being proposed to run a re-print.

B 1536 Police Report

The duty police officer, PC Chalmers, provided a summary of the essential matters covered in the report. The current priorities in the ward area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Theft, Road Safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.

DRUG MISUSE

On 26th September 2018 at Stirling University a male was found to be in possession of a controlled substance. The male was given a recorded police warning in relation to this offence.

HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY

Between 29th September and 4th October 2018 at Netherton Farm a theft of farm equipment occurred. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this. If you have any information please contact 101 ref: PS-20181004-1706.

Between 30th September and 1st October 2018 at Carse of Leocroft, fuel was stolen from an unattended digger. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this. If you have any information please contact 101 ref: PS-20181001-0789.

Between 1st and 2nd October at Stirling University a male's mountain bike was stolen from one of the halls of resident. The chain was cut and it was bike taken. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this. If you have any information in relation to this please contact 101 ref: PS-20181002-1379.

Between 6th and 7th October 2018 at Strathallan Road, a motorbike was stolen. The motorbike is white and blue Suzuki G5XR. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this. If you have any information in relation to this please contact 101 ref: CF0134261018.

On 12th October at Henderson Street an e-cigarette was stolen from a local shop. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this. A male has been identified and he will be dealt with in due course.

On 14th October at Fountain Road, 2 bottles of vodka were stolen from a local shop. A male has been identified and will be dealt with in due course.

ROAD SAFETY

On 25th September 201 police were on mobile patrol within Henderson Street and stopped a vehicle in relation to its driving manner. The male driver was found to be under the influence of drink/drugs and was arrested in relation to this. He was reported to the PF in relation to this.

OTHER MATTERS OF NOTE

On 8th October 2018 a Chinese student at the University received a phone call from an unknown Chinese male stating that she required to pay warrants or she would be unable to enter China again. The female paid this monies required and was defrauded of £15000. Enquiries are ongoing in relation this.

There has been 109 calls to Bridge of Allan area (albeit this beat code also covers Cornton and Causewayhead). 3 of these calls were in relation to missing persons. 3 of these were in relation to Domestic Incidents. 2 of these were concerns for persons.

The community team on 4 separate occasions have attended Bridge of Allan Primary school in relation to concerns raised by parents over parking and driving. Council wardens were also in attendance, no offences were established and drivers were engaged with.

A discussion ensued about cyclists and the dark nights. A complaint was raised about Next Bike's appearing to have no rear lighting. Cllr Tollemache offered to raise this with the relevant department.

Community team also conducted a police surgery within the Allan Centre on 10th October. No persons were in attendance although police are looking to conduct this again in December.

B 1537 Christmas Lights

An update was provided by the Christmas Lights Committee. The Christmas lights will be erected on 15th November with a planned switch on 25th November. Sponsorship (not yet payment) has been secured for all but 3 lights. UCP have pulled out of being the sponsor for three childrens' lights and so the committee are now looking for new sponsors for these lights. It costs £150 to sponsor a light and additional £30 for a new sponsor plaque. Cllr Dodds has offered to sponsor one of the lights.

In previous years, the Cardona family have for a number of years provided a carousel, Santa's Grotto and have been the responsible for organising the farmers' market. They ran this as a private concern. Repeated calls were made to them between February and April to explore the option of running it once again, with no calls returned. The committee then attempted to establish something themselves but were hindered with a licensing application and therefore have halted plans to run an event this year.

A question was raised about the provision of the Christmas tree (by Friends of Bridge of Allan) at Provost Park and the co-ordination of the switch on of the tree lights at the same time as the street lights.

The CC offered the Christmas Lights Committee any help in finalising plans for the Christmas Light switch on.

B 1538 Roads Report

NY has suffered from a lack of broadband and had missed closures on Inverallan Road to which he apologised.

NY provided an update on Henderson Street emissions statistics from Stirling Council. Cllr Tollemache has an update meeting with an Officer from Stirling Council to discuss this on Thursday this week and will report back to the community council.

NY queried whether there were still plans to close the station and introduce the proposed Kildean link road. Cllr Tollemache advised that there was funding available to investigate these options and also that the Transport Strategy had been approved by the previous administration. Cllr Dodds commented that it had been on no agenda since the inception of the new administration.

B 1539 Chair's Report (MW)

Planning: A retrospective application has been received by The Grill. The Chairman raised a question on the validity of the development within a Conservation Area and asked that the matter be raised with S.C.

Armistice Day: A service will take place on 11th November and MW sought approval to spend £45 on wreaths for laying. This was approved by the CC members. A number of other events are being planned in the week running up to Armistice Day.

B 1540 Secretary's Report

We have received a number of significant communications since our last meeting

The **Stirling Civic Trust** has written to publicise a series Winter Lectures on “ The Civic trust and the Environment ”

Councillors Dodds and **Tollemache** have proposed the establishment in Bridge of Allan (possibly in the Allan Centre) of a **Dementia café** similar to the one in Dunblane in the Braeport Centre and they have suggested that the Dunblane café and Dementia Scotland could deliver a future presentation to the CC.

Councillor Dodds has also provided us with a set of graphs illustrating **the air quality in Bridge of Allan** (in terms of NO₂ levels and in 3 locations) after a full year of monitoring of these levels by SC. In addition **Councillor Dodds** has sought clarification from the Convenor of SC's Audit Committee on the matter of the **Common Good Fund** and he has been informed that expenditure of up to £10,000 of the capital has to be placed before the Provost Panel while anything above that level has to be submitted to the full council.

One of our residents, Mr Drummond, has contacted SC about the fact that all three of the **Paterson Clock's faces** have now stopped; the Council has raised a repair line but has also underlined the difficulty in the past of finding a contractor for the repair work. A further update was provided under residents' voice.

SC have informed us that information about its **draft BSL (British Sign Language) plan** is available on the SC website. **Councillor Dodds** has forwarded details of the publication of **SEPA's Compliance Assessment Scheme results for 2017**. We also received a poster publicising an **RVS Free Chocolate Making Workshop for Seniors** in Fallin on October 24th. We have also been informed about a **Stirling Local Food**

Growing Strategy Workshop to be held on the evening of November 15th in the Lesser Hall in the Albert Halls in Stirling.

B 1541 Residents' Voice

Gavin Drummond updated that Paterson Clock clock engineers attended on 14th September and identified a number of power cuts (10 over a period of a number of days). These power outages impact the ARU which now requires to be re-set. GD will provide an update at the next meeting.

Cllr Dodds thanked the members of CC for their service and hoped that they were re-standing for election. Gavin Drummond seconded Cllr Dodds thanks. This was acknowledged by MW.

B 1542 AOCB

No matters were arising.

B 1543 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CC meeting is subject to the outcome of the Community Council re-elections which are scheduled for October. The provisional meeting date will be our usual schedule of the third Tuesday in the month, Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Allan Centre.