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Minutes of meeting held on 9th January 2014 in Kinlochard Village Hall

- Sederunt:** John Clow, Ros Dingwall, Andre Goulancourt, Fiona McEwan, Jimmy Quinn, Geraint Short, Colin Smith, Owen McKee (LLTTNP), PC Steven McLean, Councillor Fergus Wood.
- Apologies:** Michelle Colquhoun, Toto McLellan (Minute Secretary).
- Minutes:** Approved. Proposed by Jimmy Quinn, seconded by Colin Smith.
- Matters Arising from previous minutes (including Stirling Council issues):**

Craigmore Centre: Now looking unlikely that the community will benefit from the sale of the Centre. Stirling Council has requested a meeting to discuss the community assets currently proposed for sale, including the above and Inversnaid Primary School. RD to arrange, and to approach all community groups involved. **Pharmacy Application:** Information to be circulated shortly once surgery website with Youtube video ready. A petition is in the PO and Surgery for those who object to the application to sign. An address for correspondence is also available. All letters to be submitted by 11th February. **Trees in river:** Beyond Wool Centre. Definitely belong to Stirling Council. Cannot remove because of soft ground at present time but have been trimmed. **Flooding:** Ian Young of Stirling Council attended local flood group meeting. All suggestions for solutions to problems made by local people at the public meeting or later in writing are being evaluated for effectiveness. He is hoping to apply for up to £1m in Council capital funding for local works. A draft report will be prepared for local review shortly, and will be circulated. **Wild Boar:** Piglets were spotted loose at the Glassert recently. There are wild goats also on the B829 nearer Aberfoyle, at least one road accident having been caused by them.
- Priority Based Budgeting:** There has been general criticism of the Council's timing and approach on this matter, releasing the papers immediately prior to the festive season in particular. This left inadequate time for proper local consultation, given the amount and complexity of the information. Regarding the content several other rural communities have similar concerns to those expressed in Strathard including proposed cutbacks to subsidised bus services (DRT), mobile library service, school swimming, music and PE provision, local offices, public toilets. Strathfillan CC points were agreed as a useful summary of many issues. It was queried whether our responses would in fact make any impact as the exercise seemed to be well-progressed without any community consultation. It was suggested that the Trossachs Area Network might be a further route for submitting responses from several communities. It was agreed that our response should highlight that the process was inappropriate, and that the impact is higher in rural areas. Agreed to call a public meeting as previously planned, possibly in the School Hall, and to inform the Parent Council.
- Correspondence:** NB newsletters, posters and other routine correspondence with no significant content for discussion are not minuted.

Stirling Council: Education Committee papers
Forestry Commission: Haulage from Stronachlachar will be finished by the New Year. Roadworks will follow.
Forestry Commission: Mounding without the necessary consent on RSPB land. To be rectified.
Forestry Commission: Warning that the forests will be dangerous following recent storms.
Christmas parcels: Local residents' thanks (several).
- Planning: No new applications**

Updates on existing:

 - Hydro scheme at Ledard – no issues to be raised by community council. Potential community benefit to Kinlochard Village Hall.
 - Inversnaid Hotel - replacement water tank approved.

Other matters:
Noted that mobile phone company '3' are looking in Kinlochard for a site for a mast, under a Scottish Government initiative. Three sites are being considered on sites near to the following locations - Ledard, Blairuskin and the Sailing Club.

8. **Reports:**

Police: One crime this month – theft of fuel from Forest Hills. River watch Awareness starts in February, targeting poachers in local areas. The number 101 should now be used for such non-urgent police matters, or e-mail TrossachsTeithCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk. Also there is to be an education programme to encourage fishing and an understanding of our rivers. A query was raised re. use of drugs locally, and the police thought not much change on this. From Matters Arising concern was expressed re traffic calming at the village entrance being ineffective for some vehicles. There has been a second accident at the swing park, and SCT is campaigning for a crash barrier along the side of the play park. **Finances:** Christmas Dinner Raffle money used for housebound parcels which were extremely well received. Aberfoyle and Kinlochard Hall bills have been received. The local phone book would be published in 2014 and funds were in place to publish this. Agreed to follow the same format as the last one, which had been a major revision. Old stock to be sold off. **Meetings:** None. **LLTTNP / Stirling Council:** Nothing to report since NP and SC have been on holiday. **Community Trusts:** KVH – AGM recently, and date for Kinlochard Village Games is 13th July 2014.

9. **AOCB:**

None

Next meeting – Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm, in Inversnaid Hotel