**Riverside Community Council & Stirling Council Parking Meeting**

**13th July 2021 by Zoom**

**Present:**
Joan Murphy (RCC) Chair

Andrew Fraser (RCC)

Diane Alderdice (RCC)

Mike Furlong

Ken Gray

Christina Sheill

Karen Nesbit

John Rowbotham

Susan McDougall (Stirling Council

Kevin Argue (Stirling Council, for part of the meeting

Sue Dumbleton (RCC) Minute

**Apologies:**
Kathryn Anderson

Ashleigh Phillip (RCC)

Carol Robertson (RCC)

Joan welcomed everyone to the meeting. An agenda and note of the meeting held on 09.06.21 had been circulated.

Joan reiterated that the purpose of today’s meeting was to try to find a way to address the long-standing issues of troublesome parking in Riverside. These are primarily caused by Riverside’s proximity to the bus and rail stations (commuter parking), proximity to the town centre (parking for shoppers), school runs to Riverside Primary School, flats in Riverside with no designated parking spaces.

Kevin Argue described the work which Stirling Council undertook in 2018/19 in relation to Riverside. This included the suggestion of a Controlled Parking Zone which was rejected by residents. He went on to say that any solutions for traffic management in Riverside and the wider town centre area planned at that time were to be re-evaluated in the light of Covid. This was likely to start in autumn 2021 when some aspects of pre-pandemic life will have been re-established.

Kevin had to leave the meeting at this point.

Susan McDougall talked about a grant of £34K which had just been awarded to Stirling Council by [Paths for All](https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/) . This money will be spent on consultation in Riverside and some experimental temporary measures to try to alleviate the difficulties which have been reported. Work will begin in late August and will conclude in March 2022. The exact scope of the consultation is to be finalised, but it will address the problems which have been raised over many years and will attempt to find solutions acceptable to the majority of residents. This will focus on behaviour change and encouraging active travel. The work will be undertaken in partnership with [Living Streets](https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/scotland) and [Sustrans Twenty Minute Neighbourhoods.](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2020/in-your-community/what-is-a-20-minute-neighbourhood)

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The work will build on Riverside Community Council’s Active Travel project and Parking Subgroup as well as on Stirling Council’s previous consultations in Riverside. Stirling Council will lead. It was emphasised that there has to be a ‘big picture’ examination of problems and solutions and that making small changes will possibly have unhelpful knock-on effects elsewhere. The plan is to build a consensus, taking into account differing points of view and priorities. Susan emphasised that additional parking spaces will not be built.

Some issues which relate to the previous meeting such as inconsiderate parking, idling engines, designated cycle lanes, 20mph speed limit, pick up and drop off areas, a parking exclusion zone round the school at busy times were raised and it was agreed that these will be properly and fully aired once the consultation is underway in the autumn.

If people have problems in the meantime, they can contact the Community Council or Police Scotland if it is serious.

Joan thanked everyone for their contributions and the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

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After the meeting Susan sent the following information:

I'll be in touch very shortly with more information regarding what we can use the funding for, as well as next steps. Although the focus will be primarily on parking at the school, we can look at implementing measures that will also better manage commuter parking too.

Would you mind passing on this link to Karen, please, regarding the access protection marker that she was asking about.

<https://stirling.gov.uk/roads-transport-streets/roads-pavements/road-markings-signs-traffic-calming-measures/>