



## ***Minutes of the meeting held on***

8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

### **I. Present**

C. Roy, J.Pearson, M.Duckworth, J.Hulme, Cllr. Lambie.  
Bert Comrie from DRT.  
Four members of the public.

### **II. Apologies**

J. Skabara, R. Garvie, W. Paterson, S. Kinnear, PC McNally.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and signed by J.Pearson (Vice-Chair).

### **IV. Matters Arising**

#### 1) Actions Intimated:

- i. Bank –ongoing J.Hulme had not been able to check about the Youth Club account as she did not have any relevant documents. **S. Kinnear is about to open an account for FCC with the Cooperative bank.**
- ii. Community Pride Fund – It is hoped to meet the deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> February despite the bank account problem.
- iii. Pavement conditions – Past the Clachan: kerbs have been raised to take account of the new road level. However, Cllr Lambie was not confident that the requested pavement repair nearer Fintry was to be done.  
Culcreuch Ave to Menzies Ave: C. Roy spoke to Stephen Todd about this – report had not gone through to Streetscape, but inspection is expected this week which should lead to clearing the debris.  
Cllr. Lambie offered that Nicole Paterson is a good contact at the Council – for tree debris/ grass/ deep cleaning etc.
- iv. Menzies Hall AGM – Committee is looking at insulating the ceiling with cooperation from FDT. Quotations are being sought.
- v. Litter on the B822 (Knockraich to Culcreuch North Lodge). Was dealt with one day after the request.
- vi. Primary School Headteacher – Information has been received that there will be two Principal Teachers – one to be based in Fintry and the other in Buchlyvie, to support the Headteacher who will be shared between the two Primary Schools.
- vii. Letters have all been dealt with and sent.
- viii. Fintry Focus – ongoing **C. Roy to include the hospital Cross Boundary Agreement and TV reception problems enquiry in the March Focus.**

2) Tony Cain – meeting with M. Duckworth – see item **X**.

3) Sports Club – Have agreed to cooperate with the severe weather plan – see item **IX**

Youth Club money: A letter from FSRC's listing ideas was read including the estimate of £300 for Wii and accessories alone. It was agreed all the Youth Club money would be transferred and

- FSRC urged to complete the project. Diane Smith – one of the founder members of the Youth Club – was present at the meeting and gave the plan her approval.
- 4) FCC Secretary – J. Skabara stood down at the last meeting. J. Hulme has agreed to replace her.

**V. Police Report**

This was read and is attached.

There had been an accident on the Kippen Road at the Arnprior turnoff. A question was raised as to better signage there. **Cllr. Lambie to make enquiries and also report that the bend sign at Knockraich needs to be turned round.**

**VI. Councillors Report**

Cllr. Lambie distributed his report, attached.

Much discussion took place regarding the B822 road closure including arrangements for school transport and accommodation of individuals' access problems.

A member of the public asked if the Crow Road is still being gritted. – Yes, but not the Denny Road due to low traffic numbers.

A member of the public pointed out that the crash barriers on the Crow Road require some repair.

**VII. Finance**

No report available at this time.

**VIII. Planning**

No applications received and no approvals since the last meeting.

Outwith Fintry – Boquhan Estates Ltd. have been granted permission for a café.

Information that if you change the name of your house, official registration will cost £84.

**IX. Severe Weather Plan**

David Bright informed that the supply of grit/salt at the Sports Club and flood warning triangles were a cost to the Roads Dept. and he has passed on our requests for these. Cllr. Lambie said to ensure that a cover is put over the grit/salt pile to avoid weather deterioration of the material. We have received 4 shovels and 10 High Viz vests, but C.Roy confirmed that sand bags were not obtainable.

**Cllr. Lambie to check snow ploughing arrangements involving local farmers.**

C. Roy read out the draft Severe Weather Plan and asked for approval. After various comments it was agreed the plan was satisfactory.

**X. Local Housing Proposals**

M. Duckworth reported on her meeting with Tony Cain from SC. Jim Milne, local resident, was also present. Mr. Cain was very thorough with his consideration of various proposed sites and visited these. The site of particular interest to the east of the village was good in lots of respects, but he ruled it out due to what would be the unacceptably high cost of putting in a road.

The preferred site is therefore the fields near the Menzies estate (LDP ref H098) where 40 homes are proposed. He was a little concerned with the density and also said that the buildings must be in keeping with the surrounding environment.

Mr. Cain pointed out that recent change to the planning process means that it is what Fintry wants rather than the Planning Dept. He expects that it will take around two years to 'get the ball rolling' so now is the ideal time to start serious discussions. Mr. Cain will assist. **It was proposed that an informal meeting be arranged with A. Haslam, the site owner.**

## **XI. DRT**

B. Comrie reported that the prescription collection service is working well with Balfron, Kippen and Killearn Pharmacies all now involved.

The Wednesday shopping bus is being well supported. A maximum of 16 people on 2 runs can be carried. A question arose as to whether there could be a Sunday service, say to church. B. Comrie said there was no reason why not, and people should request this if they want it.

He suggested the best way forward to get a service right through to the hospital at Larbert would be to get a petition together. The 'Change Fund' or the NHS might be able to fund this.

J. Pearson proposed conducting a survey of the community to see what the demand is.

## **XII. Correspondence**

- 1) Email from Helen Geddes – Minor Injuries Unit at the hospital has been moved.
- 2) Email from J. McKenzie re National Forum for Community Councils.
- 3) Emailed invitations to free Community Council training – Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan. 17<sup>th</sup> March 09:30 to 17:30 in Perth.
- 4) Letter and leaflet – Heritage Paths Project
- 5) Notice of Stirling Community Health Partnership meeting.
- 6) Review from Stirling Voluntary Enterprise re older persons' services.
- 7) Booklet *Rural Matters*.
- 8) Notice of Meeting of the Planning Panel on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb in Stirling Council Chambers.
- 9) Mapping Survey for Balfron Learning Community. C. Roy completed and sent this.
- 10) On line Bulletin of Association of Scottish Community Councils for Jan 2012. Forwarded to all members.
- 11) Letter from members of the public suggesting the B822 road works only take place from 9-5, and email reply from SC. See item **VI**.

## **XIII. A.O.B**

- 1) Queen's jubilee. Money is available through the Community Pride Fund. It was suggested a tree should be planted – a white poplar at the cemetery was suggested. A member of the public suggested further planting at the cemetery. **C.Roy to check feasibility.**
- 2) Benches – these are ready to be reinstated and the fixings were estimated to cost less than £10.
- 3) Pillar box – should it be moved to the Sports Club? Local residents should be asked in our survey.
- 4) Fintry Inn – Tennants sign has reappeared. **New owners should be made aware that this has been subject to planning questions previously.**
- 5) Loose drain cover near the Sports Club had been repaired promptly after R. Garvie reported it.

## **XIV. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: J Hulme (Secretary)

Minutes approved by C. Roy (Chairperson)