

Fintry Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

10th March 2010

J.Pearson (Vice-chairperson) began by welcoming Jeanette Cuthbertson who is one of 2 new Community Councillors

1. Present

J.Pearson, J.Skabara, S.Kinnear, M.Duckworth, J.Cuthbertson.
P.Campbell, A.Berrill, 3 members of the public.

2. Apologies

C.Roy, R.Garvie, P.C.McNally.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed by J.Pearson.

4. Matters Arising

i. Actions Intimated

- ❖ Website - J.Skabara (Secretary) had managed to successfully put the minutes of the FCC January meeting onto the FCC website and felt confident that she would be able to update and maintain the website in the future. J.Skabara would now need to purchase the software necessary to do this at a cost of approximately \$25. M.Duckworth proposed that the cost of the software be met by the FCC. This was seconded by J.Pearson and agreed by all other FCC members who were present. **J.Skabara to purchase the software.**
- ❖ Spout Burn Bridge – C.Roy (Chairperson) had mentioned the issue to Fintry Flower Society and Moira McKay said that Stirling Council have inspected it (the contact is Willy Hamill) and have agreed that it is not in a good state of repair and that they would monitor it. Concerns were raised about how safe the bridge is. **J.Skabara to write to Stirling Council to request confirmation that the bridge is safe.**
- ❖ Postbox Survey – C.Roy had made suggestions via e-mail to FCC members concerning the wording of the survey. J.Pearson suggested we put the survey on hold until we have one or two other issues we need to consult residents about e.g. facilities for young people, income from wind farm etc. P.Campbell advised that it was better to keep surveys short and simple – no more than 1 or 2 sides of A4. We would also need to decide what would be a fair return rate and decide the best way to distribute and collect back the survey. She confirmed that FCC could apply for extra funding to help fund the survey.
- ❖ Skateboard Ramp – J.Skabara's daughter had designed a poster advertising the proposed trip to Unit 23 and had placed copies in the Sports Centre, in the FCC notice-board outside the Old Police House, on the Village Hall notice-board and in the bus shelter where the High School pupils wait for the school bus. It was also sent home as a flyer with all Primary School pupils. There had only been 1 enquiry. J.Skabara and J.Lane met to discuss

what to do next and had decided to put a poster-style article in the next edition of the Fintry Focus. J.Lane phoned the people who had expressed an interest in using the ramp on the survey she and N.McKnight had carried out and has 8 families who would be interested in visiting Unit 23 and then possibly assisting in the formation of a skateboard club.

- ❖ Earlsburn Windfarm Extension – C.Roy had e-mailed our Stirling Councillors to confirm FCC's support for the extension. M.Duckworth had attended a meeting of the planning panel who voted 6:1 in favour of overturning the Planning Office's decision to refuse the application. Therefore, permission had been approved. J.Pearson confirmed that the 5 communities nearest to the Windfarm would receive a share of the income from one of the new turbines and we would need a trust to look after this money. The Fintry Development Trust would be willing to help with this and would keep it separate from the income they currently receive from the Windfarm (they will not receive any income directly from the new turbines). Projects applying for funding from the income from the extension turbine would not have to be concerned directly with carbon saving measures. P.Campbell said that Carron Valley Community Council receives help with the administration of their fund from Community Scotland.
- ❖ Talkback/Streetscape – J.Skabara had forwarded copies of e-mails sent to Stirling Council's Talkback service to Councillor Lambie but had not received a reply from him either. Councillor Berrill suggested that the e-mails be forwarded to him. J.Cuthbertson said that the Fintry to Denny road was in very poor condition and had not been gritted or cleared of snow in the recent bad weather. P.Campbell said this issue had been raised before by other Community Councils and would become even more important when the new hospital opens in Larbert. J.Cuthbertson said that Falkirk grit their side of it as far as the Carron Valley Hotel and should perhaps be included in Stirling's cross-boundary gritting policy. **Councillor Berrill to check on this. J.Skabara to forward e-mail correspondence with Talkback to all our Stirling Councillors and include concerns about the Denny road.**
- ❖ Village Officer – J.Skabara had e-mailed P.Campbell to ask who to contact about this. P.Campbell had replied promptly to say that she had forwarded the e-mail to Derek Leitch (the Streetscape Supervisor currently covering for Jenny Elliott who is on maternity leave). No reply received yet. **P.Campbell will e-mail him again and will copy her e-mail to our Stirling Councillors and J.Skabara.**
- ❖ FCC Display Area – C.Roy had passed on the request to Dougie Spence (FSRC committee). **J.Pearson to follow this up.**
- ❖ Bus Shelter Repair – C.Roy had found the right person to ask about this but had had no news of actual repair work or an inspection being carried out. Moira Mackay said the water was dripping through the roof onto the bench inside the bus shelter. **P.Campbell to contact Derek Perry and ask him to liaise with J.Skabara if necessary.**

ii. Sewage Works

C.Roy had received a report containing the flow figures for 2009 from Mr.McQuarrie at Scottish Water who said that he was willing to explain anything we want clarification on. There had been no new correspondence from SEPA. The question of capacity was to be addressed by the Planning Policy Team but the outcome of their decision is not yet known. N.McKnight asked Councillor Berrill why there had been no answer about the question of capacity yet. **Councillor**

Berrill said that he had made sure that the Planning Department were aware of the issue and would continue to press for an answer on the question of capacity.

iii. Dog Fouling

Both FSRC and P.C.McNally have contributed articles for inclusion in the March Focus edition. Also, see Police Report.

5. Police Report

“Since the last meeting there has again been no crime reported in the Fintry area. There have also been no road accidents. I have been out on the eastern fringes of the village towards the Clachan with the speed gun a few times and generally motorists have been keeping to the speed limits. I think the people who live out that side of the village are quite pleased to see me doing speed checks, so I'll keep at it for the foreseeable future.

Bobby Crainey the dog warden has been in touch with me and states he is continuing to come out to the village to check on things. He has advised that he is yet to catch any dog walkers who are not in possession of bags. I also spoke to him about dog bins located at the green areas adjacent to the Menzies Hall. Bobby pointed out that there is already a dog bin in place at the grassy area at the crossroads (Kippen Rd / Main Street). I've maybe picked things up wrongly from the last meeting, but could you ascertain where it was that further dog bins are required (I already know about the Endrick Path).” J.Skabara to e-mail P.C.McNally that no further dog bins are required.

6. Councillor's Report

Councillor Berrill reported that Stirling Council had recently agreed their budget for the forthcoming financial year. There had been a freeze of Council Tax and money for the gritting of the Crow Road had been allocated (money needs to be found each year for the gritting to continue). Cllr Berrill reported that the money situation for Stirling Council for the coming financial year was not too bad but that cuts were likely for the next 3 years after that.

There is to be a special meeting in April to see the initial draft of the Local Development Plan which will be adopted in December 2012.

M.Duckworth asked Cllr Berrill to find out if the Planning Department are using up-to-date maps.

7. Rural South West Area Planning Forum Meeting Report

C.Roy attended the above meeting. The main presentation was on the new Stirling Local Development Plan. The plan is for 20 years and is reviewed every 5 years. It should be in place by 2012 and the Main Issues Report and the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report will be available for public consultation in May and June of this year. There was a special input on the Stirling Council's Open Spaces Consultation – a consultation process to establish residents' views on Stirling's open spaces (which open spaces people use and value).

The next Forum meeting will be on 17th May and will feature health provision. Questions are being collated to ensure that appropriate representatives will attend.

8. Finance

S.Kinnear (Treasurer) reported that the FCC bank account balance is currently £1975.75. The Yoga group's £275 Community Pride Award is yet to be paid.

There is also £498.67 in the Fintry Youth Group account (signatories are being changed so that this money can be utilized). S.Kinnear asked for ideas for how to use this money to benefit the young people of Fintry and suggested a ceilidh club. M.Duckworth suggested it may be a good idea to hold onto the money to see if a skateboard group is formed as they may need some funding to get going.

9. Planning

- i. Application submitted for a small extension to the back of a house on Menzies Crescent.
- ii. Approval for the additional flood lighting on the sports field.

10. Correspondence

- i. Notification of 2 new Community Councillors – Ron Garvie and Jeanette Cuthbertson.
- ii. E-mails from David Brown re: Public Transport Changes – the Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) will be delivered by a variety of vehicles carrying varying numbers of passengers; students from Balfron High School attending after school clubs will be able to book DRT and the school will issue them with a Pupil Journey Voucher. (Further discussion of the Public Transport Changes in A.O.B.)
- iii. E-mail from British Telecom to confirm that FCC do not wish to adopt the telephone kiosk at the present time and will be consulted if BT look to remove the kiosk at a later date.
- iv. A letter re: Friday night project and posters. **J.Skabara to check if posters are on the notice-board in the Sports Centre already and put these up if necessary.**
- v. Minutes of a meeting held on 18th January about transportation issues related to the hospital being built at Larbert.
- vi. E-mails with power-point presentations from the Community Council Planning and Licensing Seminar. **J.Skabara to forward to M.Duckworth.**
- vii. A Clean-up kit containing posters, tabards, bin bags, stickers etc. for a litter pick on 17th April.
- viii. E-mail to confirm that S.Kinnear and J.Skabara will be attending the Community Council Induction Day on 27th March.

11. A.O.B

- i. Public Transport Changes – a member of the public expressed concern about how the public transport changes would affect the older residents of Fintry who use the existing service to take them directly to Stirling (the hospital, Morrisons or the bus station). The new system would mean that they would have to use a total of 6 buses to get from Fintry to Morrisons and back. **P.Campbell will ask David Brown if it would be possible to retain that service for one day a week to run alongside the DRT and also to confirm exactly what consultation there had been before the decision to introduce DRT was made.** It was noted that a meeting had been arranged with Bruce Crawford MSP on Friday 12th March at 3p.m. J.Skabara expressed a concern that the younger residents of Fintry for whom the DRT would be very useful would not be able to attend this meeting. **J.Pearson to attend to ensure that the views of the younger residents are represented.**
- ii. A member of the public raised the issue of the way the trees on the roads to Balfron and Kippen have been cut. It was agreed that the trees needed to be cut back but not in such an aggressive and unsightly manner. **J.Skabara to write to Roads Department to express this opinion.**

- iii. A member of the public asked if it would be possible for a village skip to be organised occasionally for residents to dispose of larger items of rubbish. It was agreed that this would be difficult to police to make sure that unsuitable items were not placed in it. P.Campbell suggested that there may be a way to have a skip that was only open at certain times. The points were also made that items could be taken to Balfron and that Stirling Council could be contacted to come and collect larger items. There was some uncertainty as to whether or not the latter service was free. **P.Campbell to check the details. J.Pearson to ask FDT if this may be something they would support.**

12. Date of next meeting

21st April 2010

M.Duckworth again welcomed our new Community Councillors and offered a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)