

Fintry Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

12th May 2010

1. Present

C.Roy, J.Pearson, J.Skabara, S.Kinnear, M.Duckworth, J.Cuthbertson, R.Garvie.
Cllr C.O'Brien, P.C.McNally, 2 members of the public.

2. Apologies

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

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

4. Matters Arising

i. Actions Intimated

- ❖ Fintry Bridge Footway - J.Skabara (Secretary) had received a reply from Ian Young (Team Leader, Bridge Maintenance and Flooding) to say that they were “unable to carry out any improvements that would prevent or reduce the forming of ice on the footbridge when temperatures are low”. **J.Skabara to e-mail to ask if salt/grit could be placed near the bridge for people to put down in bad weather.**
- ❖ High School pupils' safety – **J.Skabara to continue to try and contact H.Bezuidenhout.**
- ❖ Litter – J.Skabara had received a reply from Derek Leitch (Land Services Officer) explaining that the litter bin had been removed by the mobile team because it was damaged and will be replaced soon. D. Leitch has passed on the information regarding the roadside verges and the mobile team will try and clear them. Cllr O'Brien had contacted David Hopper (Waste Services Manager) to ask for a recycling facility for aluminium cans to be sited at the Sports Centre. D. Hopper had replied to say that he would ask the contractor again if they are willing to drive to Fintry.
- ❖ Display Area – J.Pearson said the idea for the display area had been agreed in principle by Sandy Kelso and Sandy would present the suggestion to the Sports Club Committee. The actual location is still to be decided. The Fintry Development Trust (FDT) will fund the display area.
- ❖ Bus Shelter – Cllr O'Brien had e-mailed Graham Wilson to ask him to arrange some repair to the leaking roof on the bus shelter. G. Wilson had replied to say that the bus shelter had been inspected and there was no sign of any leakage. It will be inspected again on a wet day.
- ❖ Sewage Works – Several requests for information are in progress:

- ◆ Cllr Berrill had received a reply to his request for information from Scottish Water – they felt that the information he had requested would take too long to collate and were therefore refusing the request. **Cllr Berrill to make a second more focused request.**
 - ◆ C.Roy had written to Ms McMillan at Scottish Water asking why the watermain at the junction of Menzies Terrace/Menzies Avenue required upsizing and when the investigation into the infiltration issues will take place.
 - ◆ C.Roy had also e-mailed Scottish Water via their website feedback facility and asked several questions. A reply had been received from Will Paton (Development Planner) to say that he is very busy preparing the 2010 SACDP report and would be back in touch in the very near future.
 - ◆ Cllr O’Brien had written to Dr. Campbell Gemmell (Chief Executive, SEPA) raise the failing performance of the Fintry Waste Water Treatment Works and asking for an update and an idea of the progress towards improvement.
- ❖ PACT survey –C.Roy completed on behalf of FCC, as agreed at the last meeting.
 - ❖ Correspondence –
 - Hospital Route – P.Campbell had e-mailed Harry Falconer again and he had forwarded the e-mail to Eddie MacDonald to be included in the Rural South West Area Community Planning Forum.
 - Training Needs – J.Skabara had e-mailed all FCCouncillors to see if anyone could identify any training needs which could be communicated to the communities team at their information gathering session at Balfron High on Thursday 13th May. No-one had identified any training needs.
 - Turbine Route – J.Skabara had e-mailed Shona Wellington who had replied to say that the agreed route for HGV traffic accessing the wind farm would be via Denny and Fankerton and not over the Carron Bridge.
 - ❖ Notice Board – C.Roy had contacted Alec Mason and asked for a quote to repair the notice board. When Alec went to look at the notice board it had been taken down and he couldn’t find it. He has now seen it and will give a quote soon.
 - ❖ Fintry Sign – J.Skabara had received a phone call from Martin Turner from the FDT to say that they are still keen to fund signs naming Fintry as Scotland’s first carbon neutral village. The FCC felt that they would like to see figures to prove this before they could agree to the signs. M.Duckworth wondered if the claim could go on a Stirling Council Fintry sign. It was also felt that the decision to have these signs or not should involve more of the village than just the FCC. **J.Skabara to feed back to FDT.**

ii. **Skateboard Ramp**

P.Wallace and J.Lane had not received any phone calls following the “advert” in the Fintry Focus. **J.Skabara to meet with P.Wallace and J.Lane to discuss what to try next.** The cost of hiring the fencing around the skateboard ramp currently stands at £276 and concerns were raised

as to whether the FCC could continue to meet the cost of this. M.Duckworth proposed to suspend the FCC standing orders so that a new motion could be proposed. This was agreed. M. Duckworth then proposed that the FCC write to N.McKnight to inform him that due to lack of interest, the cost of the fencing and issues with insurance, they have reluctantly decided to remove the ramp. M.Duckworth then proposed that the standing orders be re-instated. **FCC to write to N.McKnight as outlined above.** J.Skabara is also keeping in touch with Sarah Winstone (Youth Services Worker) and will be receiving the minutes from the recent E.G.M.

iii. Footpaths – Action Day, costs, updates

The Action Day is going to be on Sunday June 13th and we need as many people as possible to help with shoveling gravel, etc. Douglas Flynn (Countryside Ranger) is approaching the Criminal Justice Service to try and get some helpers and will be providing some material and some specialist equipment. C.Roy had found that the extra gravel needed (approx 2 tons) could be purchased for £12 per ton but would need to be collected from the quarry. C.Roy had also informed Andrew Haslam about the problems on the Lade walk and he said that Culcreuch Castle would have a look at it.

5. Police Report

P.C.McNally was unable to attend the meeting as he had been required to attend an incident at Mugdock Park. He had asked C.Roy to inform the FCC of an incident on the Balfroon High school bus that goes to Kippen via Fintry. He said that if any children or parents had any information about the incident they could talk to him confidentially or could pass the information on to any member of the FCC who would then pass it on to him.

6. Councillor's Report

Councillor Berrill said there was a meeting of Stirling Council on 13th May at which the Councillors would be discussing supplementary policy guidance about wind-farms and in particular which areas of Stirling should be given protection from further development. This was likely to include the area around Fintry.

7. Finance

S.Kinnear (Treasurer) reported that the FCC bank account balance is currently £2136.34. The Yoga group's £275 Community Pride Award is yet to be paid. The FCC administration grant for 2010-2011 would be £309.00. S.Kinnear said that when checking through last year's accounts she couldn't locate last year's administration grant. **S.Kinnear to check with Janet Hulme (previous Treasurer).**

8. D.R.T. update

Following a request from Fintry residents, David Brown (from Stirling & Clackmannanshire Councils Transport Co-ordination Centre) had e-mailed to say that the D.R.T. scheme would be extended to serve Killearn Health Centre. This extended service would start on Monday 26 July 2010. **J.Skabara to e-mail David Brown to thank him, on behalf of FCC for all his help and hard work.**

9. Consultations

- i. Local Housing Issues Report – carried forward to next meeting

- ii. Stirling Local Development Plan, Main Issues report – Appendix A to be circulated to all FCC members for discussion at June’s meeting.
- iii. Stirling Council Gender Equality Scheme 2010-2013 – **C.Roy to comment on this on-line on behalf of FCC.**

10. Planning

- i. An application for a single storey extension for an en-suite bathroom at Buckingham Cottage. No objection
- ii. An application for the erection of 2 houses on land adjacent to Buckingham Cottage. Objection on the grounds that the majority of the FCC did not agree with Stirling Council’s Planning Policy on the building of “pods” in the country-side.

J.Skabara also reported that she had had a visit from Ali Mitchell who is doing building work at the site of the old village shop. A. Mitchell said that someone had reported them to SEPA with concern over the movement of earth from A. Mitchell’s site to a site across the road. A. Mitchell wanted to reassure the FCC that SEPA had been out to have a look and were happy with the situation.

11. Correspondence

Carried forward to next meeting

12. A.O.B.

- i. J. Pearson reported that the F.D.T. was offering to give advice to other Community Councils about managing benefits received from the Earlsburn Wind Farm Extension. **C.Roy to look for contact details and pass them on to the F.D.T.** J.Pearson also reported that funding for the Footpads project did not meet the criteria of the F.D.T. but could probably receive funding from the Extension money.
- ii. M.Duckworth reported news of the first former pupil of Fintry Primary School to become an M.P. – Julian Smith became M.P. for Ripon and Skipton, North Yorkshire. **C.Roy to write to J. Smith to convey congratulations on behalf of the FCC.**

13. Date of next meeting

9th June 2010

M.Duckworth offered a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)