

St Fillans Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 1st November 2023
Sandison Hall, St Fillans

Welcome: Chair Donna Littler welcomed 21 villagers, Cllr Stewart Donaldson, Baillie Rhona Brock and Crieff Community Council Chair Brian Wilton

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Angela Lamont, David Gow, Cllr Noah Khogali, Police, Johnston & Frances Brown, Don & Trish Forrester, Steve Howell.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last Meeting on 30th August 2023 were proposed as a true record by Russell Cunningham and seconded by Carol Graham.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Bus Shelter and Bus Stops, Donna Littler, Stewart Gavigan and Richard Graham met with Bear and Perth & Kinross, plans for the bus stops are in the process of being updated, it is hoped these will be shared in time for tabling at the next CC meeting.
- b. Public Toilets, the survey had been positive and highlighted the importance of keeping the toilets open. An assessment is being made on the work required to upgrade and repair the toilets in St Fillans
- c. Deer update, Drummond Estates have acquired a night licence, and looking to cull numbers.
- d. Villager magazine, unfortunately to date it has not been possible to find someone to take on village updates for the magazine. St Fillans is no longer included in the magazine but could be re-introduced if a volunteer could be found.
- e. Achray Hotel, the situation regarding the bins at the Achray hasn't changed, Donna Littler to pass on contacts to Russell Cunningham.

4. Planning applications received

2023/0317/DET

Proposal: Amendment to Planning permission 2014/0050/DET for change of house type

Location: The Mews, Shoemaker Lane, St Fillans

Applicant Mrs Caitlin Watkins, 3 Muir Wood Place, Currie, EH14 5HG

2023/0378/DET

Proposal: Changes to fenestration, roof form, and cladding of exiting toilet block, extension to house hot water plant

Location: Loch Earn Sailing Club, St Fillans

Applicant Mr Ewan Paterson, Loch Earn Sailing Club PH6 2NG

2023/0348/TRE

Proposal: Tree works within a conservation area – removal to ground level 4 no. Cypress

Location: Oakbank Cottage, St Fillans

Applicant Ms Colette MacLeod, Oakbank Cottage, St Fillans PH6 2ND

5. Village Working Groups

a. Garden Group (Including Still)

No report for the garden group, there will be a work party before Remembrance Sunday to tidy up the memorial area.

Lorna Kennelly is standing down as Chair of the Garden Group and would like to thank everyone for their support over the last 16 years.

Still Project, A Structural Engineer has been appointed to assess the base and we are hoping to have a report by the middle of November.

An Interpretation Board has been selected and will be approved in November for manufacture.

We have found an insurer for the sculpture.

It is unlikely that we will be installing this year, we are hoping for early Spring next year.

b. Paths Group

Thanks to everyone that has supported the Paths Group, we meet Monday afternoons, weather permitting, clearing fallen trees, vegetation, and drainage. We will be replacing flags on walks. Anyone spotting a problem on the paths, please report to Geoff Hardman-Carter.

c. Festive Committee

The Festive Weekend was held at the Sandison Hall, after a village vote that was 51 for the hall and 50 for the field.

Festive weekend consisted of a quiz on the Friday evening together with a line dancing lesson, Saturday had a Mexican vibe with a fabulous singer and dancing, catering provided from Kenny of "Eat with Grace", Sunday had music from Ginny and the Tonic, catering provided from Tullybannocher.

The weekend was well attended and although costs have risen significantly this year, these were covered, and we were left with a credit balance of £43.

The annual bonfire night will be held on Saturday 4th November at 6:30pm. Thanks to Richard Graham and team for collecting wood for the bonfire, marquee erection and firework display. Homemade soup and mulled wine (Ribena for youngsters) will be available.

It doesn't just take a few people to put on these events, it takes a village, so thank you to those who help and thank you in advance to new volunteers.

Ulrika Hollas has, after five years, decided to step down from the committee after bonfire night. Adele MacMillan is also stepping down, her quiz mastery and ability to entertain the kids will be missed.

The Festive Committee are looking for at least two new members to help plan and execute future events. Interested parties should contact Isobel Howell or Moira Louden if interested. There will be a meeting in January which any potential volunteers would be welcome to attend to find out more information.

Donna Littler thanked Ulrika and Adele for their contribution to the Festive Committee.

d. Play Park Group

Weather permitting there will be a tidy up at the end of the season. There will be a meeting to discuss any repairs required.

We are also looking at a storage facility for village equipment.

Thanks for everyone's support for the park - always appreciated.

e. Community Centre Feasibility Study Group

Group are still waiting for the results of the Local Place Plan.

f. Cultural Heritage Group

Murray Henderson has decided to stand down from the group.

There are lots of ideas for the group, but things will be on hold until January when the group will decide on one project to take forward initially.

One proposal is an online map, with details on the older properties in the village, provided with information supplied from Jim Brierley's archive.

There is also permission to survey the games area on the South Side of the Loch.

g. Local Place Plan

Draft of the plan have been received, any decisions have been made by engagement with villagers and surveys.

Sally Crofts is going to provide HD photos for the plan.

Meeting with Kelly Clapperton-Bates soon to finalise. The plan will then be issued to P & K, National Parks, Landowners, and the Community Council. Once approved it will be sent for print.

6. AOB

a. Councillor's updates

Baillie Rhona Brock is catching up after four months off.

Baillie Rhona Brock advised there will be public consultations for the Tay Forest National Park, the boundaries are still to be decided.

Meetings to be held:

Comrie at Comrie Primary School on 7th November 2023 15:30 to 18:45.

Crieff at the Assembly Hall, Strathearn Community Campus on 15th November 15:30 to 18:45

There will be an online consultation on 24th November between 10:00 to 11:30am

St Fillans could be part of LLTNP and Tay Forest National Park.

Baillie Rhona Brock and Cllr Stewart Donaldson have helped with several issues over the last year, including bus shelter, public toilets, Police issues regarding speeding, Drummond Meeting, funding support, 'Still' letter of support, Layby issues, SSE meetings for the Glentarken wind farm, the 'Day of Action', The Achray, bus stops – it's hoped that something positive will come out of the meeting with Claire Leishman, campaigning for average speed cameras, Transport Scotland for 20mph through residential areas, Cemetery, dirty campers – meeting with Police last week discussed what procedures have been put in place to cope.

Baillie Rhona Brock can supply information for Russell Cunningham and the CC regarding the issues with the Achray.

Questions/comments raised for the Councillors.

The bins at the Caravan Park are an issue as well as the Achray.

Staff at the Drummond Fish Farm will not be doing any more litter picking after being reported for fly tipping. It is understood this has been resolved.

Dog bins not being used by visitors, Councillors advised all P & K bins are there for all waste including dog waste, it was suggested that there should be signs on the bins to state this.

Salt bins, Councillors advised Bear deal with the main roads, P & K deal with side roads, they will request for salt bins to be filled.

It was requested that rumble strips into the village be discussed, Donna Littler and Stewart Donaldson are trying to arrange a meeting to discuss this and traffic monitoring.

The question was asked why St Fillans wasn't included in the 20mph zone through the village, apparently this is because St Fillans didn't meet the criteria.

There is a meeting in Crieff to discuss road safety on the 17th November, there was a request for a meeting for St Fillans, councillors to assist with this. Amongst the other issues is the fact that there are no provisions for school children in the village, there are concerns there will be an accident before anything is done.

Neil McFarlane came to a meeting at the village, promised lots but to date has not delivered on anything yet.

Community Speed Watch exists in Fife, St Fillans could be an ideal pilot area.

Entry to the village, there is only 50 metres between the 30mph sign and the road for the bridge, it was suggested some of the trees be taken down for better vision as this is a dangerous spot.

A lot of traffic coming down Station Road and failing to stop at the junction with Dundurn Walk, this is an accident waiting to happen, P&K were asked if better signage could be provided.

- b. Dates for future Community Council Meetings
21st February 2024
22nd May 2024
28th August 2024
16th October 2024 including AGM
- c. Proposed Glen Lednock Wind Farm public exhibition in the Sandison Hall on Monday 13th November from 3pm until 7pm and in Comrie in the White Church Tuesday 14th November from 4pm until 7pm.
- d. Next event at the Sandison Hall is Carols on Monday 18th December.
- e. Remembrance Sunday, Richard Graham will be selling poppies for Poppy Scotland at the village shop and before the service at the memorial on 12th November.

7. Date and time of next Community Council meeting

Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7:30pm in the Sandison Hall.