



Minutes of the meeting held on

14th September 2011

I. Present

C.Roy, S.Kinnear, J.Pearson, J.Hulme, R.Garvie, J.Skabara.
Cllr Berrill, T.Cain (Head of Housing).

II. Apologies

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.** Drains – A representative from Stirling Council had visited C.Roy to seek clarification over which drains needed clearing. Now that this information has been passed along, the remaining drain should be cleared in the near future. Three drains have already been cleared. **C.Roy to monitor.**
- ii.** Telephone Box – C.Roy had monitored the cleanliness of the box over the summer and found that it was still in an unacceptable state and that it is now only possible to use the telephone with a card. J.Pearson wondered if the cards could be sold at the Sports Centre. **C.Roy to try and purchase a phone card and establish whether the telephone actually works or not.**
- iii.** Bank – It was still unclear who the signatories are on the Youth Club account, and the signatories on the Community Council account had still not been changed. **C.Roy and J.Hulme to close both accounts in order for one new one to be opened elsewhere with the Youth Club account money ring-fenced to be used for the benefit of the young people of the village.**
- iv.** Bench Maintenance – The benches were to be removed for the work to be done after the summer. **C.Roy to check with Mr. Gilmour at Criminal Justice/Community Service as to when they are going to collect the benches. C.Roy still to check need to treat the new bench.**
- v.** Community Pride Fund – The next deadline is 7th October. **J.Pearson to obtain a written quote for the bridge repair and pass to S.Kinnear.** C.Roy reported that a request had been made by the Sports Club for FCC to apply for funding for the hedge and banking to be adjusted in order to allow more space for the recycling lorries to access the recycling bins without hitting the corner of the building. **C.Roy to obtain written quote from S.Kelso as soon as possible and pass to S.Kinnear.**
- vi.** Forum minutes link on FCC website – **Ongoing – J.Skabara.**
- vii.** SSSI update – **Ongoing - C.Roy to contact Stirling Council about the felling of a tree in this area and ensure Kilunan Steading residents have better maps.**
- viii.** Prescription Collection Letter – **J.Skabara to check with M.Duckworth if this has been done.**
- ix.** Roadworks Plan – J.Skabara had received a copy of the latest Roadworks Plan. **C.Roy to read through and check if there is anything relevant to Fintry.**
- x.** Youth Club Account money – The Sports Centre had still not decided whether or not they wanted a Wii. It was decided to wait until the bank accounts had been sorted out before this was pursued.
- xi.** Speed Limits Review – J.Skabara had e-mailed Stuart Geddes and Brian Roberts and had received a reply from Stuart Geddes to say that any proposed changes would not take place until 2012/13. Mr.

Geddes said he would be happy to attend an FCC meeting in the spring and that any changes would not happen without discussion with FCC.

- xii. Notices – C.Roy had displayed the poster about the ‘Create’ event; the notices for the Flood Forum meeting had unfortunately not been displayed in time; J. Skabara had e-mailed Tony Cain (Head of Housing Department) – see item 3 under A.O.B.

V. Police Report

Nothing to report.

VI. Councillors Report

Cllr Berrill reported that he had been chairing a cross party steering group on planning for severe weather conditions. Several improvements were planned including severe weather community plans, looking at places to store piles of grit in rural areas, purchasing snow blowers and enlisting the help of farmers for gritting and snow clearing. A report containing these recommendations is due to go to Stirling Council next week.

Cllr Berrill referred to the fact that Fintry’s Village Officer was not going to be replaced and wondered how the system was working i.e. a mobile team would visit regularly and any problems could be reported to Jennifer Elliot and someone would be sent within 24 hours. C.Roy and J.Pearson reported that they had seen work being done around the village but C. Roy noted that some of the grass verges along Main Street had not been cut recently. **C.Roy to contact Streetscape with regard to the cutting of the verges.**

VII. Finance

The balance of the account was £1727.77 with £499.31 in the old Youth Club account. A cheque was signed for £147.60 for the Menzies Hall rental fee.

VIII. Planning

No planning applications in Fintry were notified.

IX. Correspondence

- 1) A letter from Dawn Griesbach, Research and Evaluation Services.
- 2) Notification of the closure of the B818 in the vicinity of the Carron Valley Reservoir from Tuesday 16th August until Friday 28th October 2011.
- 3) The rota for the attendance of Councillors at Community Council meetings.
- 4) A survey regarding the collection of brown bins – this was completed at the meeting. **J.Skabara to submit.**
- 5) A letter from RHS Britain in Bloom – **C.Roy to pass on to Fintry Flower Society.**
- 6) A letter from Stirling Tourism Association asking for help in their campaign to reduce roadside litter by displaying stickers in the rear window of cars.
- 7) A letter from Peter Wright, author of ‘Ribbon of Wildness’ asking for help with promoting awareness of his book by displaying flyers and offering free talks.
- 8) Notification of a public procession – the Fintry Fun Run on Sunday 24th September 11am to 12pm.
- 9) Notification of the next Stirling Community Health Partnership, Public Partnership Forum meeting on Wednesday 21st September 7pm – 9pm in the Council Chambers, Old Viewforth. The topic is ‘Budget Context and Planning within NHS Forth Valley and Stirling Council’.
- 10) Briefing papers on the Stirling Local Development Plan and Stirling Council’s Open Space Strategy.
- 11) A survey from Reform Scotland which was completed at the meeting. **J.Skabara to submit.**
- 12) A newsheet from Stirling Council Community, August 2011.
- 13) Notification of the NHS Forth Valley Annual Review on Monday 7th November.

- 14) A newsletter from The Rural Stirling Housing Association, 'Rural Matters', Summer 2011.
- 15) An e-mail outlining the changes to Emergency and Minor Injury Services.
- 16) An e-mail concerning the closure of the A811 through Gartocharn for road resurfacing works from Monday 19th September until Monday 10th October or until the works are completed.
- 17) An e-mail regarding Green Grants for local communities.
- 18) An e-mail highlighting a series of waste planning training events across Scotland to upskill Community Councils.
- 19) An e-mail with the date of the next Rural South West Area Forum meeting – Monday 19th September at 7.00pm, Strathendrick Suite, Balfron High School. **C.Roy to attend.**
- 20) An e-mail about Stirling Council making a bid for funding to improve broadband speeds in some areas (not Fintry).

X. A.O.B

- 1) Sports Club request – see section v of Actions Intimated.
- 2) Sewage Works update – Scottish Water had conducted surveys but, as yet, the report promised in September has not been received by FCC. **C.Roy to pursue.**
- 3) Housing – Tony Cain (Head of Housing) attended the meeting with the intention of viewing the potential site for low cost rural housing to the east of Fintry, and discussing this with FCC. As M.Duckworth (FCC Planning Correspondent) was not present at the meeting it was agreed to carry this forward to another meeting. **M.Duckworth to contact Tony Cain with a location plan and arrange to meet to view the site. Tony Cain to discuss the site with the planners and attend a future FCC meeting.**
- 4) Digital Television – J.Pearson had been approached by several people who were having problems with the signal for digital television. After some discussion it was felt that these were probably individual problems with aerials and/or receiving too strong a signal rather than a general problem with signal reception in the village.

XI. Date of next meeting

Wednesday October 5th 2011.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Cicely Roy (Chairperson)