

Killin Community Council
Bimonthly Meeting
Tuesday 8th of July 2014

Present: F. Kennedy, T. Frost, R. Allner, C. Campbell, F. Chisholm C. Grant, Y. Gillies, S. Inglis, C. Kemp,

In Attendance: Councillor F. Wood, O. McKee (LLTNP), D. Hopper (Stirling Council) and 5 members of the public

Apologies: L. Campbell, S. Player, A. Fleming, I. Frickleton, P. Farquharson,

Welcome

F. Kennedy opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced David Hopper, Waste Services Manager from Stirling Council.

David Hopper attended the meeting to discuss two issues; the bottle bank area and the Callander Recycling site.

D. Hopper commented that the bottle bank site currently appears tidy and F. Kennedy credited Dr D. Syme with having cleared this area recently. It was agreed that the majority of problems are created by commercial waste, including holiday homes. D. Hopper's department is currently working with commercial premises to clarify that the law has changed, making it the duty of all commercial businesses to recycle their waste, including provision of documentation to show waste transfer. This summer and autumn will be used to encourage businesses to work with the Council on this, but following this period the law will be enforced. Any evidence of which businesses are dumping rubbish should be passed to D. Hopper.

There is also some fly-tipping at the site. It is an option to remove the bottle bank but it was agreed that this was not the best option as the facility is still used, particularly by people in caravans and mobile homes.

The removal of the skip from Killin was identified as a causal factor in fly-tipping - SEPA regulations led to the skip being removed.

Outlying rural areas have still not received all the recycling bins. D. Hopper stated that Stirling Council was not obliged to collect this recycling as it is not cost effective, however they have still made a commitment to roll this out next year. Stirling Council's system for recycling is considered the way forward and the Scottish Government has encouraged other Local Authorities to follow Stirling's lead. The system is incompatible with Perth and Kinross and so joint working is not possible currently. Trolleys for recycling boxes are being trialled at the moment and if successful this will be expanded to encourage more people to recycle.

Roadside litter was also discussed, although this is an issue for Stirling Council Land Services. Stirling Council and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park are currently in discussion about providing recycling at strategic points combined with notices to identify where rubbish can be taken. D. Hopper will speak to Land

Services to ensure that bags of rubbish at the roadside are picked up and that the car park is cleared. He will also ask the litter wardens to come to Killin.

Stirling Council had surveyed users of the Callander Recycling Site during 2013 with a view to altering the opening hours. Very few people were included in the survey who lived north of Callander and most of those used the site after work. The Community Council felt the survey should have been widened to ask people who did not regularly use the site as it was thought that some people from the Killin area used Crieff and Aberfeldy as the sites have longer opening hours. D. Hopper stated that Stirling Council could not afford to extend the hours, as that would directly lead to cuts in other services. The Community Council felt the impact of cars travelling to the site had been overlooked.

D. Hopper was thanked and he left the meeting.

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

Proposed: C. Grant

Seconded: S. Inglis

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

Traffic speed on Lyon Road/Ballechroisk area

Brian Roberts of Stirling Council has been very busy but will get on to this in the coming month. F. Kennedy will ask for a meeting.

Coach Stop

No progress was reported. Councillor F. Wood will pursue.

Station Road turning circle and car park

Bear Scotland have moved vehicles for the summer. F. Kennedy will monitor the situation. F. Kennedy and R. Allner continue to inspect this area for fly-tipping.

Road Naming

Lochay Road has been formally adopted for the section beyond the Main Street to the former Youth Hostel site.

Dog Fouling

The dog warden has visited Killin and met with Y. Gillies and local police officers. Specific areas were identified and the warden has painted temporary notices directly on to the pavement. Y. Gillies will speak to the school after the summer break.

Complaints had been made about Craignavie Road and another dog warden visited. Local people are encouraged to pass specific complaints along to the police. Bags are available from the library for clearing up after your dog. A lack of bins around Craignavie Road and Manse Road was highlighted and Councillor F. Wood will pursue this.

Support for Local Businesses

Councillor F. Wood raised the option of support from the local Chamber of Commerce and Stirling Enterprise Park. Councillor F. Wood will pursue the issue of unused Council land not being available for a local business wishing to expand. O. McKee clarified that noise regulations came under Health and Safety legislation, rather than LLTNP regulations.

Bridge of Lochay

T. Frost has spoken with someone from Stirling Council regarding the state of the bridge. Someone else will come out to look at signage. Work will only be carried out when there is money to do it, so not this financial year.

It was noted that the Dochart Bridge has been hit by a vehicle.

Stirling Council Bridge Repair Budget has been cut by £77,000.

Speed Restrictions

The Police have carried out speed checks on the Dochart Road and Gray Street and detected no incidents of speeding. S. Inglis spoke to S. Geddes at Stirling Council. The extension of the 40mh zone past the golf course entrance can happen, but not in this financial year. Councillor F. Wood and T.Frost will contact Stirling Council regarding this.

Notice board

The McLaren Hall Committee are aware of the problem.

Planned Road Closures

- Craignavie Road is to be closed from 29th of September 2014 to the 10th of October 2014 for roadworks from the junction with the Main Street to Manse Road with local diversions in place. Residents will receive letters to explain what will happen
- The South Loch Tay road is to be closed in October 2014 for roadworks, from Fiddler's Bay to Donald Hancock's.

In both instances the Council aims to minimise disruption and get the work completed as soon as possible. The extent of the work will depend on the money available.

KAT

R. Allner brought a copy of the final feasibility report on public toilets in Killin. It was noted that the £10, 000 costs were entirely met by a grant for that specific purpose, not funds that could have been used elsewhere. The suggested position is to the rear of MacPherson Court but Stirling Council have already placed an electric car charging point there.

Phase 1 works on the Breadalbane Park was due to begin on the 25th August 2014, but it has been agreed to delay by one week to allow Killin Rocks to use the area for camping.

KAT is looking into the ownership of the Rev Stewart Memorial. The Old Mill has a current turnover of £80-£100 per day and is looking for further funding for the Manager post.

KCC congratulated KAT.

DRT

The new timetable comes out in September and KCC has asked for a 6-month progress report. It was clarified that DRT links bus areas, it does not provide hospital transport. This led to a wider discussion about hospital transport.

Hospital transport

The lack of hospital transport for residents in Killin was raised and members of the public who have been affected are urged to contact Bruce Crawford MSP as the health budget comes from the Scottish Government. Y. Gillies will assist in gathering information and F. Kennedy will pass on the information to Bruce Crawford by email - all participants were assured of their confidentiality. C. Grant will also raise this. Bruce Crawford MSP has his next surgery in Killin on Wednesday 23rd July from 1-2pm in the McLaren Hall.

Planning

There were no new items to discuss. The Compliance Officer from LLTNP will visit the development at the Bridge of Lochay.

Correspondence

Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report

A report will be provided when officers cannot attend the meeting. The report is specific to the KCC area.

- Antisocial Behaviour - as minuted previously, police officers have received complaints and met with the dog warden.
- Road Safety - as minuted previously, officers have monitored the speed of vehicles on Dochart Road and Gray Street. The problem with traffic lights at the old Youth Hostel site has been resolved and off road parking provided. Officers maintain a presence at the school and have patrolled the trunk road at the Killin to Callander section.
- Theft - the charity box in Killin Church has been broken into and money stolen. There was a break-in at A&B Services.
- Community Engagement and Reassurance - Officers have been on foot patrol in Killin and policing the loch sides at weekends as part of Operation Ironworks.
- Other - The tragic accident on Loch Tay involving a 29 year old man.

KCC would like to highlight to all loch users that life jackets are essential. KCC expressed their condolences to the family.

VG Energy

VG Energy had sent a letter regarding funding for renewables - this was passed to KAT.

Stirling Council Grant

The Community Council has received £419.21 for administrative costs.

Rural Stirling Housing Association

The most recent newsletter is available.

Stirling Council Update

- Stirling Council Local Development Plan - this was discussed but postponed to October.
- Bob Jack will retire in September.
- Armed Forces Day ran at a loss
- Stirling International Angling Festival runs from the 6th - 10th of August and the game fishing is based in this area.

Grass Cutting

A reduction in the number of cuts per year and the lack of raking up is affecting Breadalbane Park and the Cemetery with longer grass being left to sour and smell. The pilot project for Strathfillan using 2 local contractors was intended to extend to Killin but this did not happen. Councillor F. Wood will investigate.

Conversation Day

F. Kennedy and C. Grant attended and suggestions made on the day should go into practice and be reviewed after 6 months.

K. Taylor

KCC recorder their appreciation of the efforts of the late Kenny Taylor, in particular his contribution to the upgrade of Ardeonig Road.

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park

Suitable sites are requested for a threshold sign beyond the end of Lochay Road.

Grounds

MacPherson Court, the Ambulance Depot and the car park are all overgrown. Problems with MacPherson Court are currently being addressed. The Ambulance Depot belongs to the Ambulance Service and it was recognised that staff are not there as often as before. The state of the grounds has been reported to Bruce Crawford by members of the public.

The bushes by the Dochart Bridge have been reported and this is being dealt with.

Post Office

The mobile van will stop next week and the Post Office service will be available for 10 weeks at the Killin Hotel before being taken over by MacGregor's.

Doctor's Surgery

T. Frost will invite Dr Watson to the next meeting for an update.

Flower Beds

F. Kennedy will contact the Floral Association.

Date of next meeting:

9th September 2014 at 7.30pm, in Killin Primary School.