

# Fintry Community Council

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009

*Present:* A. Ellis, R. Garvie, C .Roy  
2 members of the public.

*Apologies:* J. Hulme, J. Lane, W. Paterson, P. Campbell, Cllr G. Lambie

*In attendance:* PC D. McNally

### 1. Minutes of the last meeting

The draft minutes of the September meeting having been previously circulated to all members, adoption was agreed.

### 2. Matters Arising

#### N. McKnight's Resignation

Mr McKnight's formal letter of resignation had been received and is noted. Issues mentioned in the letter are covered hereinafter.

#### PO Consultation

Chairman had sent the FCC response to the consultation and had requested responses from the appropriate Stirling Councillors, MP, and MSPs some of whom had responded.

The formal announcement that the mobile service would be started from 20<sup>th</sup> October had now been received, and it was not thought of any use to challenge the decision.

Mr Findlay advised about the request for relocation of the post box in Main Street suggesting that it was important to obtain public opinion. It was agreed one way to seek this was via *Fintry Focus*.

#### Sewage Treatment Works

Chairman advised that he had written to SEPA. A reply from SEPA is not due until at least the week starting 19<sup>th</sup> October. Chairman's letter was copied to MSP Crawford who has written to Scottish Water, particularly re the capacity related to new housing. Chairman had written again to Stirling Council's planning department regarding the Works capacity for village development. Their response referred to Scottish Water's website for asset capacity, which was checked, and shows a sewerage capacity of 142 housing unit equivalents for Fintry, though the date point for this it is not clear.

### 3. Police Report

PC McNally reported a very quiet period, the most recent crime being at the end of September when a theft at Ballikinrain had been quickly solved. In helping with a research project he had found there had been only 9 incidents recorded since last October of which 8 had been successfully resolved. PC McNally warned that there was often a peak in break-ins as day length shortened and offered to write an article for *Fintry Focus* advising on appropriate precautions. As those responsible for the housebreakings in Fintry last winter had been apprehended and were now in prison, a member of the public suggested that mention could be made of the known value to the police of local information, and thanked the constable for his regular presence in the village.

The problem of dog fouling was discussed and PC McNally will liaise with Stirling Council's Animal Control Officer, Bob Cranie.

A Neighbourhood Watch scheme was to be launched at Balgair Castle Caravan Site. A member of the public and resident there said this was largely for reassurance and security reasons.

#### 4. Councillor's Report

Councillor Lambie's written report was circulated and is attached hereto. Chairman drew attention to the improved gritting provision for Crow Road which all our Councillors and FCC had worked hard to secure, and similarly the successful continuation of Nursery provision in the village.

#### 5. Finance

The Treasurer sent a report that the bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September was £1,775.75.

The signed off account was made available for inspection and adoption agreed.

It was formally agreed that Treasurer Janet Hulme and Secretary Cicely Roy together with Chairman Alex Ellis should be the bank signatories and that this minute be forwarded as confirmation.

The Community Pride Fund application form on behalf of the Outdoor Bowling Club was provided for completion.

#### 6. Planning

- ~ Extension and new build at 15-19 Main Street has been approved by Stirling Council with conditions.
- ~ FCCs draft response to the consultation paper on Stirling Council's windfarm policy was discussed and submission agreed to.
- ~ The questionnaire on key issues of Stirling Council's Local Development Plan was completed for submission, other copies to be placed in the Sports Club, and possibly extra copies made and delivered by R. Garvie.
- ~ A letter was received from the Scottish Government outlining changes in the system and the increased role for CCs in planning, which Stirling Council are complying with.

#### 7. Correspondence

- ~ Consultation document - draft of Stirling Council Disability Equality Scheme 2010-2012
- ~ Notice of Community Council elections, and nomination forms with nomination deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> October. Chairman cautioned in view of the possibility of a postal strike, and advised early return of nomination forms either by post or hand delivery.
- ~ Email from David Brown, transport co-ordinator, with a map and details of the proposal for Demand Responsive Transport for the Fintry area which is out to tender with the result expected in December.
- ~ Minutes from the SW Rural Area Forum. C. Roy informed that she had the updated plans obtained at that meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- ~ Notice of Annual Conference of ASCC in the Scottish Parliament Building on 14<sup>th</sup> November
- ~ Copies of ASCC Newsletter
- ~ National postal ballot forms for ASCC
- ~ Letter from Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland
- ~ Leaflet *Your Health Services* from NHS Forth Valley
- ~ Copy of *Community News* from NHS Forth Valley
- ~ Consultation paper from the Scottish Government on Education (Additional Support for Learning)

#### 8. AOB

##### Potholes

R.Garvie reported on the very prompt and thorough patching that resulted from his notification of potholes on the Menzies estate. The repair of masonry at Fintry Bridge was also acknowledged as very well done.

##### Yoga Classes

The current classes funded by Active Stirling will continue until Christmas and participants are keen that they continue thereafter. Pam Campbell has suggested that an application for an NHS Community Food and Health Promotion Grant be made via FCC. This would be for £550 would enable classes to be continued for a further ten weeks. Thereafter it is intended that the class be self-funding. It was

unanimously agreed that FCC should support this community initiative by supporting the grant application.

#### Footpaths

C. Roy reported that she had attended a local group meeting where changes in the departments of Stirling Council concerned with footpath maintenance etc were explained. She had also discovered from Douglas Flynn, Countryside Ranger, that the Action Day planned for 1<sup>st</sup> November could be altered to target the Riverside Walk instead of the planned Lade Path, which she had checked was not in a dire condition. It was agreed to request the change and deal with the necessary advertising thereof.

#### Mr McKnight's Remaining Issues

Village Seat: This issue had been in hand and the seat was now installed. As an invoice from Frank McFadyen was now expected to exceed the original estimate on which the grant was based, when received, it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Skateboard Ramp: R. Garvie had enquired of his insurance broker re insurance and learnt that it could not be done because of the lack of a basic policy document to attach it to. C. Roy advised that she had tried to obtain detailed information about Stirling Council's inspection procedures but so far only knew it was done monthly.

It was agreed that, on the whole, the frequency of inspections suggested by ASCC and the associated personal responsibility rendered the reinstatement of the ramp unacceptable. It was suggested that in view of his personal commitment and passion for the ramp Norman McKnight could be offered ownership of the ramp (excluding the land on which it rests) conditional upon his taking over responsibility for maintenance, repair and public liability insurance. The Chairman agreed to write to Norman with this offer and a request that he write to FCC indicating his acceptance or otherwise before the next FCC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Ruth Menzies Memorial Field: Chairman explained that he was personally addressed in the letter and wished to make clear he had not agreed to investigate the matter further, and would not do so. Those present also felt there was no issue to answer being quite satisfied that the south end was gifted by Hercules Robinson to the village and thereby to the Community Council, and the north end by the late Tristan Roberts and Robert Christie to The Fintry Sports and Recreation Club.

#### Thanks

The Chairman thanked all members of the Community Council for their hard work and support over the three years he had been in office. He confirmed CC membership was retained until 29<sup>th</sup> October and he did not intend to seek nomination.

Members of the public and councillors voiced their warm appreciation of the Chairman's efforts on behalf of Fintry.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Menzies Hall