



Minutes of the meeting held on

14th December 2011

I. Present

C.Roy, S.Kinnear, J.Skabara, M.Duckworth.
P.C.McNally.

II. Apologies

J.Pearson, J.Hulme, W.Paterson.
Cllr O'Brien.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

IV. Matters Arising

1) Actions Intimated:

- i.** Telephone Box – C.Roy had updated the notices in the telephone box.
- ii.** Bank – The Community Council account has been closed but the Youth Club account has not! **J.Hulme to enquire again next time she is in the bank.** S.Kinnear and J.Skabara had been to the Post Office to open a new account but had been directed to Santander who would charge £7.50 per month. **S.Kinnear to look at the Co-operative Bank.**
- iii.** Bench Maintenance –The benches that have been taken away are all being worked on and all necessary materials have been purchased.
- iv.** Community Pride Fund – A quote has been received from the Sports Club for the work they would like to do but the application cannot go ahead until FCC has a working bank account. **S.Kinnear to go ahead with the application as soon as the bank account situation is finalised.**
- v.** Prescription Service – C. Roy had included information about the service in the Fintry Focus and is ensuring that a supply of letters is maintained at the Sports Centre. J.Skabara has put a downloadable copy of the letter on the FCC website. **M.Duckworth still to contact the pharmacist at Killearn pharmacy to initiate the same service there.**
- vi.** Main Street verges – Ongoing (no Councillor present at meeting to update on this issue).
- vii.** Tony Cain contact – **M.Duckworth still to contact re: potential site for Rural Housing.**
- viii.** Sports Centre – C.Roy had spoken to the Sports Centre and found that they were happy to have a pile of salt/grit in the car park and they have identified a specific area for this. C.Roy had also e-mailed Cllr Berrill to find out if this was in fact going to happen. **C.Roy to follow this up.** The Sports Centre committee was still debating the best use of the Youth Club money.
- ix.** Rural Education – it was decided that FCC were not suitably qualified to complete the questionnaire on Rural Education.
- x.** Cairnoch Hill Windfarm – **ongoing.**
- xi.** Pavements – There was no Cllr present to update FCC on the pavement between new and old Fintry- **ongoing.** J.Skabara had received an e-mail from Stephen Todd with reference to the footway between Menzies Avenue and Culcreuch Avenue to say that it is the list of outstanding schemes for consideration for next financial year.

- xii. Forum meeting report – There had been discussion of the winter planning, economics and the policing report.
 - xiii. Letters etc. –
 - Stirling Castle – fliers displayed.
 - Stirling Motto – vote cast.
 - Meetings schedule –forwarded to Helen Geddes.
 - Hospital Route letter – sent to Anne McGuire and Bruce Crawford both of whom had written to the Chief Executives of Forth Valley NHS Board and Stirling Council and were awaiting replies - **ongoing**.
 - Road Safety – J.Skabara had spoken to Angela McGibbon, Traffic Management Officer regarding the possibility of priority arrows on the bridge over the Endrick Water but it was felt that for a number of reasons they would not be appropriate.
 - Fintry Focus – C.Roy had included all relevant information in a report from FCC.
- 2) Directory: C.Roy had worked with Kelly and Christina from FDT to produce a Directory of local businesses and other useful local information which has been included at the back of the latest edition of the Fintry Focus.

V. Police Report

There was an explosion on the Crow Road which turned out to be nothing more than a mix of household chemicals.

A dead body was found near the Carron Valley reservoir – this was linked to Kirkintilloch and has no relevance to Fintry.

A very large tree fell and blocked the B818 near Branshogle but was cleared within three hours by Stirling Council.

P.C.McNally warned of an Internet fraud which causes your computer screen to freeze and display a message supposedly from Strathclyde and The Metropolitan Police claiming that your computer has been used for illegal activity and will remain frozen until a fine has been paid to a specified bank account.

P.C.McNally asked if Fintry had a Community Action Plan. It doesn't. There was some discussion as to whether this was necessary and it was felt that blanket notices warning that 'cold callers' were not welcome did not really work but P.C.McNally offered to acquire stickers for individual home owners to put in door windows and leave them down at the Sports Centre.

The issue of speeding was raised particularly entering the village from the direction of Kippen near the entrance to the Menzies estate. P.C.McNally offered to take members of FCC out with him when he monitors speeding traffic in the New Year.

VI. Councillors Report

No Councillor present.

VII. Finance

The balance of the account is £1580.17.

VIII. Planning

No planning applications for Fintry, no applications granted.

An application has been approved with conditions for a medium scale Windfarm at Ballafarq on Kippen Road.

An application for change of use from a dwelling house to a café at Mains of Boquhan has been refused.

IX. Local Development Plan

The Draft Local Development Plan was viewed and discussed and an FCC response was agreed.
C.Roy to submit FCC response.

X. Correspondence

- 1) The Winter 2011 edition of Community Health News – forwarded to all FCC and is available on the NHS Forth Valley website.
- 2) Winter resilience conference notes – forwarded to all FCC.
- 3) Community Litter Plan 2011 – 2016 – forwarded to all FCC.
- 4) A letter to confirm the continuation of the DRT service from 2 April 2012 until 27 March 2016. The fares will increase slightly from Monday 2 April. **J.Skabara to e-mail this information to C.Roy for inclusion in the next Fintry Focus.**
- 5) A letter from Fay Fyfe, Bridge Maintenance Engineer explaining that some repair work is necessary on the Endrick Bridge and can only be carried out in mild weather conditions. There will therefore be barriers on the bridge until at least May in order to keep wheel loads away from the road edges.
- 6) A letter from Helen Geddes asking if FCC required funding for Minuting Support. **J.Skabara to respond.**
- 7) Stirling Castle – poster and fliers. **J.Skabara to cast display at Sports Centre.**
- 8) A letter from Helen Geddes asking for confirmation of any vacancies on the Community Council. **J.Skabara to respond.**
- 9) Autumn 2011 edition of Rural Matters.
- 10) November 2011 edition of Carers Connection.
- 11) An e-mail from Alasdair Tollemache, Chief Executive, Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise outlining the role of his organisation. **J.Skabara to forward the e-mail to a possibly interested resident.**
- 12) A letter from Rural Stirling Housing Association inviting Community Councillors on a study tour of one of their new developments and giving advance notification of a consultation on their Housing Allocations Policy.

XI. A.O.B

None

XII. Date of next meeting

Wednesday January 11th 2012.

Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)