

# Community News Sheet

Update on community issues

**November 2019**

## Welcome

Welcome to the November edition of Stirling Council's Community News Sheet. This is a free news sheet from Stirling Council's Community Engagement Team which includes a variety of information gathered from different sources and organisations that we hope groups and communities will find useful. We endeavour to ensure all information is accurate and up-to-date. We can also include information about community activities and topics, please feel free to email us any contributions.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact us: [communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@stirling.gov.uk)



## Your Stirling: You Decide Update

The Stirling Participatory Budget 'Your Stirling You Decide' is now in its final stage of the process where regular community based Delivery Group meetings and site visits have been happening. The Delivery Groups are made up of Budget delegates, stakeholders, local residents and Stirling Council Officers.

The delivery groups have been working through the various 19 successful proposals that were voted upon since August of this year along with Stirling Council officers to look at the finer details of each proposal to ensure that they will be achievable and successful.

We are now at the stage of taking the planned ideas and options out to some further community engagement and awareness sessions at various locations throughout the 7 wards within Stirlingshire to show residents the final plans and further choices to be made by the communities prior to procurement and the implementation of the successful proposals.

All of the Your Stirling You Decide proposals progress is and will be publicised on the Stirling Council website and very soon on various community social media web sites, which will be added to our website.

To keep updated on the proposals for your community you can find this on <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/council-democracy/budget/your-stirling-you-decide/proposal-progress/>

There is also a link on this page for your local community proposal which will take you to pages showing the options (for making further choices) or to view the final proposal that has been voted for and being planned for implementation.



## National Youth Work Strategy 2020-2025 Survey for Young People

This survey has been developed by young people and seeks the views of other young people to help to shape a renewed National Youth Work Strategy (2020-2025). YouthLink Scotland, Education Scotland and the Scottish Government are working in partnership to develop a new National Youth Work Strategy 2020 to 2025 alongside young people, youth workers and other key organisations.



For further information available and to take the survey visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NationalYouthWorkStrategy2020-2025SurveyforYoungPeople>

**Survey closing soon.**

## Fintry Community Resilience in Action

We each play a role in the wider community around us. By working together in times of difficulty, we can help make recovery quicker and return to normality much more efficiently.

Resilient communities come down to being a good neighbour. Building positive relationships with those who live around us, this can be invaluable when an emergency hits. Knowing who can provide a bit of assistance, or who might need it, can make a big difference.

Recently, Fintry Community Council and partners took part in a short video project with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). To showcase the positive works taking place there, with a resilience centre, equipment and generator capability, the village is now far better prepared to tackle unexpected situations.

You can view the video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XI\\_jjY842M8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XI_jjY842M8). If you would like to develop your own Community's resilience planning, please get in touch at [resilience@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:resilience@stirling.gov.uk).



## Beyond the Usual Suspects

Created by Community Ownership Support Service, this invaluable guide has been developed to highlight fundraising opportunities beyond loans and grant funding. It takes you step-by-step through the different approaches to raising funds from alternative sources and provides you with a wealth of practical advice and links to sources of more detailed information. It has been updated to reflect the recent changes to the fundraising regulations.



To download your FREE copy by following the link:-

<https://dtascommunityownership.org.uk/resources/coss-publications/beyond-usual-suspects>

## Consultations

### Out of School Care in Scotland - A Draft Framework for Consultation

The Scottish Government draft framework on Out of School Care sets out what they know about the out of school care sector in Scotland and asks questions about what the Scottish Government can do to support families in accessing high quality, flexible and affordable services which benefit children and parents and carers.



#### Why they are Consulting

They want future policies on Out of School Care to be shaped by the people who would benefit from them. They want to understand what children, parents and carers, professionals and experts think about the ways in which Out of School Care can give children opportunities to play and access life-enhancing experiences and support parents to work, train or study.

For more information available by following the link:-

<https://consult.gov.scot/children-and-families/out-of-school-care/>

**Consultation closes on 6th December 2019**

## Ending the Sale of Energy Drinks to Children and Young People Consultation



The Scottish Government are seeking views on whether there is a need to take mandatory action to ban the sale of energy drinks to children and young people. This is to help reduce the overconsumption of these drinks and the health harms associated with that.

As part of the Diet and Healthy Weight Delivery Plan, published in July 2018, they are committed to consulting on restrictions to end the sale of energy drinks to children and young people.

They are seeking views on:-

- whether mandatory action is needed to protect the health of young people
- whether an age restriction of 16 is the most appropriate course of action
- whether there should be an exemptions if a policy was implemented
- how an age restriction policy could best be enforced and monitored
- the impacts of implementing such a policy.

This will help them assess whether the proposed measures are proportionate and would deliver the beneficial outcomes intended.

For more information and to take part visit:-

<https://consult.gov.scot/health-and-social-care/ending-the-sale-of-energy-drinks/>

**Consultation closes 4 February 2020**

## Meal Makers

**On Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 5pm, Meal Makers launched their very first crowdfunding campaign.**

Meal Makers aim to raise £7,500 so they can continue to develop their services in Scotland for lonely or isolated older people through food and friendship. Due to an extremely challenging financial climate they are having to identify new funding sources to support them to continue to grow the work that they do.

To achieve this target, they need to spread the message of their campaign far and wide. It is essential for them to get as many shares and re-tweets as possible on all the posts and announcements and promote the amazing reward prizes that have been donated to them to be purchased during the campaign.

During the next 30 days, from Wednesday 13 November 2019, that the campaign will run, with all the above in mind if you can contribute towards the crowdfunding campaign in any of the below ways, they would be extremely grateful:-

- Share the campaign on Facebook (or Twitter or Instagram)
- Contribute an in-kind donation. Gift experiences, branded products, restaurant vouchers, concert tickets, sport memorabilia etc.
- Get your workplace involved. Organise a bake sale, donate a hamper for them to use as an award, hold a sponsored event etc.
- Promote their Christmas Card Campaign. Donate £10 and they will send a Christmas card with a message from you to an older person who would appreciate it.

Meal Makers would like to thank everyone for their valued support.

Visit the crowdfunding campaign at

<https://chuffed.org/project/mealmakers-food-friendship>

The Meal Makers Team 0141 551 8118 [hello@mealmakers.org.uk](mailto:hello@mealmakers.org.uk)



# Friendship Group



Our Friendship Group is open to anyone connected to Town Break — whether using or waiting for any of our other services. It is held on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Group provides companionship in a sociable and relaxed atmosphere, and each month offers entertainment and afternoon tea.

**Free to attend**

**For further information please contact Town Break**

 **Braehead North Parish Church**

 Second Wednesday each month

 13.30 - 15.30

 **01786 641 841**

 **Admin@townbreakstirling.org**

Volunteer Project of the Year Award: Health 2017  
Volunteer Friendly Award 2017 - 2020  
Registered Scottish Charity No. SC020526  
(A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)  
Registered Office, 1 Springkerse Road, Stirling, FK7 7SN



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**Community Partnership**

Supporting Communities in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park



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- Reflect on the resulting opportunities and challenges
- Develop your next steps
- Connect with others in the National Park

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# COMMUNITY ASSETS : THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 provided an impetus for communities to consider taking ownership of local amenities. This two day programme has been developed in recognition of the increasing interest in asset-based initiatives in the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. It offers a unique opportunity to share the learning from a number of communities who have already taken on local assets and to reflect on the resulting opportunities and challenges. Along with local guest contributors and input from DTAS, learners will have the opportunity to share their own experiences and refine the "next steps" for their own organisation.

## PROGRAMME DETAILS

**Location:** Callander Youth Hostel,

6 Bridgend, FK17 8AH

**Date:** Day 1 – 11 December

Day 2 – 12 December

**Time:** 9.30am – 4pm

**Cost:** Fully funded

## WHO IS IT FOR?

This programme is suitable for those considering taking on a community asset as well as those already managing local amenities.

## WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAMME?



**UNDERSTAND THE KEY STAGES TOWARDS OWNING A COMMUNITY ASSET**



**REFLECT ON THE COMMON PITFALLS AND CHALLENGES OF TAKING ON AN ASSET**



**FIND OUT ABOUT THE SUPPORT AVAILABLE ON YOUR ASSET OWNERSHIP JOURNEY**



**CONNECT WITH AND LEARN FROM OTHERS IN RURAL, COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS**

**"The inputs, support, connections and learning gained on all academy programmes has been instrumental to my success to date."**

Previous Social Enterprise Academy Learner

## MORE INFORMATION

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