

Fintry Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
9th December 2009

Present

C.Roy, J.Skabara, J.Pearson, S.Kinnear.

Cllr G.Lambie, P.C.McNally, Pam Campbell, 3 members of the public.

Apologies

M.Duckworth, W.Paterson

I. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed by C.Roy (Chairperson).

II. Matters Arising

1) Adoption of the Constitution

In answer to questions from C.Roy, Pam Campbell confirmed that the Model Standing Orders formed part of the Constitution, and that displaying the list of scheduled dates and advertising locally a few days before each meeting was sufficient. The Model Constitution and the Model Standing Orders were then formally adopted and signed by C.Roy, J.Skabara (Secretary) and S.Kinnear (Treasurer).

2) Election of Vice Chairman

S.Kinnear proposed J.Pearson. This was seconded by C.Roy. J.Pearson accepted.

3) Sewage Treatment Works

Cllr G.Lambie confirmed that he was aware of the situation. The letter from S.E.P.A. stating that there is no further scope for development had been forwarded to Cllr A.Berrill who had written to Peter Morgan (Chief Planning Officer) asking if the Planning Department were aware of this. Peter Morgan had replied to say that his information was that there was still capacity but that he will send this conflicting information to the policy team and contact Scottish Water and S.E.P.A. to clarify the situation. C.Roy responded to the letters from both Scottish Water and S.E.P.A. re 2009 flow figures and building plan implications.

4) Dog fouling

P.C.McNally confirmed that he had made contact with the Dog Warden and will be making a mutually convenient time to be in Fintry and talk to dog owners about being responsible for their dogs' mess. C.Longley (Chairman of Fintry Sports Club Committee) and M.Bastock (1st XV Manager and FSC Representative of Strathendrick RFC) said dog mess was a problem at the far end of the sports field. P.C.McNally commented that it was difficult to speak to people about not taking their dogs on the sports field when the groundsman usually has his dog following him around. M.Bastock said that they would be speaking to the groundsman about this but it was very difficult as he does a lot of work on the grounds voluntarily. C.Longley mentioned that the committee was reminding dog owners that it is illegal to leave dog mess in public areas. Pam Campbell said that the Dog Warden has given people on the spot fines but he has to witness the

deed himself to do this. C.Roy wondered if it might be a good idea to keep poop-bags in the Sports Centre but C.Longley felt this may encourage people to take their dogs on the field.

5) **Footpaths**

C.Roy, J.Pearson (Vice-chair) and Robert Roger had met to discuss the future development of the Core Path along Kippen Road following acceptance of Stirling Council's Final Plan and the report from the roads department. It will be some time before work on it commences.

Action Days – C.Roy had received a letter asking if we would like another Action Day to help repair local footpaths. J.Pearson noted that the weed-proof membrane was showing through on the path near the Endrick following the recent flooding. He suggested that this needs repairing a.s.a.p. and may be a good project for the next action day. **C.Roy to follow this up.**

6) **Telephone Box**

No reply has been received to J.Skabara's e-mail to B.T. asking what would happen to the telephone box if the Community Council didn't adopt it. Pam Campbell said that Killearn Community Council had adopted their telephone box and were making it into a mini-information centre. Pam also thought it may be a good idea to check mobile coverage in the area to see if it may be possible to keep it as a working telephone. **J.Skabara to check this.**

7) **Village Seat**

C.Roy has spoken to Mr.McFadyen about his invoice for fitting the village seat and he has asked to meet her to discuss it.

III. Police Report

P.C.McNally reported that it had been quiet again in Fintry – no crimes reported, no accidents. He said quad bikes had been stolen from farms around Gargunnoch, Killearn and Blanefield but not Fintry.

P.C.McNally had looked into reports of people speeding along the road near the Clachan Hotel. A few people had been stopped because they were travelling slightly over the speed limit but not enough to be fined. The majority of these people were residents of Fintry.

P.C.McNally replied to concerns raised at the last meeting about a security company selling equipment over the phone. He said they have been spoken to about their selling tactics but any further complaints should now be referred to Trading Standards. C.Roy asked about e-mails she had received recently purporting to be from banks with which she does not have accounts. The advice was DO NOT REPLY but forward to info@stirling.gov.uk with c.c. to Trading Standards. Most banks have links on their websites where you can report scam e-mails.

IV. Councillor's Report

(See attached report)

Cllr Lambie requested feedback about the gritting on Crow Road now that it has been upgraded. J.Pearson asked about provision for the road to Denny, the route to the new Larbert hospital. J.Skabara mentioned the treacherous condition of the footbridge over the Endrick in icy conditions and that on some occasions pedestrians were forced to walk on the road bridge as the footbridge was impassable. S.Kinnear mentioned a recent accident on the back road to Balfron where a car had skidded on ice as a result of the amount of water getting onto the road from the field. Cllr Lambie said it was difficult to be sure whose responsibility this was – the Council's or the farmer's. He said he would make enquiries to Ian Young (Team Leader Bridge and Flood Maintenance).

V. Special Issues

1) FDT liaison

Gordon Cowtan (Fintry Development Trust) explained that a new representative is needed to attend FDT meetings and possibly be an appointed director. J.Pearson expressed an interest and it was agreed that he should be the new representative.

2) Skateboard Ramp

After due consideration of a number of issues pertaining to the skateboard ramp, it was decided not to reinstate it. **C.Roy to inform Mr.McKnight of this decision and to look into what needs to be done to demolish it.** It was agreed that the young people of Fintry would be consulted about what they would like instead. Pam Campbell mentioned that the Friday night project in Balfron was looking into the possibility of acquiring mobile skateboard ramps and that this could be something Fintry could make use of in the future.

2) Future Meeting Dates

These were agreed. See attached sheet.

3) Post Box re-location

It was decided that a village survey should be undertaken to ascertain people's views on this. The Community Council could use the survey to also ask for thoughts and ideas on the adoption of the telephone box and to ask the young people of Fintry for their thoughts on an alternative to the skateboard ramp. **The exact wording of the survey and whether a paper version and an electronic version could be done to be discussed at the next meeting.**

VI. Finance

It was agreed that C.Roy should remain as a signatory and that S.Kinnear and J.Skabara should replace the signatories who are no longer members of the Community Council.

Two outstanding invoices were noted which would be dealt with a.s.a.p.

There was a request from the Yoga class to support an application for funding from the Community Pride Fund. This was done. The class has been successful in securing a small grant (£200) from Health Promotion which will ensure they can keep running until at least Xmas.

VII. Planning

- 1) M.Bastock explained that Strathendrick RFC have asked Fintry Sports Club to make a planning application on their behalf to upgrade the lighting system on the rugby pitches and sought approval from the Community Council before its submission. M.Bastock explained that the proposed lighting system would be high pressure sodium, low energy lighting and would be more efficient in terms of power consumption and in lighting up the areas that needed lighting up (i.e. less light pollution). The Community Council asked that the residents who live nearest to the Sports Centre be informed as a matter of courtesy but had no objections.
- 2) Application for a new flue for 3 Dunmore Gardens.
- 3) Application for a house on land on Main Street next to Burnbank Cottage - a comment to be made re the capacity of Fintry's water treatment works. **C.Roy to deal with this.**
- 4) An application for two houses at the Neuk (Crow Road) - no objections.
- 5) Scoping Report for Craigannet Wind farm and request for consultation with the Community Council. C.Roy to circulate prior to **discussion at the next meeting.**

VIII. Correspondence

- 1) Information from STUC (Scottish Trades Union Congress) seeking input and support for their “Rebuilding Collective Prosperity” campaign.
- 2) Reply from Stephen Todd (Area Officer, Roads Maintenance) agreeing that the footpath along Fintry Road between Menzies Avenue and Culcreuch Avenue was in need of upgrading, but as other footways were in greater need it will be approximately two years before Fintry Road is considered.
- 3) A Digital T.V. Switchover Community Outreach Pack to provide information about the switch to digital T.V. though this is not due in Fintry till April-June 2011.
- 4) Letter from the BBC Trust thanking A.Ellis for participating in their Audience Council.
- 5) Letter from Dianne Smith with an update about trees on her property which had been pruned by Stirling Council without any notification. Dianne has now received an apology but is still concerned that, as Stirling Council did not follow procedures, other home owners could find themselves in a similar situation.
- 6) Newsletter “Connect” from the Scottish Health Council to promote Patient Focus and Public Involvement.
- 7) E-mail and postcards relating to Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative. **Postcards to be put in Sports Centre.**
- 8) Flood Briefing Note from Environment Services, Stirling Council. **Pam Campbell to e-mail them with the dates of our future meetings so that they will attend.**
- 9) Information provided by Pam Campbell at the last meeting:-
 - Planning Policy changes **(to be given to M.Duckworth – planning correspondent).**
 - Doorstep Advice Booklet.
 - Talkback leaflet –Stirling Council comments and complaints scheme. (More copies available at the library or can be completed online).
 - 2001 census results.
 - Area Community Planning Synopsis.
 - Stirling Council Management Structure **(Pam Campbell to get more copies).**
 - Information about our Community Police Officer.

IX. A.O.B

C.Roy requested that the Community Council’s website **be discussed at the next meeting.** In the meantime, G.Cowtan very kindly offered to make any necessary changes to it. **(J.Skabara to e-mail names and contact details of new Community Council members)**

X. Date of next meeting

January 13th 2010

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)