**In Attendance**

**Community Council**

Peter Ely (PE), Carol May (CM), John McGarry (JM), Shirley Shearer (SS), Sarah Blackwood, Elaine McConville (EC) Liz Stott (LS) & Danny McQueeney DM). PKC Councillor Xander McDade (XM)

**Members of the Public**

Eddie Rennie, Billy Duff, Donny Penman, Richard Hiden & Rachel Backshall (RB)

**Crannog**

Mike Benson (director Scottish Crannog Centre)

**Drummond Hill (Forestry & Land Management)**

Robin Almond (Planning Forester)

**Crannog update**

Mike Benson from the Crannog came to introduce the proposals for the new site at Dalerb.

The Crannog employs 16 people – 5 are full-time. He explained the proposed apprenticeship programme, which will include 5 apprentices – 1 digital marketing and 4 customer service.

The new centre will include a museum and they are working on a 20-year plan for the Crannog. He explained how the current site was now too small to cope with the numbers visiting the Crannog and the Crannog itself was now reaching its life expectancy. The Crannog is a unique facility in Scotland and is recognized as a heritage museum. The new facility would give better access and parking for visitors as well a more state of the art facilities for the museum. Various questions and concerns were raised about traffic and access.

Mike proposed a meeting in April to show how the project is progressing and give further information.

**Drummond Hill**

Robin Almond is in the process of undertaking the ten year review of the Drummond Hill land.

He briefly outlined the process and problems.

key concerns

* Ramorum **disease** on **larch** trees. Although not here yet it is present in areas of Scotland. Basically, 75% of Drummond Hill is Larch and the intention is over ten years to address the problem in a planned way. However, if the problem is identified on a particular tree, they will have to immediately clear a 300-metre site all round it! So, any planned approach could be quickly out of the window if it spreads quickly.

* If a planned approach does not happen, there will be a speeding up of water “run off”. This will result in flooding along the roads from Fearnan to Comrie bridge. Probably mud etc as well.

This is the start of the consultation process. He confirmed further meetings will be held in the communities around Drummond Hill area in the new year. Certainly, in Kenmore & Fearnan. He agreed these should be as widely advertised as possible to ensure Communities both local and wider are aware of proposals before meetings take place.

**Apologies**

Police & PKC Councilors Williamson & Duff

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of 25th September 2019 approved.

**Matters Arising**

**Heart 200**

No significant progress. (PE)

**Glen Quaich**

Sat Nav influence is key problem. Will be raised via Action Partnership Road Safety Group.

Next Meeting February 2020 PE attending. (PE).

**Bridges between Aberfeldy and Kenmore (2) &** **Red Squirrels**

Priority road signs at bridges & Red Squirrels notices to be included in our Road safety list for consideration of Action Partnership Road Safety Group. Next meeting due February 2020 (PE)

**Treasurers report**

Update provided by the treasurer.

**Police**

Apologies from Police.

**Issues arising**

**Planning**

***No action considered***

**Resilience**

No update.

**Social Fund**

Audited accounts provided. (SS)

**Action Partnership**

***Carried forward***

1. Health & Well Being; Chair Cllr John Duff. LS & CM our representatives. No update.
2. Sustainable Communities. Chair of Cllr Xander McDade. PE attended last meeting. Looking for volunteers to attend these in the future.
3. Safety, Roads and Paths. Chair Mike Williamson. PE updated. No progress to report since last meeting.

**Community Fund**

**Endowment fund.**

Carried forward

Meeting of chairs took place. Awaiting final draft for consideration by Community Councils. PE to circulate when received. No progress since last meeting.

**Micro grant applications**

The Birks Cinema Trust

Acharn Children Christmas Party.

Both application agreed.

**Upper Tay Transport Group**

PE provided update on this new group.

For more details, see:

<http://www.spanglefish.com/UpperTayTransportGroup/>

**Noticeboard**

Two replacement received, One in place. Needs repair work. PE to take forward.

Agreed 2nd noticeboard to be set adjacent to the one in place. George Mitchel to be approached. (PE)

**Police Pop Up Jim & Bairn signs**.

Two Police signs in place.

Elaine and Eddie agreed to help setting up. PE to sort out documentation and co-ordination with Police. Bairn sign to be ordered.

**Signs Loch Front Junction**

RB raised the issue of these signs. An eyesore, to many and confusing. Suggested proper “brown” tourist attraction signs.

This issue has been on the agenda for some years but was in abeyance awaiting progress of the Kenmore to the Crannog Footpath.

Rachael Backshall agreed to work with (PE) to identify and log all concerns re roads & Footpaths, signs and notices and take forward through Action Partnership. PE to gather papers together in the first instance

**Marathon Weekend**

(PE) & (SS) reported on stakeholder meeting held at the Town Hall in Aberfeldy. Concerns were reiterated and thoughts were given to possible changes to address the concerns.

No decisions were agreed upon. A further meeting is to be arranged for early in the new year. Agreed (SS) would attend on behalf of the Community Council.

**Next Meeting**

**“old Comrades Hut “ Kenmore 30th December 2019 at 7pm**