

Fintry Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

6th October 2010

I. Present

C.Roy, W.Paterson, J.Skabara, J.Cuthbertson, M.Duckworth, J.Pearson.
Cllr Berrill, P.Campbell, P.C.McNally.

II. Apologies

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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 school bus – J.Skabara (Secretary) had e-mailed Julie McEachern (Chair, Balfour High Parent Council) to inform her that P.C.McNally would be willing to walk the route with her to assess its safety. This has now been done and Julie has written to the Stirling Councillors. Pam Campbell suggested that Julie gets in touch with the safe routes to school team to see if they can help. J.Skabara had also e-mailed Colin McMenemy to try and ascertain if there were any spare seats on the mini-bus but had not received a reply.
- b.** Fintry Development Trust – **J.Skabara still to write and thank them for the notice-board.**
- c.** Sarah Winstone – J.Skabara had e-mailed Sarah to ask about the Mobile Youth Space. This has now visited Fintry (on September 25th) and there are plans for a further three evening sessions between now and March.
- d.** The following items were displayed on the FCC notice board –
 - Invitation to Anne McGuire's coffee morning.
 - Information about Reducing Doorstep Crime Training.
 - A leaflet about Larbert Hospital.
 - A Rural Stirling Housing Association newsletter.
- e.** Bob Jack – J.Skabara had e-mailed Bob Jack with dates of forthcoming FCC meetings. P.Campbell reported that it was likely he would attend the next Forum meeting so that he could speak to several Community Councils together.
- f.** J.Parker – J.Skabara had contacted J.Parker to request that they do not send anymore bulb catalogues.
- g.** B.Howell – **J.Skabara still to write to thank Ben for designing the Fintry Community Council logo.**
- h.** Chris Longley – C.Roy had provided Chris with a letter of support from FCC for the Sports Centre's wood pellet heating system.

ii. Parking at the Church – P.C.McNally still to follow this up.

- iii.** Fintry Footbridge & Spout Burn Bridge – J.Skabara had e-mailed Ian Young about the deteriorating condition of the surface of the footbridge and had received a reply to say that it would be looked at. C.Roy had been in contact with Willie Hamill about the Spout Burn

Bridge and had been told that they were not willing to repair it again but had closed it and would be prepared to take it down. **J.Pearson to have a look at the underlying structure of the bridge. C.Roy to ask Willie for an idea of the cost of the repair with a view to undertaking the repair ourselves.**

- iv. Fintry Sign – has been repaired, restored and replaced.
- v. Sewage Works – C.Roy had finally received a comprehensive reply from Scottish Water although there are still concerns about the infiltration survey and the capacity figures. Cllr Berrill had received lots of information from SEPA which he passed on to C.Roy.
- vi. Bus Shelter – repairs were thought to have been carried out to the roof of the bus shelter but J.Pearson reported that it still appeared to be leaking. **J.Pearson to check the shelter again in a week or so and contact the relevant person if necessary.**
- vii. Telephone Box – J.Skabara had contacted British Telecom to alert them to the poor and unclean state of the pay phone but has not received a reply yet.

V. Police Report

Sometime between 10th and 12th September, an attempt was made to break into a car on Main Street and £20 worth of damage was caused. On 14th September, damage was caused to a gate on Kippen Road – charges were not pressed. On 17th September men were caught in a car on the Crow Road in possession of cannabis and were charged. On 25th September a car drove into a field on Kippen Road, near the caravan park. The occupants of the car ran away but were traced and charged. A female from Glasgow was also charged in connection with this offence. There have also been a number of house, car, van, garage & shed break-ins in and around Blanefield, Mugdock and Kippen. P.C.McNally has advised all residents to ensure that all doors are kept locked especially at night.

J.Pearson reported that on the evening of 21st September a man came to the door of his house with a Hawker's Licence. C.Roy said that this person had also been to houses on the Menzies Estate and that a report had been made to the police. P.C.McNally reported that police had determined nothing illegal had occurred but the men were asked to leave the area to avoid further complaints.

A complaint was made about a dog which constantly barks during the night. **P.C.McNally to talk to the owner of the dog.**

VI. Councillors Report

Cllr Berrill reported that since Jarvis went into administration, the maintenance of Balfroon High School is being done by a company called SGP.

There had been a meeting about winter gritting and there is still discussion about having large piles of grit in villages.

Following on from the Main Issues Report, the Local Development Plan has been delayed slightly and should now be out in October 2011 although it will be June 2013 until it is finally approved.

VII. Finance

No report.

VIII. Consultations

C.Roy had received acknowledgement and thanks for FCC's response to the Main Issues Report.

A response has been requested to the consultation on the Scottish Ministers' Draft Land Use Strategy. The strategy and consultation are statutory requirements under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, the strategy to be laid before the Scottish Parliament by March 2011. C.Roy outlined the first few questions and suggested possible replies. **C.Roy to e-mail the link to the Land Use Strategy plus an outline and comments to all FCC members with a view to completing our response at the next meeting.**

IX. Planning

- 1) An application for a porch, extension and garage to a house on Menzies Drive. No objections.
- 2) An application for multiple occupancy and an educational centre at The Old Meal Mill (by Branshogle Saw Mill. **P.Campbell to try and find out more.**

X. Correspondence

- 1) New documentation about Balglass Corries SSSI.
- 2) A poster about a White Goods Appeal from the Salvation Army – displayed in the Sports Centre.
- 3) A Rural Stirling Business Space study – an online consultation survey to help understand the demand for business space. **J.Skabara to display on FCC notice board.**
- 4) A letter from Bruce Crawford asking for the views of FCC in relation to traffic calming on Main Street. **J.Skabara to display the letter on FCC notice board and ask if anyone has any views on this.** P.Campbell suggested speed monitoring strips **and P.C.McNally said he would look into this and the possibility of bringing a mobile speed monitoring device which makes motorists aware of what speed they are doing.**
- 5) An invitation to a SNAP review – a Scottish Government funded project to enable community representatives to be more involved in SURF events (SURF is Scotland's independent regeneration network – to improve health & wellbeing of residents in Scotland's disadvantaged communities).
- 6) An invitation to a Scottish Forestry Forum Public Meeting.
- 7) A Stirling Council Youth Services Rural Areas Newsletter (September 2010). **J.Skabara to display on FCC notice board.**
- 8) An e-mail from Cllr O'Brien with an update of actions he had taken following last month's FCC meeting re: sewage works, bus shelter and the Culcreuch Avenue sign. C.Roy reported that the street sign had been collected from her house and a new one will eventually be installed.

XI. A.O.B

- 1) The dates of the meetings of FCC for 2011 were decided.
- 2) J.Pearson noted how well the streets in Fintry had been cleaned recently. C.Roy said that she had already thanked the department responsible.
- 3) J.Cuthbertson asked that the FCC write to the Roads Department to thank them for repairing some of the potholes on the Denny Road. **J.Skabara to send an e-mail.**
- 4) J.Cuthbertson noted her concern about people who appear to be camping and swimming in and around the Carron River which is a public water supply. **P.C.McNally said that he would mention it to the Carron Valley Community Police Officer** and that J.Cuthbertson should let him know if it happens again.
- 5) P.Campbell mentioned that Stirling Council are beginning to think about the best way to provide public transport and how it should be subsidized and it was important for people to make their views

known at the next Forum meeting on 22nd November. C.Roy to display posters supplied by P.Campbell.

6) C.Roy attended the SW Rural Forum meeting on 13th: report attached.

XII. Date of next meeting

November 10th 2010

Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)

SW Rural Forum Report
13th September 2010 – Social Care Services

This is a summary of the presentation by Bill Eadie, Stirling Council's Head of Social Care.

Since last year the Services for Community Care (including care for older adults and mental health, with a budget of £32 million), Children and Family (including residences, with a budget of £8 million) and Criminal Justice (the budget of £1 Million coming from the government) have been combined in this single service – Social Care - which is the second biggest spender after Education.

The service is a purchaser of services rather than a provider being largely concerned with assessment of need and monitoring of the care provided.

The main challenges for the future are the reduction in funds (expected to be about £7 million), the expected increase in numbers of elderly people, and corresponding decrease in personnel available to provide the service. The present care package being unsustainable, long term redesign of the service is being planned.

A thorough review has been done, and, other than legally obligatory provision, assessment of the options in relation to tendering and costs has led to a focus on re-enablement explained in Stirling Focus magazine. Re-enablement should reach our area by the end of the financial year. Fewer companies have been contracted and better standards demanded. The new approach increases flexibility with staged care in and out of hospital and of care provided in the home. Instead of several people delivering different parts of care to one individual one person is assigned and the care provided, both type and duration, changed as necessary.

The eligibility criteria will be at four levels to determine both the speed of assessment of need and its level of provision, and the process would take account of the views of the individual concerned. The aim is to suit service to need while being economically sound.

New ways of delivering services (such as partnership with other agencies), increasing the efficiency of current services, the importance of social contact and ways of securing it, are ongoing concerns.