In the Chairman’s absence, Keith Graham took the Chair.

1. **Members Present & Apologies for Absence.**
   No apologies had been received

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th June 2011**
   The adoption of the Minutes as a true record was proposed by Sir Archie Orr Ewing and seconded by Sheena Makgill-Crichton.

3. **Matters Arising**
   3.1 **Port of Menteith Church**
       Sheena Makgill-Crichton reported that the work on the church restoration was now underway and it was hoped that it would be completed just before Christmas. Although it had been hoped to continue with services during the work, this had not been possible and services are being held in Aberfoyle. However, it is intended to hold the Remembrance Day service in the Church as usual.

   3.2 **Rednock Portacabins**
       Keith Graham had nothing to report.

   3.3 **Historic Scotland**
       Keith Graham reported that there had been several weekends when the parking for the Inchmahome Ferry had overflowed onto the road causing considerable congestion. He had emailed a photograph of a particularly bad occasion to Historic Scotland but it is now up to them to pursue the proposal to extend the car park with Alan Simpson. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation. **Action : KG**

   3.4 **Caravan at The Barn, Tigh na Dhec**
       Despite the removal of the caravan, a considerable amount of rubbish remains. The NPA’s Enforcement Officer is also in discussion with Aberfoyle Roofing, which uses the site, about the rubbish and regarding the unauthorised fence. **Action VG**

   3.5 **Cardross Bridge**
       Keith Graham reported that Stirling Council had carried out the exploratory work on the Cardross Bridge but the outcome is not known.
3.6 Roads

Councillor Ffinch reported that he had not yet had a response from Stirling Council’s Roads Department regarding his enquiry about the water running continually across the B8034 along the Lake side.

**Action : TF**

Sheena Makgill-Crichton drew members’ attention to the fact that the street lights through the Port on the A81 were on continually.

Concern was also expressed about the rapidly deteriorating road surface on the B8034 between Dykehead and the Cardross Bridge.

3.8 Flooding Meeting

Keith Graham reported that he had visited the Flooding Exhibition in the School but felt that it had been poorly attended.

4. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received:

- Notice of a meeting of the Planning Panel
- Reform Scotland survey of Community Councils
- A News Release from the Scottish Government regarding of two programmes worth £7m to help enterprising organisations
- Details of a new flytipping small grant scheme administered by Keep Scotland Tidy on behalf Zero Waste Scotland
- Details of three awards of £6,000 each from the Royal Bank of Scotland – RSB CommunityForce for community group projects
- A copy of Rural Stirling Housing Association’s newsletter, Rural Matters
- Details of Community Councillors’ surgeries
- Details of the RHS Britain in Bloom campaign
- Notification of the Scottish Flood Forum’s fair in the Port of Menteith School, 6.00 – 8.00pm on 16th August
- Notice of a meeting of the Planning Panel
- Details of proposed changes to speed limits through the Port of Menteith and Ruskie – Agenda item

5. Finance

In Mr. Tilman’s absence, there was no Financial Report.

6. Planning Issues

   6.1 It was reported that Helen Burnett at Ruskie had applied for permission to build a double garage with storage space and that there were a number of applications for small wind turbines for domestic or agricultural use in the area. Members were also advised that a scoping report for the Ard Ghaoth wind farm application is to be undertaken.

7. Proposed Changes to Speed Limits

Members considered Stirling Council’s proposal to alter the speed limits through the Port and the accompanying plans. After lengthy discussion and having received a number of complaints about the proposals from members of the Community, members agreed that a Public Meeting should be organised in order that representatives from the Roads Department could answer questions and respond to concerns. Also to be invited were Bruce Crawford, MSP, local councillors, and a representative from the police.
8. **Community Website**

Sheila Makgil-Crichton reported that a considerable amount of work had been done on the new website and changes to the layout of some of the pages are proposed. In the meantime, webmaster Nigel Cole is regularly adding information and text.

**Action:** SMC/VG

8. **Community Projects**

8.1 **Rednock Management Agreement**

Mr. Graham reported that no further progress had been made.

8.2 **Lake Shore Agreement**

Mr. Graham reported that he had received a letter from the factors for the Rednock Trustees with a draft agreement for management of the Lake shore. However, he considered that the proposals were two restrictive and after discussion members agreed that he request a longer period for the agreement.  

**Action:** KG

9. **Reports**

9.1 **Trossachs Area Network Meeting**

This had principally been a discussion about the viability of community and village halls in the area. However, it had also been announced that Stirling Council is seeking support from local broadband users for an application to the Scottish Government for funding to improve the quality of broadband in the Stirling Council area.

10. **Any Other Business**

11. **Date of the next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday, 18th October. Members were reminded that this meeting will be held in the Lake of Menteith Hotel.