



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

9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

### **I. Present**

J. Pearson, J. Hulme, R. Garvie, M. Duckworth, S. Kinnear, G. Cowtan, four members of the public.

### **II. Apologies**

W. Paterson, C. Roy, PC McNally.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and adopted.

### **IV. Police Report**

P C McNally was not present at the meeting but had informed FCC that he will no longer be the officer for our area. Instead P C Ailsa Brough will be the new Community Officer for our area. He e-mailed this report: Things have been really quite settled in the Fintry area over the last month. The only item of note is a strange vandalism to a car which occurred on 9th October sometime between the morning and late evening. The car was parked off the road at Camallt on the B818 and seemed to have had a brick/rock thrown at it. The reasons for this happening are not apparent and any information anyone has would be greatly appreciated.

Otherwise, elsewhere we are experiencing a pick up in the number of housebreakings which are occurring. Strathblane and Killearn and seen 4 break- ins in the past month. Two males were arrested on Friday 4 October having broken into two houses in the Gartness area. we (the police) are encouraging people therefore to make sure their properties are locked, keys are out of sight and in particular to keep car keys out of sight as two expensive Audis have been stolen (one from Killearn, the other from Blanefield).

### **V. Councillor's Report**

No Councillor was present at the meeting.

### **VI. Finance**

The bank balance is currently £5858.03.

S. Kinnear reported that she had made enquiries about opening another account for the Fintry Development Trust Grant money. This will be fairly straightforward. It was decided that this should be a matter for the new FCC committee.

### **VII. Matter for FCC Approval**

It was proposed that Gordon Cowtan of Fintry Development Trust be co-opted to FCC. This would be so that Gordon can give information and advise on the benefits to the community of the proposed Earlsburn Windfarm extension. This proposal was put to a vote. J. Pearson proposed and this was seconded by R. Garvie.

### **VIII. Ongoing Matters and Updates**

- Hall Access: The Hall Committee are to investigate purchasing a ramp to allow disabled access to the lesser hall, The Hall committee are hoping to jointly fund this from their own funds, Stirling Council and from FCC.
- Fintry Sign: C. Roy has suggested that the obsolete Tourist Information pole could be used to mount the new sign once this has been made.
- Waste Water System and Sewage Works: C. Roy has been in contact with MSP Bruce Crawford who has a letter from SEPA classifying Fintry as 'poor' in these matters. They state that more audits are

necessary and that improvements are planned for 2015 to 2021. An ecology survey is due to be conducted in October and November 2013. SEPA are awaiting a reply from Scottish Water.

- Local Development Plan information. So far Stirling Council has received 15 requests for information from the public, but none of these are relating to the issue in Fintry.
- Salt Grit Bin: Now in place at the Sports Club car park. C. Roy has bought grit to fill it.
- Defibrillator: No further progress at the moment.
- FDT firewood distribution. There was one distribution at the end of September and there is to be another. Mr. Pearson asked that if anyone knew of people who would like wood that could not themselves collect it to let him or Mathew Black of FDT know and it will be delivered.
- Potholes: Cllr Lambie and PC McNally have been active in securing repair to the sunk tar that has resulted from the Scottish Water works along the Main Street.
- Trees: Culcreuch Avenue. A local resident had complained about a tree that had been cut down without them being informed. However, the tree in question was dead and it seems that SC do not have an obligation to inform the local residents of such action.
- Distribution of FCC Common Good Fund. G. Cowtan, as representative of the FDT which is forwarding the money, has looked at FCC's proposed grant application form. He said he was concerned that the form appears too onerous to a potential applicant. S. Kinnear pointed out that our proposed form was based upon Stirling Council's recommendations to fulfil various legal requirements. After some discussion it was agreed to simplify the application form, but on receipt of any application, FCC should obtain more detailed information about the organisation applying. This could be obtained verbally and recorded for any future enquiries about how the grant had been awarded.

A question was raised as to how the funds should be advertised. It was decided to post notices on village notice boards, advertise in the Fintry Focus, and possibly the Church Newsletter. A suggested headline was "Does Your Community Group or Organisation Need Cash?"

#### **IX. Future of FCC**

Nomination forms were handed to the people in the audience who had expressed an interest. J. Pearson said he would post an eye-catching notice to try to attract other applicants. He stated that he wishes the jobs to be shared out to ease the burden of work. There should be:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Minutes Secretary
- Treasurer
- Publicity Person
- Roads Issues Person
- Planning Officer

#### **X. Planning**

1. Mr. A Haslam has applied for a conversion of a double garage at The Firs to form a granny flat.
2. Mr. J. Chesney has applied to demolish an office at Buckingham Cottage and to re-build as a dwelling house.
3. Air source heat pump application at 5 Menzies Crescent has been approved.
4. Retrospective approval for a log store for Mr. James (Stewarts School).

#### **XI. A. O. B.**

1. J. Pearson has purchased ink and paper for FCC. The treasurer issued a cheque for £53.38 to reimburse.
2. £500.00 cheque was made out to the Sports Club. This is to fund equipment for youngsters and comes from the old Youth Club money. Communities Team News-sheet – March edition. (Circulated to members)
3. C. Roy will be re-imbursed for her purchase of grit for the salt bin.

Mr. Pearson, Chairman, said that he would like to thank Cicely Roy for all her hard work and efforts over the years that she has served the village through her roles in Fintry Community Council.

## **XII. Correspondence Received**

1. E-mail from Gavin Kennedy; Housing and Customer Services; Stirling Council. SC are proposing to renew the designation of 'Pressured Areas' where demand for social housing exceeds supply. Invitation to respond to questionnaire whether we agree or not to the renewal of the designation. (There is a 41 page document to show evidence and reasoning for their proposal to renew the designation.)
2. NHS Forth Valley Community Newsletter – Autumn 2013.
3. E-mail from Access Officer of Environment Services; Stirling Council, advising that grants of up to £1500 are available for footpaths. Deadline for applications 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. (E-mail printed off)
4. E-mails from Police Scotland advising of changes to provision of public counters at police stations and also of the withdrawal of traffic warden services. Letters printed off.
5. E- mail advising of Low Carbon Scotland Conference in Edinburgh (Dynamic Earth) on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013. (E-mail printed)
6. Emailed Community News Sheets for September and October.
7. Email from Helen Geddes re requirement for Stirling Council to carry out a review of its Polling Districts and Polling Places together with invitation to make representation in relation to the boundaries of polling districts, and the location and suitability of polling places and polling stations within them. Attachments: explanatory letter, Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places, boundary map and information on polling districts/polling places within Ward 2.
8. Email and letter from Helen Geddes enclosing Community Council Election documents viz: public notices (displayed) full information and nomination papers (made available at the Sports Club and at the October meeting).
9. Email notification from Lynne McKinley, SC Community Engagement Team, re cancellation of meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October and prospect of a new date for it. [See Sept minutes 1. Correspondence f]
10. Emailed copy of the letter from SEPA sent to Bruce Crawford following his meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September. (made available)
11. Two surgery publicity posters for Anne McGuire MP and our Stirling Councillors. (Displayed)
12. Letter with poster from Jean Cowie, Funding Officer SC, for 'Meet the Funders Funding Fair' event in the Albert Halls on 21<sup>st</sup> October. (Poster displayed)

## **XII. Date of Next Meeting**

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm.

Vote of thanks to the chair.