



Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2013

1. Present and Apologies

J. Pearson, C. Roy, J. Hulme, M. Duckworth, R. Garvie,
P C McNally, D. Spence (FSRC Chair), B.Comrie (D.R.T.), one member of the public
Apologies from S. Kinnear.

2. Approval of minutes of June meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting in June were approved and adopted.

3. Presentation by D. Spence

Mr. Spence provided a written proposal (attached) for the use by Fintry Sports and Recreation Club of the Youth Club funds held by the Community Council. The plan was to change the area between the squash courts and the gym to provide a suitable, secure area for children/young people. He gave details of the plan as outlined in the proposal, and requested that the Youth Club funds be transferred for this project which was expected to cost over £2,000, relevant receipts being provided. There was unanimous approval for the transfer of the funds. ACTION POINT: SK

4. Police Report

P.C. McNally outlined several recent local crimes: 1st-6th July a container with £3,000 worth of tools stolen from The Neuk; 23rd/24th July £600 worth of damage to a door at Culcreuch Castle Hotel; 6th/7th August the theft of a vibrating machine from The Jaw; several break-ins in the neighbourhood – Strathbalne, Killearn and Balfron – some of those responsible being caught and some leads obtained. This was a reminder not to leave things visible to would-be burglars.

Members agreed to complete a survey for P.C. McNally to be returned by 17th September. ACTION POINT: JP et al

Mr Comrie discussed a problem he had had with DVLA.

A warning was given that when using the 101 service no code should be used, solely the number 101.

5. Finance

S. Kinnear had informed that a secondary account for the Common Good Fund will be opened with the existing CO-OP Bank due to complications apparent if opening a new treasurer's account with other providers. The application forms for the fund have been completed and, together with the applicable terms and conditions, will be placed in the FCC pocket in the Sports Club. Application forms to be sent to all local organisations ACTION POINT: SK et al

The current balance stands at £2,247.25 and Common Good Fund at £3,370.62.

6. Matters for Decision

(a) Draft Rural Transport Plan - Consultation

Discussion took place with the focus on Fintry, and agreed responses to the questions were recorded by the Chairman. Emphasis was placed on the problem of transport to the Forth Valley Royal Hospital. Copy of the completed papers attached.

(b) Draft Statement of Gambling Policy – Consultation

In the light of information that no significant changes had been made to the policy it was agreed just to email a brief message that FCC had no key points to make. ACTION POINT: CR

7. Ongoing Matters

(a) Waste water/sewage works

C. Roy explained that since eventually receiving replies from SEPA and Scottish Water since FCC's June meeting, follow up responses were needed and were in hand. She had met with Bruce Crawford MSP on 9th August in preparation for meetings he was to have with both organisations prior to FCC's October meeting and he will be communicating with her about the meetings. The main thrust of current efforts is to get the limited remedial work on infiltration in Main Street prioritized.

J. Pearson asked if fellow councilors were happy with progress as he had received communication from one individual who was unhappy with progress. All councilors expressed full satisfaction with progress.

(b) Local Development Plan

C. Roy reported that she was continuing to monitor developments via the appropriate website having placed Stirling Council's information on the notice board in July. Currently the examiners have called for 'further written information' in ten cases – all SC – and she had been assured there would be ample time allowance should FCC or individuals who had made representations be similarly approached, or if any other action was planned.

(c) Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit Group

J. Pearson reported that following planning permission having now been granted for the Earlsburn Extension, there was to be a meeting of the community benefit group and the developers on October 17th to which two representatives from FCC are invited. J. Pearson will attend and proposed co-opting one of the FDT directors to help secure the best deal from the developer. ACTION POINT: JP

(d) Defibrillator

A letter from Gartmore CC seeking information about obtaining a defibrillator was read. However, in the absence of S. Kinnear who had been progressing the project, including investigating funding options still available, the matter had to be held over, but with the assurance that FCC would use its own funding for the device if required. The letter to be forwarded to S. Kinnear. ACTION POINT CR

(e) Paths

C. Roy had attended the Rural S.W. Stirling Paths Group meeting on 2nd September and noted that changes in SC had resulted in the loss of Countryside Ranger Douglas Flynn who had been so helpful with local path maintenance. Bob Sharpe from Buchlyvie offered to visit Fintry and advise on the use for repair of the riverside walk of the hardcore/scalplings left in the sports field, while C. Roy will investigate its availability via FDT. ACTION POINT: CR

(f) Deep Clean

It was agreed that the Deep Clean throughout the village had been very worthwhile and a thank you should be sent to Stirling Council. ACTION POINT: JP

(g) Fintry Sign

Mr Noonan reported that a sign in 10mm thick acrylic with laser cut lettering in the appropriate script would cost about £185 plus VAT, not including frame and fitting. He also explained that the workers on the water main replacement had cut down the post to which the sign was to be fixed. It was agreed that prior to final agreement there should be a public display of the intended sign and Mr Noonan would continue to help in progressing the matter. ACTION POINT: BN

8. Planning

- a. An application for an air source heat pump at Ardtamford, Crow Road has been approved.
- b. Planning permission has been approved, with conditions, for a 2-storey log and general store at Stewart School, 14 Main Street.
- c. An application to change agricultural land to private residential land at the Neuk, Crow Road has been approved with conditions.
- d. An application for an air source pump at 5 Menzies Terrace has been approved.

9. A.O.B.

(a) **Presentation by M. Duckworth**

Mrs. Duckworth drew attention to the fact that November 2014 would mark the centenary of the outbreak of the 1914-1918 War. She further explained that Fintry's war memorial was a stained glass window in the church officially registered with the War Memorials Trust to whom an application for funding for restoration of the window has been sent. There has been no maintenance of the window since 1920 and the glass is damaged. Assistance from several other bodies and personnel was being followed up; an appropriate restorer had been located; and money and promises for donations already received from the community so that work could commence.

A Rededication Service was aimed for the morning of 11th November 2014.

Mrs Duckworth provided interesting details about Fintry men who served in the war and also some of the ideas for the Rededication Service, and C. Roy promised to ensure an article worthy of the matter would be included in a future edition of *Focus*.

Mrs Duckworth was thanked for her presentation and assured of FCC's support for the project.

(b) **Supplies**

J. Pearson requested and received approval for the ordering of paper and ink. ACTION POINT: JP/SK

(c) **Bin Collection**

It was pointed out that in addition to the problems associated with cessation of the brown bin collection and lack of brown boxes for cardboard, Main Street residents were being further hampered by the restrictions imposed by the water main replacement work there. It was proposed our SC Councillors' assistance be sought. ACTION POINT: JP

10. Correspondence

- a. Omitted from June's list: Invitation to AGM of Carers Forum Stirling Area on 12th June, and May's reports for Stirling Carers Centre and Stirling Young Carers. (Available)
- b. Invitation from Cllr C. McChord, Stirling Community Planning Partnership, to discussion on implementation of the SOA in the Council Chambers on 29th June.
- c. Information from Cllr Martin Earl re three schemes available: Edible Borders, Fruit Tree Planting, Wild Flower Planting. (Copied to FDT)
- d. Letter and leaflet from P. McNicol, Council Archivist, re archiving of Community Council minutes and research facilities available at the office in Borrowmeadow Road, Stirling. (Available)
- e. Email from Katie Murray, Keep Scotland Beautiful, re raising awareness of the dog fouling issue during the Clean Up Scotland campaign from 30th September – 13th October.
- f. Notification from Communities Team re event on 5th October in the Council Chambers focusing on the SOA. (C. Roy to attend)
- g. Information leaflets from Stirling Council re new complaints procedure. (Publicly displayed)
- h. Letter from Claire Milne, Principal Planning Officer SC, updating on LDP. [See above 7. (b)]
- i. Letter from Bob Jack, Chief Executive Stirling Council, re SC relationship with communities. (CR replied)
- j. Consultation request from Stirling Council re gambling policy together with *Draft Statement of Policy 2013-2016*. (CR replied [See above 6. (b)]).
- k. Invitation from Colin O'Brien, Chairman of Stirling Smith Trustees, to Chairman's Evening on 2nd October.
- l. Request from Communities Team for attendance at HMIe Balfron Learning Community inspection meeting on 4th September re relationship between community councils the SWR Forum and SC. (C. Roy attended)
- m. Invitation from Menzies Hall Management Committee to presentation of fire safety report. (C. Roy attended)

- n. Emailed invitation from Steve Salt, West Coast Energy Ltd., to a meeting of the Community Benefit Group in Gargunnoch on 17th October. [See above **7. (c)**]
- o. Emailed agenda etc. for Rural SW Forum meeting on 16th September, and minutes of meeting on 20th May reported on at FCC June meeting. [Minutes VII (8)]
- p. Official notification re Fintry Fun Run on 21st September. (Later permission for change to 5th October)
- q. Email from S. Todd, SC Roads Maintenance, re Crow Road closure from 9th – 13th September for resurfacing. (Publicly displayed)
- r. Invitation from Rural Stirling Housing Association to AGM in Callander on 18th September, together with Annual Report and *Rural Matters* summer edition. (CR to reply)
- s. Invitation to Stirling Community Health Partnership's Public Partnership Forum on 18th September about Re-Cyke a Bike and Hate Crime, together with programme, and record of 19th June's meeting on 'Reshaping Care for Older People's Services'.
- t. Email from Gerry McGarvey, Gartmore CC, re obtaining a defibrillator. [See above **7. (d)**]
- t. Emailed information re Community Pride Fund 2013-2014.
- u. Emails from SC re industrial action affecting bin collection. [See above **9. (c)**]
- v. Emailed Community News Sheets for June/July and August

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th October – the last for the current membership

There was a vote of thanks to the chair by M. Duckworth.