

Fintry Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
10th February 2010

I. Present

C.Roy, J.Skabara, S.Kinnear, M.Duckworth J.Pearson.
P.C.McNally, 5 members of the public.

II. Apologies

W.Paterson, P.Campbell, all 3 Stirling Council Councillors.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved with an amendment to point 2 (Road conditions in the Matters Arising section) and signed by C.Roy (Chairperson).

IV. Matters Arising

1) Actions Intimated

- i. Telephone Box – An e-mail was sent on 3rd February 2010 to say that the Community Council feel that the kiosk should remain as a working telephone box at the present time, particularly as Fintry does not have full mobile coverage, but wish to be informed of any change in the situation.
- ii. Website – J.Skabara (Secretary) had a lesson off Gordon Cowtan to learn how to update the FCC website but has not attempted to do any updating yet on her own. If J.Skabara finds she is able to manage this, she would need to buy some software costing approximately \$25. **J.Skabara to try and add January's minutes to the website.**
- iii. Spout Burn Bridge – Moira McKay had sent a letter to Stirling Council drawing attention to the condition of the bridge. A reply has been received stating that a maintenance team would visit within the next fortnight with a view to repairing it. There was some discussion as to who owns the land adjacent to Menzies Hall. M.Duckworth stated that the western portion was owned by a trust. The ownership of the rest was in doubt. **C.Roy to mention the issue to The Fintry Flower Society as they have taken over most of the responsibilities of the BKV.**

2) Postbox Survey

There had been a request for the postbox to be moved from Main Street to the Sports Centre but the Post Office said they would not consider this unless they were assured that it was what the majority of the village wanted. It was agreed that a survey was needed to ascertain people's feelings. **The exact wording of the survey to be decided via e-mail correspondence between FCC members.**

3) **Skateboard Ramp**

J.Skabara reported that a meeting had been held between herself, P.Wallace and J.Lane to decide the best way forward to creating a skateboarding group or club. They were hoping to organize a trip to Unit 23, an indoor skateboarding facility in Dumbarton, with a view to seeing how popular the sport is and what can be achieved. The trip is scheduled for Thursday 4th March. The issue of insurance for the ramp was also discussed. C.Roy explained that there was no way round members of FCC being individually liable but considered any risk to be minimal if conditions such as inspections were carried out as clearly stated by the insurers. The inspections do not have to be undertaken by a FCC member. C.Roy asked for the names of people who were willing to help to fix the ramp so that the FCC could be prepared as soon as a skateboard club had been formed. **J.Skabara to make a poster to advertise the proposed trip to Unit 23, trip to be organised by J.Skabara, P.Wallace and J.Lane.**

4) **Sewage Works**

C.Roy had been in contact with Scottish Water and SEPA with regard to the Fintry Water Treatment Plant flow figures and with Stirling Council Planning Department regarding their view on future planning applications. Scottish Water reported that they were meeting with SEPA on 9th February and that their flow figures would be ready on the 19th of this month (February). They confirmed that these figures would be e-mailed to C.Roy a.s.a.p. SEPA were also meeting with Stirling Planning Department to discuss connected planning issues. The Planning Department reiterated that the capacity of the sewage works would not affect approval of a planning application but that a development could not be built unless Scottish Water agreed to connect it to the mains sewage/drainage system. Both SEPA and the Planning Department said they would keep C.Roy informed of the outcome of the meetings.

5) **Dog fouling**

See Police Report

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P.C.McNally reported that following a Young Farmer's event on 17th January, 2 people had been stopped and charged with drunk driving. He also said that there had been some house break-ins in some surrounding villages but none in Fintry.

P.C.McNally had finally managed to get hold of the dog warden, Bobby Cranie, and they had been down to the Sports Centre to talk to dog walkers. Mr.Cranie confirmed that he would have a visible presence as much as possible and asked if it would be possible to put up more dog waste bins around the Sports field. The Sports Centre committee would need to be consulted about this. P.C.McNally and Mr.Cranie spoke to Ian Bruce (Sports Centre groundsman) about the problem of dog fouling. He said that the problem was not too bad and he had no issue with people walking their dogs on the field as long as they picked up afterwards. Mr.Bruce said the signs around the Sports field asking people to keep dogs off the pitches were mainly there because the chemicals used could be harmful to dogs. A member of the public wondered if it would be possible to have a designated dog walk around the edge of the field. Another member of the public mentioned the grassy areas on both sides of the village hall as being particularly bad for people letting their dogs foul and not clearing up. P.C.McNally said that if anyone sees this happening and knows the name of the dog owner, they could contact him confidentially and he would have a word with them. A member of the public raised a concern about the health aspect of dog mess. C.Roy said that the Sports Centre have submitted an article to be included in the next issue of the Fintry Focus and would e-mail a copy of this to P.C.McNally.

V. Sports Club Report

C.Roy reported on the recent Sports Club committee meeting which she had attended. The issue of dog fouling had been discussed and C.Roy had updated them on the skateboard ramp. She confirmed that some members of the Sports Club committee are supportive of keeping the ramp.

VI. Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit Meeting Report

J.Pearson (Vice-chairperson) and C.Roy attended this meeting. J.Pearson reported that there had been no decision yet about whether the extension can go ahead or not - the developers were hopeful of a decision next month. There was an objection to the extension from the Trossachs National Park as they would be able to see 3 of the turbines. **C.Roy to e-mail our Stirling Council Councillors to confirm FCC's support for the extension.** The benefits from one of the turbines will be divided between the surrounding villages. J.Pearson raised the question as to whether this money should go to the Fintry Development Trust or whether a new trust should be formed. The FDT's remit is to reduce the carbon footprint of the village and there may be projects that do not meet this specification but would like to benefit from the Earlsburn Extension money.

VII. Finance

S.Kinnear (Treasurer) confirmed that the change of signatories on the FCC bank account was ongoing.

The Yoga club had been awarded £275 for yoga taster sessions from the Community Pride Fund. The Bowling Club was not successful with their bid.

S.Kinnear highlighted a Fintry Youth Group bank account which had not been touched for several years and has £498.63 in it. It was agreed that S.Kinnear should arrange for the signatories to be changed on this account and that some thought should go into what this money could be used for.

VIII. Planning

- 1) Approval with conditions for a new house on Main Street opposite the old Post Office.
- 2) Enforcement order for a location on Quarry Road following a complaint from a member of the public that rubbish had been left lying around and a newly erected wind turbine had not been painted.

IX. Correspondence

- 1) An e-mail from Stirling Community Planning Partnership who would like local businesses to have their say on public transport in the area – they can access a survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sw-ruraltransport>.
- 2) A letter from Roads, Transport and Open Space highlighting changes to public transport for Fintry. Fintry will have Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) which will be available 14.5 hours per day, six days per week. Passengers for Stirling and Glasgow will easily be able to connect with bus services at Kippen and Balfron. Journeys will have to be pre-booked, however.
- 3) An e-mail from Roads, Transport and Open Space explaining 2 temporary road closures:
 - i The B818 from its junction with the B822 to its junction with Polmaise Road from Sunday 14 February 2010 until Sunday 21 February 2010.
 - ii The C23 Lernoek Road from its junction with Dunmore Street to its junction with Gerchew from Sunday 21 February 2010 until Friday 26 February 2010 from 0900 hours until 1700 hours.

- 4) Following December's meeting, J.Skabara sent an e-mail on 15th December to Stirling Council via their Talkback (comments and complaints scheme) raising a number of issues relating to roads and footpaths in Fintry. An acknowledgement was received immediately. J.Skabara e-mailed again on 25th January and again received an acknowledgement. So far no reply has been received. **J.Skabara to forward the e-mails to a Stirling Council Councillor and contact Streetscape.**
- 5) A letter giving the deadline for the Community Pride Fund. Given to S.Kinnear.
- 6) An e-mail confirming the successful application from the Yoga club.
- 7) Details of a Planning and Licensing Seminar on Saturday 27th February. Given to M.Duckworth (Planning Correspondent).
- 8) Details of a Community Council Induction Day on Saturday 27th March. J.Skabara and S.Kinnear may attend.
- 9) Details of the forthcoming Community Council Vacancy Election 2010. Nominations to be submitted by Friday 26th February.
- 10) Talkback leaflets.
- 11) A rota to show attendance of Councillors at forthcoming surgeries and Community Council meetings.
- 12) An e-mail from Keep Scotland Beautiful calling for volunteers to pledge to be part of a National Spring Clean in April. J.Skabara forwarded to Fintry Primary School as they do an annual litter pick and may like to tie it in with this, this year.

X. A.O.B

- 1) A member of the public said that she had contacted Stirling Council more than a year ago regarding a village officer for Fintry. There does not seem to have been one for at least a year and the member of the public wondered what our entitlement was. **J.Skabara to try and find out.**
- 2) C.Roy mentioned a letter outlining a consultation to establish the potential demand for allotments.
- 3) J.Skabara asked if an area could be established, possibly in the Sports Centre, where FCC correspondence could be displayed. The FDT has offered the use of a lockable postbox which could be available for comments, suggestions and questions for the FCC which could be in the same area. **C.Roy to contact the Sports Centre to see if this could be a possibility.**
- 4) J.Pearson said that some residents had mentioned to him that the bus shelter situated next to the village hall has a leaking roof. **C.Roy to try and ascertain ownership of the bus shelter and therefore responsibility for the repair of the roof.**

XI. Date of next meeting

March 10th 2010

Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)