

Fintry Community Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on

11th May 2011

1. Present

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

Cllr A.Berrill, P.C.Andy Faulds, Janet Hulme, Kelly McIntyre (FDT), Bert Comrie (DRT)

2. Apologies

J.Skabara, W.Paterson, P.C.McNally.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last AGM (12.5.10) were approved and signed.

4. Chairperson's Report

See attached.

5. Secretary's Report

See attached.

6. Treasurer's Report

The final balance for the financial year 2010-2011 is £1727.77. The final income and expenditure account was presented and accepted and is attached. The audited accounts were checked by an Independent Examiner, Janet Hulme.

7. Election of Office Bearers

C.Roy asked if any of the current Office Bearers wished to withdraw, or if anyone new was being proposed. The Office Bearers were re-elected as follows:

Chairperson – Cicely Roy. Proposed by M.Duckworth, seconded by J.Pearson.

Vice-chairperson – Jamie Pearson. Proposed by M.Duckworth, seconded by C.Roy.

Secretary – Jo Skabara. Proposed by M.Duckworth, seconded by J.Pearson.

Treasurer – Sandra Kinnear. Proposed by M.Duckworth, seconded by J.Pearson.

Planning Officer – Meg Duckworth. Proposed by J.Pearson, seconded by S.Kinnear.

M.Duckworth then proposed that Janet Hulme be co-opted as a member of Fintry Community Council. This was seconded by J.Pearson. **C.Roy to check with Pam Campbell to verify the correct procedure.**

8. A.O.B.

None

9. Date of next meeting

To be held immediately before the May meeting, 2012.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)

Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Chairperson's Report 2010 – 2011

First it must be reported that our Community Councillors have collaborated efficiently throughout the year and I would like to publicly record my thanks to them for their hard work, (often behind the scenes), particularly to Secretary Jo Skabara who has frequently acted beyond the call of duty. If we could but bring council membership up to the full complement of nine it would certainly ease the burden on the current active members. We have benefited from the first rate co-operation of our Community Police Officer David McNally, Rural Development Worker Pam Campbell, Community Council Officer Helen Geddes, three local Stirling Councillors and our MSP, though unfortunately *not* from the local bank! As a result I think we can be pleased with what we have achieved, and I hope Fintry residents agree with this assessment.

By means of the public notices and subsequently in the minutes of our meetings we have kept residents informed of important issues being discussed, and a new dedicated noticeboard in the Sports Club - thanks to the FDT - also enables us to display other appropriate material. Each issue of *Fintry Focus* contains a report as in the previous year.

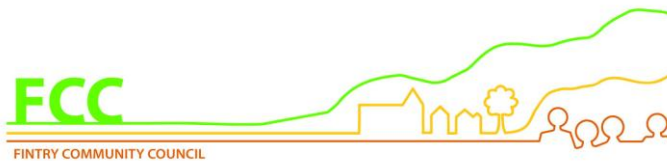
The protracted issue of the damaged skateboard ramp was finally concluded with its demolition taking place in the summer. Following this and to honour our promise to otherwise benefit Fintry youngsters, we ensured visits from the Mobile Youth Space and an offer was made to the Sports Club of funds from the Youth Club account for purchase of Wii, toys and games, and this has been accepted.

There has been good progress with the development of local public transport and we remain involved with this ongoing issue, both as regards DRT and FDT's Car Club, particularly as the move of further hospital services to Larbert takes place this summer.

With additional input from Stirling Councillors, our MSP and others we have been able to have various matters dealt with including attention to dog fouling, the condition of the bus shelter, roads, pavements and the Spout Burn footbridge. We are presently active in organising replacement of this footbridge and maintenance of the benches. With help from the Countryside Ranger much needed repair to the River Walk was achieved and another Action Day is anticipated this year, and we hope membership of the newly established South West Stirlingshire Joint Paths Group will assist future path work. Attention to the telephone box (which we opted to retain as functional), and to traffic speeding is also still ongoing, and we remain vigilant re roads etc., particularly the provision of an efficient Village Officer, and will continue to deal with the issue of the capacity of the sewage works.

We have done our best to discuss and respond appropriately to most of the consultation exercises and questionnaires we have received: SC Gender Equality Scheme, Local Housing Strategy Housing Issues Report, Stirling Local Development Plan, Draft Land Use Strategy, Police Strategic Plan, SC Winter Weather Arrangements Questionnaire, Post Office Mobile Service Questionnaire, Future of Policing in Scotland, Future of the Fire and Rescue Services in Scotland.

Representatives have consistently attended meetings of the South West Rural Forum, Fintry Development Trust, Fintry Sports and Recreation Club and South West Stirlingshire Joint Paths Group.



Secretary's Report

During the last twelve months, my role as Secretary has required me to deal with many issues – some have had successful outcomes, some unsuccessful and some are ongoing. For example:

- The Fintry Bridge footway – initial correspondence indicated that little could be done to improve the puddling and icy conditions on the bridge but Ian Young finally agreed that the surface was not in a good condition and something would be done – still waiting though!
- Safety for High School pupils – concerns were raised about the safety of children expected to walk from the centre of Fintry to the Clachan end of Fintry along a road which is unlit, often ungritted and in places has no footpath. Balfron High Parent Council has also been assisting with this but, as yet, a solution has not been found.
- A new logo for FCC was commissioned and completed by Ben Howell.
- Speed Monitoring Strips – following a request to Bruce Crawford MSP from Fintry residents, speed monitoring strips will soon be installed in three places in Fintry.
- Website – I can now make changes to the FCC website and keep it regularly updated.

I would like to thank Cicely for patiently correcting the errors in my minutes typing and all FCC members for their valuable contributions.

Fintry Community Council
Income and Expenditure Accounts 2010-2011

MAIN ACCOUNT

£

Income

Stirling Council Administration Grant 2009	309.00
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TOTAL INCOME 618.00

Expenditure

Website Costs: Hosting software	20.12
Domain renewal	35.86
Use of Hall	172.00
Purchase of bench plaque	56.99
Repayment of Community Pride Grant for Yoga Sessions	275.00
Fence hire for skateboard ramp	366.60
River walk repair	100.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1026.57

Deficit for the year 408.57

Bank Account

£

Opening Balance	2136.34
Less deficit	408.57
Closing balance	<u>1727.77</u>

I have examined the accounting records of Fintry Community Council for the year ending 31st March 2011. To the best of my of my knowledge, the attached accounts have been properly prepared and are in agreement with those records.

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Janet Hulme
Independent Examiner