

Draft 2

Strathblane Community Council Meeting

7 June 2010 at 8.30pm in Strathblane Primary School



Attendees

Margaret Vass	Chair of the Community Council
Alan Hutton	Vice Chair
Fiona Murray	Treasurer
John Gray	Planning and Licensing, Web/IT
Richard Arnold	Secretary
Willie Oswald	Roads
Elsbeth Posnett	Environment
Patsy Fischbacher	Health
Philip Graves	Community Council member
Marian Lever	Community Council member
David McNally	Police Constable, Central Scotland Police
Pam Campbell	Rural Development Worker, Stirling Council
Councillor Lambie	Councillor, Forth and Endrick Ward 2
Moirra Drennan	Minute Taker
	7 members of the community

Apologies

Joan Hoggan	Community Council member
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Agenda

- 1 Welcome from the Chair and any apologies
- 2 Minutes of the May10 meeting and Matters Arising
- 3 Police Report: David McNally
- 4 Feedback from Community Development Trust
 - a) the village survey
- 5 Planning
 - a) 10/00238/FUL 3 houses at Naircott, Carbeth
 - b) 10/00312/FUL house to rear 41-53 Glasgow Road
 - c) 10/00327/PPP house at land 100m SE Deil's Craig
 - d) Local Development Plan
- 6 Issues from the community
- 7 Financial matters
- 8 Elected Member's Report
- 9 Environmental Issues.
- 10 Roads
- 11 Correspondence
- 12 AOCB
- 13 Date of next meeting: 5 July 2010 at 7.30pm in the **Strathblane Parish Church Kirk Rooms**
There will be a 2 item agenda: planning applications and Local Development Plan discussion

1 Welcome and Introductions

Margaret Vass opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Joan Hoggan.

2 Minute of the April Meeting

Margaret Vass made two amendments to the May minute. The amended minute was then accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. The approved minute was proposed by Marian Lever and seconded by John Gray.

Matters Arising

Page 4 Pam Campbell had written to Peter Morgan, but there had been no reply as yet. Pam Campbell would cc all correspondence to Margaret Vass

Page 5 The letter had been sent to Nicole Paterson, but no reply had been received as yet.

3 Police Report: David McNally

11 May	Drunk driver apprehended on the Glasgow Road
14 to 16 May	Series of break-ins: a 250 cc motorbike and quad bike stolen from Campsie Dene Road
15 May	Car broken into
17 to 18 May	2 quad bikes stolen from Mugdock with a similar MO to that of Campsie Dene Road
22 May	Fencing was cut in Campsie Dene Road, possibly to facilitate the future theft of a sit –on lawnmower Evidence was left at the scene. The investigation was continuing.
27 to 29 May	Shed broken into and garden equipment stolen Wheels were stolen from a car parked by campers at Craiggallion Loch. On the Cuilt Brae, a car went on fire, most likely due to an electrical fault.

A check was made on the credentials and working practices of local tradesmen. All the local tradesmen checked by Trading Standards and PC McNally were found to be spot on.

Dumbrock Moor Parts of the gates were again missing. Fires had been lit at the lochside.

4 Feedback from the Community Development Trust

The next Community Development Trust meeting was to be held on the 8 June.

The Village Survey

In November 08, there had been a joint proposal by The Community Development Trust, The Community Council and Stirling Council, to develop a plan for the community which would be informed by a survey, to help to identify the perceived needs, desires and aspirations of the community. The survey would provide a baseline for decision making, business planning and service delivery.

A steering group managed the survey. Pre-January 10, the members of the Steering Group were: George Thom and Patsy Fischbacher, representing Strathblanefield Community Development Trust; Philip Graves, Strathblane Community Council and Pam Campbell, Stirling Council. From January 10, the membership of the group was: George Thom (CDT); Margaret Vass (SCC) and Pam Campbell (SC).

The final report of the survey findings has now been circulated. The survey results will be published in the next issue of The Blane, along with an article outlining the next steps in the process. The full survey report will be available on the website, in the Library, with a copy being issued to each community group

Consultation will now continue over the summer and 2 joint meetings will be arranged with the Community Development Trust to develop the Community Plan, identifying priorities and taking forward issues that the community wishes to see developed.

In terms of timescale, the Community Council will agree the Community Plan in October; the draft will be discussed in September.

General comments raised during discussion

- Only 289 surveys were returned. The sample was 15% rather than the hoped for 20% to 40%.
- There were differences of opinion as to whether or not the action points currently being presented to the public for comment represented the results of the survey.
- There had been community consultation at 2 recent community events: the Local Development Planning Day and the Summer Fair
- John Gray added that nothing was set in stone and that more opinion would be gathered from further consultation exercises
- The survey did not mention the fishery nor the pub, in fact nothing beyond the Cuilt Brae or outwith the Blane Valley.
Margaret Vass stressed that the Community Plan would cover all areas.
- Informed opinion would have been aided, by a history of what the village had been like and the current state of the village.
- Alan Hutton pointed out that the survey was not a consultation exercise but an opinion survey. Parts he considered to be poorly thought through and some of the questions, open ended and problematic. The survey should not be treated as part of the democratic process, but as an opinion survey and as such, merely to generate ideas.
- It was questioned whether given the current economic climate and spending constraints, it was worth pursuing new projects. John Gray stated the importance and benefits of strategic Local Development Planning and its requirement to plan ahead for a span of 20 years
- It was questioned whether the survey had provided value for money

5 Planning

10/00238/FUL 3 houses at Naircott Carbeth

The location was the land West of and building North East of The Byre, Blanefield. The proposal was the conversion of the outbuilding to form a dwelling house, the replacement of a residential caravan with a dwelling house and the erection of a dwelling house within the garden grounds.

There followed some discussion. John Gray pointed out that, but for the Greenbelt policy, there would be no objection. It was a secluded site and the position of the house could be moved to the hollow. John Gray stressed that any decision to build on greenbelt should not form a precedent, but it could be that, overall as a package, it is an appropriate development with positives outweighing negatives. The Planning Group would look at providing specific comments on various aspects (John Gray to draft).

10/00312/FUL house to rear 41-53 Glasgow Road

Planning permission had been given for the erection of a three bedroomed dwelling and attached garage; no objection.

10/00327/PPP house at land 100m SE Deil's Craig

The location was the land some 100m to the South East of Deil's Craig, Old Mugdock Road, Strathblane, 'Ardunan Farm'. The proposal was for the erection of a dwelling house.

It was felt here was no justification on agricultural grounds, in that it was a farm with 2 fields. Any house should have a Section 75 agreement. In case the agricultural justification were to be accepted by Stirling, it was important to comment on the detail and MV would draft something. It was considered very positive that the positioning of a house has been moved to the side of the plot. Following the lesson of Valhalla, there should be restrictions in size. The derelict shed should be removed and the land restored, before any house building is contemplated.

Local Development Planning

This agenda item was deferred until the next meeting.

6 Issues from the Community

A resident considered the Zebra Crossing on the Glasgow Road to be dangerous and sub standard and strongly felt that push button traffic lights would be preferable. Willie Oswald spoke of the national formula for installation. Where the formula is not met, a signalled crossing can be even more dangerous.

It was pointed out however, that this particular and unique crossing was very close to a junction and to a bend in the road. Advance warning signs were still hidden by overgrown vegetation.

PC McNally had been almost hit by a car.

It was agreed that the issue should be once again pursued with Stirling Council.

7 Financial Matters

Fiona Murray spoke about the administration grant, insurance costs and website costs. At the next meeting, time would be allocated to planning expenditure and to look at funding opportunities.

8 Elected member's Report

Councillor Lambie confirmed the appointment of a School Crossing Patrol Officer. Checks and training were being carried out, which would allow the person to take up the appointment at the beginning of the new school session. Councillor Lambie then briefly outlined several matters of interest from his monthly newsletter. Copies of the Forth and Endrick Newsletter may be obtained directly from the Councillor: lambieg@stirling.gov.uk

9 Environmental Issues

There would be a tub planting work party on Thursday 10 June, meeting at 10.00am at Campsie Dene road. Volunteers were Margaret Vass, Elspeth Posnett and Fiona Murray. Plants would be collected on Wednesday afternoon, from the Oakwood Garden Centre.

10 Roads

Willie Oswald spoke briefly about the priority of the Ballewan Crescent roundabout and of the speeding traffic on the A81

11 Correspondence: Richard Arnold

- Letter dated 19th May from Environment Services at Stirling Council regarding Waiting Restrictions outside the school gates. Will reply giving our approval.
- E-mail dated 20th May to Nicole Paterson re-iterating the river banking problems and lack of progress to date.
- E-mail from Douglas Flynn re Action Day final arrangements.
- Poster from Provost Fergus Wood re Stirling Armed Forces Day Events 18th to 20th June - placed on CC notice board at his request.
- Brochure re Tactran Connect from Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership - provides comprehensive regional travel information from one source. Will place poster on Library notice board.

- Letter from Stirling Council Roads Dept - year three update on the last 5 year plan. Passed to Willie Oswald.
- Two sets of correspondence from Scottish Natural Heritage re SSSIs at Carbeth Loch site and at Mugdock - retained for community interest if requested

12 **AOCB**

None

13 **Date of next meeting**

5 July at 7.30pm in the **Strathblane Parish Church Kirk Rooms**

The meeting ended at 10.00pm

Moira Drennan