



Minutes of the meeting held on

11th January 2012

I. Present

J.Pearson, M.Duckworth, J.Skabara, J.Hulme.
P.C.McNally.
Six members of the public.

II. Apologies

C.Roy, S.Kinnear, W.Paterson.
Cllr Berrill.

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 to try and find out what is happening with the old Youth Club account.**
- ii.** Community Pride Fund – ongoing. J.Skabara noted that funding was available for community celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee. The deadline for this is 17th February.
- iii.** Prescription Service – M.Duckworth outlined the current service and confirmed that she had spoken to the pharmacist at Killearn Pharmacy who was also keen to participate in the service. M.Duckworth had drafted a permission letter which would also be available at the Sports Centre.
- iv.** Tony Cain contact – M.Duckworth had spoken to Tony Cain and he is coming to Fintry on 17th January to look at the proposed sites for Rural Housing and in particular the site which the Community Council has brought to his attention. They will also be joined by Jim Milne – a Fintry resident who worked for many years within the Rural Stirling Housing Association.
- v.** Sports Centre – J.Skabara had e-mailed Stan James to inform him that approximately £490 was still available from the old Youth Club account to be used for the benefit of the young people of Fintry and to ask that this be discussed at the next Sports Centre committee meeting; that the Community Pride Fund application is ongoing; and that we are still trying to find out about the proposed salt/grit dump.
- vi.** Cairnoch Hill Windfarm – J.Pearson read an update from FDT – ‘We met with Partnership for Renewables and Forestry Commission. They have decided Cairnoch is where they want the development. Obviously they still require permission but the potential wind rights have been granted to Partnership for Renewables by the FC. They are looking to creative community benefit and buy-in options. Nothing concrete or on the table at present.’ It is unclear whether any benefits would go to the community directly or to the FDT.
- vii.** Pavement – ongoing as no Councillor present to update FCC on this issue, however, a member of the public present at the meeting expressed concern at the state of the Kippen Road pavement.

- viii. Hospital Route – J.Skabara had received replies from Bruce Crawford and Anne McGuire who had both received replies from Les Goodfellow, Head of Environmental Services at Stirling Council, and from Fiona Mackenzie, Chief Executive of NHS Forth Valley. This confirmed that the agreed route to the Forth Valley Royal Hospital is via the B822 – A811 – A9 and that the B818 Fintry to Denny Road is a Priority 2 route for gritting purposes. The cross-boundary agreement was confirmed and the letter has been passed to the Ambulance Service. **C.Roy to put details of the cross-boundary agreement in the Fintry Focus.**
- ix. Letters etc. –
- LDP response – submitted.
 - DRT info – sent to C.Roy and will go into next Focus.
 - Minuting support info – sent to Helen Geddes.
 - Stirling Castle – poster & fliers displayed.
 - Voluntary Enterprise – e-mail sent.

V. Police Report

All quiet again. The storms on 3rd January had caused temporary road closures with lots of trees down. The A81 was closed for a long time and the Police were grateful for all the help from members of the public with clearing the trees.

P.C.McNally had put the ‘No Cold Calling’ stickers in the Sports Centre and reminded FCC Councillors that they were welcome to accompany him next time he was out and about with his speed gun.

VI. Councillors Report

No Councillor present.

VII. Finance

The balance of the account is £1580.17.

VIII. Planning

The planning application for 19, Main Street has been withdrawn.

An application for East Lodge, Ballikinrain to renovate it and change it into an office and build a house and garage beside it.

IX. Severe Weather Plan

There was a good discussion of a possible Severe Weather Plan for Fintry. Much of this involved the possibility of developing the Sports Centre as an Emergency Centre. **C.Roy to speak to Sports Centre about whether or not this is a possibility and start to put together the plan.**

X. Correspondence

- 1) The SURF newsletter December 2011 – forwarded to all FCC.
- 2) ASCC Online Bulletin January 2012 – forwarded to all FCC.
- 3) Letters from a resident regarding the condition of the B818 – the resident had an accident caused by excess water on the road and is pursuing this with Stirling Council.
- 4) An e-mail from Sheila Fraser with details of the Menzies Hall committee AGM to be held on Monday 30th January at 8 p.m. All welcome.

XI. A.O.B

- 1) T.V. Reception – A resident was having problems with T.V. reception since the digital switchover despite having no problems with the analogue system. She felt that it was not a problem with her television or aerial and wondered how many other people in the village were having problems. **C.Roy to put something in the Fintry Focus to try and find out how widespread the problem is.**
- 2) Litter – A resident complained about the amount of litter on the roadside between the Sewage Works and North Lodge, Culcreuch Castle Drive. **J.Skabara to contact Jennifer Elliot, Land Services Officer.**
- 3) Primary School Head Teacher – A representative from the Fintry Primary School Parent Council wanted to bring to the attention of FCC a proposed change to the management structure at the Primary School. The Head Teacher has been asked to take on the role of being the Joint Head of Fintry Primary School and Buchlyvie Primary School. A Joint Depute would also be appointed. The parents of FPS have no strong objection to having a shared Head but would prefer not to have a shared Depute as well; their preference would be for each school to have a Principal Teacher. They are concerned that there could be a large number of occasions when there may not be a senior teacher on the premises. **J.Skabara to liaise with FPS Parent Council in order to write to relevant members of Stirling Council to request further information about why the shared Head and shared Depute model is felt to be the only way forward.**
- 4) Fintry Inn – see attached statement, overleaf.
- 5) J.Skabara announced her intention to stand down as Secretary of Fintry Community Council.

XII. Date of next meeting

Wednesday February 8th 2012.

Vote of thanks to the Chair.

Minutes submitted by: Jo Skabara (Secretary)

Minutes approved by Jamie Pearson (Vice-Chairperson)

THE FINTRY INN

Statement: 11/01/12

*From February 2012, The Fintry Inn will be owned and managed by The Fintry Inn Collective (FINNCO). The pub has been in the village since the mid 1700's and the primary objective of establishing FINNCO was to ensure that it remained a central facility within the village. *

The collective funded the acquisition of the business privately and have established a new management team, which will consist of George Goodall as the Head Bar Manager and Julie Flisch as the Restaurant Manager. The new management team want to maintain the traditional values of the village pub, but also enhance the restaurant offering. Where possible it is hoped that this can be achieved by promoting and supporting the use of local produce as well as provide a possible outlet for the talents of local arts and craftspeople. In addition, the new Management team are also looking for new bar and restaurant staffs so if anyone is interested please contact either George or Julie at the Fintry Inn.

Finally, these developments will take time but we hope that we can provide something for everyone and we welcome feedback from all members of the Fintry community.

Paul Wallace

FINNCO Chairperson
