



Minutes of the meeting held on

11th May 2011

I. Present

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

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

II. Apologies

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

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. Communications:**
 - a. Notices at Sports Club** – J.Skabara had displayed various posters and flyers.
 - b. Drains** – C.Roy had reported the three worst drains to Stirling Council and had been told that an inspection would take place by 18th May - **C.Roy to track this on Stirling Council's website.**
 - c. Road Danger** – see Police Report.
- ii. Telephone Box** – C.Roy had contacted British Telecom and registered the condition of the box as a 'repair', but as yet had not received notification of a date for the cleaning to take place. **C.Roy to monitor.**
- iii. Bank** – ongoing - **S.Kinnear, J.Hulme (previous Treasurer) and C.Roy still to go to the bank to close the account. S.Kinnear still to open a new account at the Post Office.**
- iv. Benches** – C.Roy had contacted Mr. Gilmour from the Criminal Justice Service and he had agreed to come and inspect the state of the benches to assess the work which could be done as Community Service. Any materials required would have to be supplied by FCC. The bench on the Sports field which was due to have a plaque fitted is probably past repair. **J.Pearson to check its condition.**
- v. Consultations** – J.Skabara had completed and submitted both the Police and the Fire & Rescue consultations.
- vi. Bridge Repair** – J.Pearson had approached two local joiners for quotes – one had quoted £150 to patch up the bridge and the other had quoted £400 to re-support the bridge. It was decided to apply for Community Pride Funding to pay for the bridge to be re-supported rather than patched up. **S.Kinnear to apply for funding for this as soon as the forms arrive from Stirling Council and for a replacement bench for the memorial plaque.**

- 2) FDT update – K.McIntyre reported that further information about the Car Club and energy grants for Fintry householders would be made available at the FDT’s stand at the Fintry Fling and at the FCC’s June meeting. Information about Car Clubs can also be found at www.moorcar.co.uk. Kelly also intends to hold surgeries at the Sports Club and now has internet access there.
- 3) South West Area Forum meeting – The next meeting will be on 16th May at 7.00 pm. The main agenda item will be ‘Social Economy’. **C.Roy to attend.**

V. Police Report

P.C.Faulds reported that there had been no crimes or offences reported in Fintry. A complaint made during the FCC meeting in March about dog fouling had been dealt with. J.Pearson reported that several residents had complained about property being stolen from their gardens and driveways but no reports had been made to the police. P.C.Faulds urged residents to report all such incidents. The question raised about the danger of pot-holes to drivers was still being followed up. P.C.Faulds mentioned a cycle race to be held on 22nd May around Balfron which may cause some disruption to traffic.

VI. Councillor’s Report

Cllr Berrill reported that the new rural team leader is Stephen Todd and he would be the person to contact over any issues with the state of the roads. Mr. Todd had acknowledged that the roads in the Fintry area, particularly the B822, were in a poor state and that potholes were developing on a regular basis. Cllr Berrill reported that money had been spent on repairing the Killearn road and that a section of the Crow Road was due to be repaired this summer. C.Roy asked if there was a list of roads to be repaired. **Cllr Berrill to find out.** Cllr Berrill confirmed that Stirling Council were looking at their response to bad weather and discussing action to be taken. J.Pearson mentioned the idea of using local farmers to help keep roads clear of snow and M.Duckworth mentioned last year’s unmet request for a supply of grit for householders to use. **Cllr Berrill to follow up.** Cllr Berrill confirmed that there was to be a Council Tax freeze for the next 5 years and discussed the large number of applications which had been made recently for wind turbines and the implications this may have on Scottish Parliament policy.

VII. Finance

The balance of the account was £1727.77 with £499.19 in the old Youth Club account. **S.Kinnear to contact S.James to follow up the offer of the Youth Club money to purchase a Wii for young people to use in the Sports Centre.**

VIII. Planning

No applications had been made.

A complaint had been made about the colour of the front door of a house on Main Street and an enforcement order was not required as the colour was deemed to be acceptable.

IX. Correspondence

- 1) Notice of application for premises licence from Balgair Castle Caravan Park. **C.Roy to inform interested parties.**
- 2) A letter with information about funding available through Stirling Council’s Local Estate Action Plan. **C.Roy to contact Emma Meldrum (the organiser) re contacting Stirling Council tenants.**
- 3) An e-mail about a website which publishes Public Information Notices – Stirling Council planning notices are on it and more information from Stirling Council may be available there in the near future. **J.Skabara to add a link to this website from FCC website.**

- 4) E-mails to confirm receipt of the Police and Fire & Rescue Consultations.
- 5) An e-mail with information about 'FestiVol 2011 – celebrating Volunteering' and events that are happening during the first week of June. **C.Roy to display hard copy.**
- 6) A letter from Shona Wellington (Traffic Management Support Officer) asking for an e-mail contact in order to provide notifications of restrictions and traffic regulation orders being promoted in and around Fintry. **C.Roy to contact Shona with J.Skabara's e-mail address.**
- 7) An invitation from 'frostfree' to their presentation 'Empowering Community Renewables' at the All Energy Exhibition and Conference in Aberdeen on 18th-19th May. C.Roy forwarded invitation to FDT. (This piece of correspondence arrived too late to be included at the meeting).

X. A.O.B

- 1) Bert Comrie from the DRT service gave an update on a number of issues: it is likely that Stirling Council will approve the extension of the service to Lennoxton (hopefully to start on 1st July); DRT leaflets specific to Fintry are going to be produced; the DRT now offers a Prescription Delivery Service which is free to those with travel passes and costs around £2-3 otherwise; the shopping bus will now operate on a Wednesday instead of a Friday.
- 2) C.Roy had received a complaint from a resident about sawing activity on trees in the SSSI area and an enquiry about making safe a dead tree. **C.Roy to follow this up.**
- 3) M.Duckworth mentioned the success of the 24 hour fuel facility in Balforn and made a request for FCC to write to the owner of the filling station and to the Rural Fuel provision department to thank them for making this facility available. **C.Roy to write.**

XI. Date of next meeting

June 8th 2011.

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

Minutes submitted by: S.Kinnear (Treasurer)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)