

## **OBJECTIVES OF STRATHFILLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

These objectives are primarily derived from community council minutes, the policy statement and the community action plan.

The relevant excerpts from the policy statement are copied below:

#### **1.1 STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES**

All the objectives of both the whole council and its sub groups will be reviewed regularly. The whole community will be consulted, from time to time, on the definition of these objectives.

#### **1.2 DELEGATION TO INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS**

SCC will encourage individuals and groups of councillors to accept the responsibility of achieving agreed objectives and reporting back to the council on problems experienced and achievements at business meetings.

Similarly office bearers are empowered to take appropriate decisions and actions on behalf of the council between meetings, liaising as necessary with other office bearers and councillors.

1.3 These objectives have also been derived from appropriate parts of The Community Action Plan (CAP): The most recent consultation formed part of the National Park Charette process in 2014, and led directly into the recently published Strathfillan Community Action Plan for 2014-2019. This is available online:

<http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=65&t=1181> This is the key document which SCC uses to inform our priorities and projects for the coming years.

**1.4 The overarching aim of the community council is to enable the residents of Strathfillan to have greater influence over factors affecting their lives.**

### **2. GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

2.1 To be reactive in addressing issues arising in the community

2.2 To be proactive in the identification and resolution of issues.

2.3 To bring about creative improvements for the benefit of Strathfillan.

2.4 To lobby public and private service providers and elected representatives for appropriate changes in decisions and policies

2.5 To encourage local people to utilise the community council in addressing important issues

2.6 To encourage active, engaged local people to stand for election as community councillors to maintain a balanced representation from all parts of Strathfillan, where possible.

2.7. To participate in key consultations with public bodies.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS OBJECTIVES:**

To develop public awareness using various mediums such as:

3.1 To publish and display on notice boards agendas and minutes

3.2 To convene public meetings at appropriate times

3.3 To utilise the 'By the Way' section of the Killin News to publicise SCC news and to support the editorial team in every possible manner.

3.4 To encourage residents of Strathfillan to both attend our meetings and utilise 'Any Other Business' as a platform to debate appropriate matters. On occasions the Chairman may allow debate during the meeting if this is particularly appropriate.

3.5 To encourage residents to raise issues with their community councillors between meetings so that appropriate and actions can be taken.

3.6 To utilise the community council website, which can be accessed on <http://www.scottishdemocracy.com>

3.7 To enhance the effectiveness of SCC through the use of media and consultation with local and national politicians, as well as public body officials: all media enquiries should be passed to the 'Chair' for comment and in his/her absence the 'Vice-Chair'. Such responses to the media can be delegated at the discretion of the 'Chair' etc.

3.8 To lobby for the early installation of fibre optic broadband in the Strathfillan area. Meanwhile to lobby for improvements in the current service and system of reporting faults

#### **4 ENVIRONMENT & LOCAL SERVICES OBJECTIVES**

4.1 To monitor and liaise as necessary with Stirling Council, BEAR and Transport Scotland employees/officers on service provision:

- To create a clean attractive community with litter collected, fences, walls and hedges in an acceptable state of repair.
- To increase the amount of litter bins and litter collections.
- Have litter bins reinstated in car parks and lay-bys
- Litter cleaning on roadside verges, within villages and on trunk roads, between villages, including lay-bys if at all possible.
- Waste Collection
- Public Toilets maintenance in both Crianlarich and Tyndrum
- Grass cutting in cemeteries, on road side verges and in the Tyndrum kick-about area
- Scheduled maintenance of Tyndrum play area
- Snow clearing from pavements in Willow Brae, Willow Square, Mansefield, Glenfalloch Road and on trunk roads ref 5.1
- Salting and sanding of trunk roads and Stirling Council roads.
- Eradication of dangerous weeds

4.2 To build on the tub planting and local vegetable fruit project by increasing the number of flower and vegetable tubs throughout the area. To organise the planting and maintenance of flower tubs and baskets in liaison with local business owners, as necessary

4,3 To liaise with various bodies including, as appropriate Stirling Council, NPA, Network Rail and Forestry Commission, to maintain the West Highland Way and unadopted roads. Our ultimate ideal would be to set up a partnership with these bodies to address these issues; similar to those proposed by the Breadalbane

Community Council Forum:

<http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=125&t=356>

4.4 To help facilitate the formation of groups/associations for recreational activities if it is seen to be an advantage for the community, e,g gold panning.

4.5 To encourage local people to keep their houses and gardens in a reasonable condition: as a tourist area we aspire to attract visitors.

4.6 To monitor community gain payments from Glenfalloch Estate, Green Highland Energy and Scotgold

4.7 To strive for the installation of a community owned mini-hydro scheme, in partnership with the Trust.

4.8 To complete the development of a Crianlarich Paths Network, with interpretative signs and maps

## **5 TRANSPORT & ROADS OBJECTIVES**

5.1 To lobby BEAR, Transport Scotland, Scottish Water, Stirling Council and if necessary Bruce Crawford MSP for:

- Timely rectification of potholes.
- Reasonable road closure arrangements for resurfacing work. Our ideal for total road closure is 10pm to 6am
- Maintenance of pedestrian crossings
- General emergent road issues, such as flooding, subsidence, on trunk roads
- Villages entrance, pavements and other road signs to be kept clean and free from vegetation
- Snow clearing from pavements on trunk roads. Ref 4.1
- A road crossing in Tyndrum
- Lower speed restrictions in Tyndrum to 30mph on the trunk road and 20mph in Mansefield.
- Speed calming measures to be introduced within village boundaries.
- Improved pavements and lighting
- Review local signage and identify improvements

5.2 To lobby Stirling Council (SC) for provision and maintaining of suitable DRT service in our area including Killin. To liaise with SC on the success of the hybrid DRT scheme and improvements arising from operational experience. Also to monitor and lobby as necessary on the effectiveness of the centralised booking system.

5.3 To lobby the Scottish Government, via Bruce Crawford MSP, for more efficient restoration of trunk road routes after fatal accidents. Also to lobby SC for appropriate changes to terms of reference of school transport contractors so that the children are taken home via alternative routes.

5.4 To lobby SC for speedy rectification work arising from the detrunking of the A82: street lights, culverts and pavement.

5.5 To continue to take part in the Community Rail Partnership and obtain support for local projects.

5.6 To provide the Strathfillan Community with guidance regarding the various defect and improvement reporting protocols currently established with Bear, Scottish Water and Transport Scotland.

## **6. HOUSING OBJECTIVES**

6.1 To enable the development and expansion of tourism and local businesses there may be a need for further social housing and affordable homes to buy. In recent years several houses have become holiday homes or are used for staff accommodation. Lack of available housing means that young people and families are moving away

6.2 To help the tenants of Stirling Council houses by electing a community councillor to represent SCC on the Tenants Association. Also to represent the tenants of RSHA by:

- Keeping up to date with national and local housing regulations
- Informing tenants about relevant housing issues
- Enabling tenants to participate in appropriate consultations
- Addressing issues raised by tenants
- Lobbying and consulting with the relevant authorities on key issues

6.3. To re-form the Mansefield Residents Association (MRA) to enable residents to have influence over important issues

## **7. HEALTH OBJECTIVES**

7.1 To lobby for a fairer system of patient transport to hospitals: Patients in remote rural areas of Argyll, the Islands and Highlands receive travelling expenses, whereas we in Strathfillan; a similar type of geographic area, are denied this recompense,

7.2 To lobby for a better system of hospital transport; equitable with the service received by patients in urban and Argyll, the Islands and Highlands areas.

7.3 To get the pilot outreach surgery project started, in liaison with Killin Medical Practice (KMP) and Stirling Council and to monitor its operation

7.4 To consult with KMP to ensure that people who attend the surgery on DRT are seen before the DRT returns to Strathfillan.

7.5 To continue our representation on the Stirling Community Health Partnership-Public Partnership Forum.

## **8. GOLDMINE OBJECTIVES**

8.1 To liaise with, support and provide assistance to Scotgold to progress the construction and subsequent mining operation at Cononish Mine.

8.2 To ensure that the Trust receives community gain, as agreed in the bipartite agreement. To liaise with the Trust in the utilisation of 30k/annum for a minimum of 5 years

8.3 To ensure that the Trust receives 200k one year after commencement of mining. To work in partnership with the Trust and various public bodies in arranging a feasibility study on the design of the heritage centre,

## **9. PLANNING OBJECTIVES**

9.1 To consider planning applications relevant to the Strathfillan area and take appropriate actions

9.2 To consult appropriately on draft planning policies, such as Local Plans issued by NPA.