

**Fintry Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on**

12<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**1. Present**

C.Roy, J.Pearson, J.Skabara, S.Kinnear, M.Duckworth, J.Cuthbertson, R.Garvie.  
Cllr A.Berrill.

**2. Apologies**

P.Campbell, W.Paterson, P.C.McNally.

**3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the last AGM (24.6.09) had previously been approved but not signed. C.Roy (Chairperson) verified that they were an accurate record of the meeting and signed them.

**4. Chairperson's Report**

See attached.

**5. Secretary's Report**

See attached.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

The final balance for the financial year 2009-2010 is £2136.34. The final income and expenditure account was presented and accepted. The audited accounts are due to be signed off next week by Margaret Strang. S.Kinnear noted that the administration grant for 2009-2010 had not been credited to the account and FCC were awaiting verification of insurance. **S.Kinnear to check with Helen Geddes.**

**7. Election of Office Bearers**

C.Roy asked if any of the current Office Bearers wished to withdraw, or if anyone new was being proposed. As the answers to both questions were negative, the Office Bearers were re-elected as follows:

Chairperson – Cicely Roy. Proposed by M.Duckworth, seconded by R.Garvie.

Vice-chairperson – Jamie Pearson. Proposed by S.Kinnear, seconded by C.Roy.

Secretary – Jo Skabara. Proposed by C.Roy, seconded by J.Pearson.

Treasurer – Sandra Kinnear. Proposed by J.Pearson, seconded by M.Duckworth.

Planning Officer – Meg Duckworth. Proposed by S.Kinnear, seconded by J.Pearson.

**8. Date of next AGM**

To be held immediately before the May meeting, 2011.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)

## Chairperson's Report – AGM 12th May 2010

The Community Council had remained at minimum strength throughout its previous term of office so there was particular concern about its future when Chairman Alex Ellis and Treasurer Janet Hulme announced they would not be candidates at the election in October. Following the supplementary election, membership in fact increased to eight, more than for a long time, though still under full strength. I would like to thank all fellow members for their contributions but especially to Secretary Jo Skabara and Treasurer Sandra Kinnear who quickly understood what their offices involved and have worked consistently conscientiously. I think we are proving to be an efficient team continuing the tradition of hard work for our community with useful co-operation from our Community Police Officer David McNally, Rural Development Worker Pam Campbell, and three local Stirling Councillors Berrill, Lambie and O'Brien.

This last has led to upgrading of the status of the Crow Road for winter gritting after a long campaign which will continue for improvements to the Denny Road. The condition of other roads round the village remains a concern especially with the removal of £1,000,000 from the budget for roads.

A hard fought campaign to retain the postal service in the Sports Club was unsuccessful, a limited mobile service being substituted.

Achievements have been the replacement of the seat at the crossroads, repair work on the River Walk - to be followed by another Action Day this summer - and attention to several reported concerns such as dog fouling and repair of the Spout Burn footbridge. We have also been successful in enhancing the provision of public transport services, hopefully on a permanent basis, including the recently introduced Demand Responsive Transport which replaced the limited bus service.

Fintry's Waste Water Treatment Works remains on our agenda, and despite considerable correspondence we seem no nearer to solving the important issue of capacity and will have to continue our efforts with the backing of our Stirling Councillors.

The Council has responded to various consultations such as extension to the Earlsburn Wind Farm, retention of the public telephone box, and the PACT survey, and will be giving due attention to the forthcoming consultations about the Stirling Council Development Plan.

Representatives regularly attend meetings of the South West Rural Forum, Fintry Development Trust and Fintry Sports and Recreation Club, and also go to other relevant meetings when possible such as SC Planning Department, Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit and National Paths for All Conference.

The future of the skateboard ramp has been a major issue which should be settled shortly.

Besides the publicly available minutes, the council also includes an article in each issue of the Fintry Focus to keep villagers informed.

### **Secretary's Report**

Since taking on the role of Secretary of Fintry Community Council in October, life has been very busy. There have been lots of issues arising from meetings which have required e-mails to be sent as well as typing up the minutes of each meeting. We have developed a system of highlighting in red on the minutes anything that was agreed at the meeting that required someone to act upon. This system seems to work well and helps with the "Actions Intimated" section of the agenda for the next meeting. My thanks go to Cicely for her help in drafting some of the letters and correcting the minutes before distribution. I am also indebted to Pam Campbell for all her help and support over the last few months.

In addition to this I have embarked on a steep learning curve to learn how to maintain and update Fintry Community Council's website. I have just about got to grips with how to add each month's minutes and it now only takes me minutes to do it compared with a full day the first time! My thanks go to Gordon Cowtan for taking the time to give me a crash course and to Pete for his assistance on that first long day of trying.