

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

I. Present

C.Roy, J.Pearson, J.Skabara, M.Duckworth, S.Kinnear.

II. Apologies

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

IV. Matters Arising

1) Actions Intimated

i. Delivery of information:

a. Fintry Development Trust – J.Skabara had written to thank them for the notice-board.

b. B.Howell – J.Skabara had written to thank Ben for designing the Fintry Community Council logo.

c. Potholes - J.Skabara had sent an e-mail to the Roads Department to thank them for repairing some of the potholes on the Denny Road.

d. Telephone Box – J.Skabara had still not received a reply from British Telecom with regard to the e-mail sent to alert them to the poor and unclean state of the pay phone.
J.Skabara to send another e-mail.

e. The following items were displayed on the FCC notice board –

- A Rural Stirling Business Space study – an online consultation survey to help understand the demand for business space.
- A letter from Bruce Crawford asking for the views of FCC in relation to traffic calming on Main Street.
- A Stirling Council Youth Services Rural Areas Newsletter (September 2010).
- Posters for the Rural SW Area Community Forum meeting on 22nd November.

ii. Parking at the Church and barking dog– **J.Skabara to check with P.C.McNally if these had been followed up.**

iii. Spout Burn Bridge –C.Roy had asked Willie Hamill for an idea of the cost of the repair and he had said the last repair cost £30. W.McGhee has been asked to look at the bridge to see if he could repair it. **J.Pearson still to check the sub-structure of the bridge.**

iv. Bus Shelter – has been repaired. **J.Skabara to e-mail Cllr O'Brien to thank him for his help in getting this matter resolved.**

v. Land Use Strategy – C.Roy had e-mailed the link to the consultation to all FCC members.

- vi. Old Meal Mill – J.Skabara to check with P.Campbell if she had managed to find out any more information about the application for multiple occupancy.
- vii. Traffic Calming – J.Skabara had e-mailed Les Goodfellow to enquire about speed monitoring strips. Les had forwarded the e-mail to Alan Ogilvie (Traffic Management team-leader) but no reply had been received. J.Skabara to e-mail Alan Ogilvie directly.

2) Meeting date change – the January meeting is now on 19th January (not 12th).

V. Police Report

Emailed report sent by PC McNally and read by C.Roy:

“I have checked the crimes and occurrences for the month since the last meeting. Nothing has happened of any note in the Fintry area.

Since the last meeting I have spent approximately 2 hours (at differing times) in Main Street, Fintry checking the speed of passing traffic. The only issue to report was one van which passed at 36mph. The driver was warned.

Housebreakings and thefts continue to be a problem in other parts of west Stirlingshire although Fintry seems fine. Please pass the message, however, that on cold mornings, cars should not be left running outside people’s houses or in driveways in order to heat up. Quite a few have been stolen in the past in these circumstances and the insurance companies tend not to pay out.” J.Skabara to put this message on FCC website.

VI. Councillors Report

Not received.

VII. Finance

S.Kinnear reported that the balance of account is £2195.62. The missing admin grant has now been paid in and £366.60 had been paid for the final bill for the fencing around the Skateboard Ramp.

The Bank of Scotland has still not managed to arrange the change of signatories on the account and there was some discussion as to whether it may be beneficial to move the account to a different bank. S.Kinnear to establish a petty cash box and book.

There is also £498.99 in the old Youth Club account. C.Roy and S.Kinnear to attend next Sports Club Committee meeting to discuss the possibility of buying a Wii which would be situated in the Sports Club for the young people (and older people) of the village to use.

VIII. Consultations

The Draft Land Use Strategy consultation was discussed and answers to the questions were agreed. C.Roy to email a copy of the response to all members.

IX. Planning

- 1) An application for an Air Source Heat Pump from Jill Haslam. No objections.
- 2) An application from the Forestry Commission to demolish a single storey building and build two forest workers cottages in Carron Valley has been approved with conditions.
- 3) An application for a replacement porch, extension to front, rear and side of house and a double garage at 15, Menzies Drive was submitted but then withdrawn.
- 4) An application for a 15 metre wind turbine to the North-West of East Cringate.

X. Correspondence

- 1) Community Council Vacancy Confirmation form – elections will be held during January and February 2011. **J.Skabara to complete and return.**
- 2) Digital TV Switchover Community Outreach Pack – switchover will happen in May 2011. **J.Skabara to display posters early next year. C.Roy to advertise the switchover in the Fintry Focus.**
- 3) Letter from Peter Wright MBE asking for help to promote his “Ribbon of Wildness” book. **C.Roy to mention in Fintry Focus and letter to be passed to FDT.**
- 4) Letter from Craig Holden – Fundraising Manager for NHS Forth Valley asking for help to raise money.
- 5) Letter from a company called Bluefin claiming that there is a “potentially serious gap in the insurance protection obtained via membership of the ASCC”. An e-mail was subsequently received from Helen Geddes who had consulted with ASCC and Zurich and confirmed that this was a false statement and that there were no gaps in cover for Community Council’s within the Scheme.
- 6) An invitation to a meeting on Community Food Growing.
- 7) An e-mail about Project Funding Opportunities through The People’s Postcode Lottery Dream Fund. **J.Skabara to forward to J.Pearson.**
- 8) An e-mail outlining the proposed legislation of High Hedges –passed to M.Duckworth.
- 9) An e-mail confirming that Bob Jack will be attending the Rural South West Area Community Forum on 22 November.
- 10) An e-mail advertising the Association of Scottish Community Councils – Annual National Conference.
- 11) An e-mail with a link to allow FCC to vote in the Annual Elections to the Association of Scottish Community Councils. C.Roy had also been sent a ballot paper which was duly completed. **C.Roy to send.**
- 12) An e-mail advertising 2 sessions of accounts training for Community Council treasurers.
- 13) A letter with information about a Public Partnership Forum meeting on 17th November at 6.30 p.m. **C.Roy to display letter on FCC notice board.**

XI. A.O.B

- 1) Retention of documents – C.Roy had received a large quantity of FCC documents from the previous Chair and wondered how long we were required to keep them for. **J.Skabara to check with Pam Campbell.**
- 2) Benches – Many of the village benches need treating – it may be possible to get the Criminal Justice people to do this if we provide the materials. **J.Pearson to check the condition of them first.** Also, the bench beside the sports field should have a plaque on it to Jim and Margaret McEwan (money was given to FCC to organize this). **C.Roy to make an initial enquiry towards getting this done.**
- 3) Broadband – J.Skabara outlined an offer from BT to possibly improve the broadband speed in our area if 75% of the village’s internet users vote in BT’s Race to Infinity. **C.Roy to put an item in the Fintry Focus about it and J.Skabara to mention it on the FCC website.**
- 4) Drain Clearance – Many of the roadside drains are blocked causing huge puddles in the road which splash up onto the paths, wetting pedestrians and causing problems when the water freezes. **C.Roy**

to find out if the drains can be unblocked by the relevant council department and check if a recent clean-up of the sewer networks was connected to the Infiltration Survey promised by Scottish Water by the end of the year.

- 5) S.Kinnear had a leaflet with very useful information about the Demand Responsive Transport scheme. **J.Skabara to try and get a supply of these leaflets.**
- 6) S.Kinnear mentioned that the new pavement surface in the Menzies estate became very icy in the recent cold weather and there was no grit available to put down on it. She had also been asked by someone about the two piles of grit at the bottom of the Crow Road and if this meant that the Crow Road was not going to be gritted by the gritter as it was last winter. **J.Skabara to try and find out.**
- 7) J.Pearson mentioned that there had been some confusion over the offer from FDT to help administer the monetary benefits from the Earlsburn extension for Fintry and other Community Councils. The offer had in fact been from FROST which is the business arm of FDT and it was agreed that FCC did not want to take up the offer from FROST as FDT would help for free.

XII. Date of next meeting

December 8th 2010

Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)