



Minutes of the meeting held on

8th June 2011

I. Present

C.Roy, S.Kinnear, M.Duckworth, J.Hulme.
P.C.McNally, Cllr Berrill, Pam Campbell.

II. Apologies

W.Paterson, J.Skabara, R.Garvie, Cllr O'Brien, J.Pearson.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were signed by C.Roy (Chair) with proviso for an amendment to item IV, point vi (bridge repair).

IV. Matters Arising

1) Actions Intimated:

- i. Communications:**
 - a.** Sports Club (Wii) – **S.Kinnear to attend next Sports Club meeting.**
 - b.** Balgair licence – C.Roy informed all other licence holders and no complaints were received.
 - c.** Stirling Council tenants – residents who can benefit from the available funding have been informed by Stirling Council.
 - d.** Festival – poster displayed by C.Roy.
 - e.** Traffic contacts – C.Roy had provided J.Skabara's e-mail address for contact.
 - f.** 24 hour petrol – C.Roy had sent letters of thanks and appreciation to Scottish Enterprise and David Ferrie at Shearer's Garage.
 - g.** Website link – J.Skabara finalised the link.
- ii.** Drains – C.Roy had notified Stirling Council about 4 drains, inspection has been done although a repair date has not yet been established. **C.Roy to monitor this via the website over the summer.**
- iii.** Telephone box – **C.Roy to monitor the cleanliness of the box over the summer.**
- iv.** Bank – **A visit to the bank will be made in the near future by S.Kinnear, C.Roy, J.Skabara and J.Hulme.**
- v.** Bench maintenance – C.Roy had contacted Mr. Gilmour at Criminal Justice/Community Service. The benches need to be removed for the work to be done. This will be done after the summer. **Ongoing. C.Roy to check with the supplier of the bench at the cross to see if any maintenance is needed.**
- vi.** Community Pride Fund – S.Kinnear e-mailed Helen Geddes. Jean Cowie is now administering the forms and will send to S.Kinnear a.s.a.p. **Ongoing.**

- vii. FDT update – money for the Residents’ Grant is now available on a first come, first served basis. Information fliers had been distributed, an article had appeared in the Fintry Focus and e-mails had been sent to FDT members and to Primary School parents.
- viii. Rural South West Area Forum meeting – C.Roy gave a brief outline of the last meeting. **J.Skabara to provide a link to the minutes of the Forum meetings on the FCC website.**
- ix. SSSI update – Mr. McDonell sent information letters and a map to residents of Kilunan Steading but the woodland area was not clear. **C.Roy to deliver a better map and contact Stirling Council about a dead tree at the roadside.**

- 2) DRT update – A letter of permission is required for prescription collection by DRT employees. **M.Duckworth to draft a standard letter to be approved by the pharmacist at Balfron.**

V. Police Report

P.C.McNally reported that it had been quiet again in Fintry. In Blanefield, some larger houses, sheds and garages had been broken into and garden equipment had been taken.

VI. Councillors Report

Road works plan – still under consultation. **Cllr Berrill will e-mail the update as soon as possible.**

Village grit supply – this is still under discussion. A cross-party group is looking at options to try and improve the whole service.

VII. Finance

The balance of the account was £1727.77 with £499.27 in the old Youth Club account. **S.Kinnear to speak to Tracy Tysvaer to find out who the signatories are on the Youth Club account.**

VIII. Planning

There had been no planning applications in Fintry.

M.Duckworth had attended a Pensioner’s Forum where concern had been raised over the lack of low cost rural housing. M.Duckworth requested that Fintry Community Council formally notify Stirling Council of the option of building low cost housing at the east end of the village between Abriachan and Croftinstilly as it was known that landowner was willing to sell for this purpose.

J.Skabara/S.Kinnear to e-mail Dave Thorogood, Tony Cain and all three Stirling Councillors.

IX. Correspondence

- 1) An e-mail and poster advertising a Create event organized by Youth Services to be held in Balfron on Thursday 14th July. **C.Roy to display poster.**
- 2) An e-mail about events with regard to the Armed Forces: Saturday 18th June, Bridge of Allan – annual Armed Forces Day parade and military show which will also mark the Homecoming of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders from Afghanistan; Thursday 16th June two authors will visit Bridge of Allan library to speak of their experiences; and Sunday 19th June a thanksgiving service will take place at the Church of the Holy Rude.
- 3) An e-mail about the Stirling Council proposals - Review of Speed Limits. C.Roy described the proposals and it was agreed that Stuart Geddes and Brian Roberts should be invited to attend a FCC meeting to view the roads in question and discuss the proposals. **J.Skabara/S.Kinnear to e-mail Stuart Geddes and Brian Roberts.**
- 4) An e-mail about the publication of Stirling’s *Local Development Plan Scheme 3*. Also a hard copy.

- 5) Round Robin information from Pam Campbell.
 - LANTRA Business Skills for Rural Business Women – courses and workshops for women who work or are associated with agriculture/forestry based sectors.
 - The next Rural South West Area Forum meeting will be on Monday 20th June @7.00 pm at Balfron High School. The main agenda items will be feedback from the recent consultation on subsidised public transport; update on Forth Valley Health Board including transport and service provisions within both Forth Valley Royal and Stirling Community Hospital and information on Agenda for Change (services for the elderly).
 - Information about an STV Project Show looking for ideas of possible events or fundraisers at which Scottish International Rugby Players compete with each other to complete challenges based on community projects across Scotland.
 - A Rural Youth Newsletter, May 2011.
 - A link to the Rural Stirling Business Space Study full research report and executive summary.
- 6) An e-mail from Helen Geddes to confirm that the Rural Representatives on the Severe Weather Group are Margaret Vass and Willie Oswald from Strathblane.
- 7) Online bulletin of The Association of Scottish Community Councils.
- 8) Spring Newsletter of the Central Scotland Community Policing.
- 9) A letter from Barbara Allan (Services Manager, Communities Team) outlining changes in Community Work Support. Pam Campbell explained that she would no longer be attending FCC meetings unless there was a particular issue that she needed to help with, although someone from the team would attend AGM's inaugural meetings and extraordinary meetings. Pam made a request that she continue to receive FCC minutes.
- 10) Two invitations for events at Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum.
- 11) An invitation to the official opening of new homes at the Old Nursery, Kippen on Friday 10th June at 3.30 pm. **M.Duckworth to attend.**

X. A.O.B

- 1) The Scottish Flood Forum will be holding a flood exhibition in Fintry on the 6th September, 2011. This will be held at Fintry Primary School between 6pm and 8pm. There will be a range of flood protection products for people to look at and also personnel on hand to offer advice about all aspects of flood protection and other issues which are of concern to people. The exhibition will allow people to pop along for as long as they want at a time which suits them. **C.Roy to advertise this in the Fintry Focus and J.Skabara to put a notice on the FCC website.**
- 2) A request was made for FCC to write to David Smith (Head teacher of Fintry Primary School) with regard to his imminent retirement to thank him for all the input he has made to the village over the years.
- 3) Village Officer – C.Roy had received an e-mail from Jennifer Elliott (Land Services Officer) to say that there are no plans to appoint a Village Officer for Fintry. A mobile team will visit regularly but Jennifer urged residents or FCC to report any issues to Stirling Council on 0845 2777000 or via the website.

XI. Date of next meeting

September 14th 2011.

Vote of thanks to the Chair and those attending the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Sandra Kinnear (Treasurer)/Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)