



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

13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### **I. Present**

J. Pearson, P. Roberts, K. Young, K. Smith, C. Roy, D. Roberts, H. Geddes SC, and four members of the public.

### **II. Apologies**

Cllr G. Lambie

### **III. Configuration of the Council**

Meg Duckworth was co-opted – proposed J. Pearson, seconded C. Roy, and then voted in as Planning Officer.

Bert Comrie was co-opted proposed J. Pearson, seconded C. Roy and assigned responsibility for transport issues.

Ken Smith agreed to be responsible for the website and publicity.

FCC's thanks go to Jo Scabara for continuing to update the website for the whole period since her resignation until now.

Ronnie Garvie was to be asked to monitor progress of the LDP and C. Roy would deliver details of how this is being done. (Action Point)

Gordon Cowtan was to be an Associate Member responsible for Earlsburn benefit matters.

### **IV. Police Report**

PC Ailsa Brough introduced herself explaining she was responsible for Balfron and Fintry. She reported that stones had been thrown at an off-road car at Camallt and batteries had been stolen from traffic lights, but there were no leads in either case.

In the local area it should be noted that a skimming device had been used at the Bank of Scotland in Balfron and people should be alert to this activity. She described the devices and said they could be seen if one looked carefully. Secondly, extracting information by cold call telephone calls had occurred in Killearn, and was also a crime to be highlighted.

J. Pearson would be supplied with PC Brough's email address.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and adopted. It was agreed that in future the unadopted minutes would be placed on the website to increase public information.

Dates for 2014 meetings were agreed to be the second Wednesday in each month as at present.

### **VI. Councillor's Report**

No Councillor was present at the meeting.

### **VII. Information and Updates**

- DRT/shopping bus: B. Comrie read part of a letter from Stirling Council regarding a change to the operation of the Wednesday shopping bus. There was some discussion about the original public meeting attended by Bruce Crawford at which this service had been agreed to. Therefore Mr Comrie would contact Bruce Crawford and FCC agreed to pursue the matter as necessary. (Action Point)

Stirling Council have said they will not fund the bus any further than Kippen, where passengers would change onto the service bus.

- Youth representation: There was discussion with Sandra Kinnear about the possibility of a group of young people being formed and what the procedure would be, one suggestion being that a youth committee might meet independently and send one representative to council meetings. Nat Turner had expressed an interest in the matter. S.Kinnear offered to pursue the matter.(Action Point)
- Attendance at meetings: M. Duckworth confirmed that she would continue to attend the Elderly Persons Reference Group.

D.Roberts agreed to attend Rural SW Area Forum meetings. For the meeting at 7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Balfron High School C. Roy would forward all the relevant paperwork.

J. Pearson agreed to act as FCC representative on FSRC committee and attend the meeting at 8pm on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

- Information/decisions by councillors: J.Pearson suggested that in future if decisions by FCC were required between meetings this would be done by email messaging with ratification at the following meeting.
- Hall access: J. Pearson would contact Sheila Fraser, Secretary of MHMC, and present FCC's view that the installation of a ramp should be pursued. (Action Point)
- LDP: C. Roy reported that 16 requests for further information had now been listed but Fintry's issue still not addressed.
- Defibrillator: The campaign had now been taken up by Heidi Spence and Gail Reid, J. Pearson would be following up on the subject at the forthcoming FSRC meeting. It was envisaged that the defibrillator would be housed securely outside the sports club. There was some discussion about training requirements.
- Firewood distribution: J. Pearson explained that this had taken place and for further distribution he would like to be notified of anybody who would appreciate this free firewood i.e. those who would have difficulty collecting it themselves rather than just old people.
- Good will fund: S. Kinnear had redone the application forms in accordance with decisions at the FCC's October meeting, and the alterations still required to be done was the removal of the fund limit on the form. An information booklet to go alongside the form was recommended and that similar information would go in *Focus*, the matter to be followed up at the December meeting. (Action Point)

## VIII. Planning

Approved:-

Lightbody Stone timber huse

Fintry Inn Window and Door

Sport Centre Floodlights

Watson Extension

Hysop Heat Pump

Firs Granny Flat

## IX. A. O. B.

Finance: S. Kinnear stated the bank balance was currently £5358.52. Pending a separate account for the Common Good Fund the amount needed to be mentioned separately – namely £3200

C. Roy was provided with a cheque to reimburse her for payment for the salt for the FSRC bin.

Preliminary arrangements were put in place for the change of Treasurer and signatories to the account.

## X. Correspondence Received

1. Correspondence received since FCC meeting 9th October 2013

1. Letter from Stirling Council relating to a change in the Licensing rules at the Courtyard Cafe, Fintry. Extension of hours to midnight Mon to Sun for on sales and to 10pm for off sales. Any comments or objections to be made to Stirling Council by 18th November. (Letter retained).

2. Letter from Councillor Neil Benny regarding the latest news of the initiative to improve internet connectivity across Stirling. In July British Telecom won the Scottish Government 'Rest of Scotland' Step Change Broadband Contract. This should improve coverage across Stirlingshire, but it's not yet clear which areas will benefit first. The Broadband Group is to set up a website to provide information and will inform Community Councils of the address once set up. (Letter printed out)

3. E-mail from Helen Geddes regarding arrangements for change in Community Council members: All members cease to be members at midnight on Thurs, 24 October 2013.

Inaugural meetings will then be organised by Stirling Council to happen during late November or December 2013. It is only this first meeting organised by Stirling Council that is a valid meeting of the Community Council after the election and it is at this meeting that office bearers will be elected.

4. E-mail and flyer from A. Allison; Empty Homes Officer; regarding an initiative across Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk Council areas to bring empty homes back into residential use. (Flyer printed off).

5. News release regarding changes to Demand Responsive Transport. (Fare increase from 11th November) (Letter printed off).

6. The Annual Review of NHS Forth Valley performance during 2012/13 will take place on Monday 9th December 2013 in the Lecture Theatre at Forth Valley Royal Hospital in Larbert from 1.15pm to 2:30pm.

If you would like to attend it would helpful if you could let NHS Forth valley know by 28th November 2013 and advise them of any special requirements. Tel 0800 456033 (freephone) Also in connection with this – e-mail from Bruce Crawford MSP, urging Community Councils to send a representative and make the meeting at Larbert known to as many people as possible.

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Additional Correspondence received by C.Roy

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8. Notes re Stirling Community Health Partnership Public Partnership Forum meeting on 18th September together with: Agenda for the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November at Stirling Community Hospital, subjects being Community food development, 'Braveheart', Transport and travel update. (Available)
9. Email message from Pam Campbell with thanks for good wishes sent during her absence and her return timetable. (Printed and available)
10. Email from Janet MacCallum, SC Community Engagement Team, forwarding a message from Margaret Vass, Chairman of Strathblane CC, seeking support for a petition re contamination problem. (Retained on computer)
11. Two emails from Janet MacCallum, SC Community Engagement Team, pertaining to the Rural SW Area Forum meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at Balfron High School including: Agenda, Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, updated Progress Report, Police Report and Priority-Based Budgeting information sheet. (Forwarded to JP)
12. Email invitation to SC tenants from Emma Meldrum, SC Tenant Participation Officer, to a Rent Forum at 10am on 30<sup>th</sup> November in Council Chambers Old Viewforth. (Requested hard copy of a suitable notice)
13. Emailed notification from Stan James, FSRC Secretary, of Committee Meeting at 8pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November together with minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October. (Forwarded to JP)
14. Emailed Community Engagement Team's October News Sheet. (Retained on computer)
15. Emailed copy of Menzies Hall Fire Action Plan from Sheila Fraser, MHMC Secretary (Forwarded to JP)
16. Emailed advertisement and application form from Helen Geddes, Stirling Council, re vacancies for citizens on Stirling Local Licensing Forum and Independent Chairs for the Social Work Complaints Review Panel. (Retained on computer)

## **XI. Date of Next Meeting**

Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm.