



Minutes Wednesday 9th April 2014

Present: Penny Roberts (Secretary); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Penny Crawford (Minutes); PC David McNally; Cllr Lambie; **3** members of the public, Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor);

Apologies: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Ken Young (Vice Chair); Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads); Ken Smith (Communications);

| 2. Approval of Minutes | Action |
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| Previous minutes were approved | |
| 3. Police Report | Action |
| <p>PC Ailsa Brough has been transferred to Stirling. PC David McNally is Fintry's Community Police Officer. If anyone needs to contact PC McNally, they can contact him on David.Mcnally@scotland.pnn.police.uk or call 101 and ask for him.</p> <p>Very little to report, other than a man has been charged with trading in second hand cars without a licence.</p> <p>Elsewhere break-ins are picking up. In the last couple of days there have been breaks-ins in Milton of Buchanan, Croftamie and one in Killearn. There seems to be a familiar pattern. They are picking empty houses where the residents are away overnight. It is happening overnight, with the one in Croftamie happening at 2am. They are stealing jewellery and cash. Ensure all residents keep their belongings safe.</p> <p>In Strathblane and Balfron, plant pots have been stolen, in some cases expensive pieces. Bear this in mind as the warmer weather approaches and garden furniture is put out.</p> <p>B Comrie asked what the rules are with drivers using fog lights when it is not foggy. PC McNally confirmed it is an offence, and they would stop people and ask them to turn it off. They would issue discretion.</p> | |

| 4. Stirling Councillor's Report | Action |
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| <p>For full report, see attached.</p> <p>Cllr Lambie commented on the Local Development Plan. Planning permission still need to be sought – residents 'could possibly' challenge this. Cllr Lambie said the hearing had not been heard and all Cllr's had asked for a hearing. This is the same for Killearn.</p> <p>A member of public said at a meeting they were at, they were told the road over to the new hospital would be improved. Cllr Lambie asked if there were minutes to support this. If minutes were provided he could take these back and challenge why the road was not being improved. The member of the public said they were told that when the hospital and wind farm went in they would make that a good road.</p> | |
| 5. Stirling Council DRT Review | Action |
| <p>To recap on the last FCC meeting, 'Stirling Council are looking at ways to save money from the DRT service. A review of the service will be done with FCC requiring to submit a formal response. There are two more FCC meetings before a formal response is required.' J Pearson ranked the list with the least palatable first and posted it in the Sports Club for comments. Ranks were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bus service 2. Car share 3. Reduce timings (reduce service to 8am - 6pm) 4. Withdraw service on Saturdays and Sundays 5. Short notice bookings 6. No longer allow journeys under two miles. <p>P Roberts, Acting Chair said the views of everyone are needed.</p> <p>A member of the public said she would help facilitate this along with others and suggested a survey would be better as there were only three members of the public at the FCC meeting, which would not take in the views of the whole community.</p> <p>Another member of the public said it was an important decision for the village, especially taking into account the proposed expansion to the village. One bus a day would not be beneficial, it would have to travel several times a day for it to be worthwhile for the village. At present, villages have access to the school bus which runs in a morning and afternoon. They had already emailed David Brown to get an indication of frequency, but is a general consultation and nothing formalised at present. One bus a day, or several times a day – one would be favoured, the other not.</p> <p>B Comrie said a commercial bus service is nothing to do with Stirling Council, but is organised by First Bus. A member of the public believes a bus service running from Stirling to Balforn after 6pm, although not commercially viable, is subsidised by the council. Another member of the</p> | |

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| <p>public put it to Cllr Lambie to look at spend on a bus to Balfron.</p> <p>A member of the public asked how the list was ranked. It was confirmed it was ranked at the last FCC meeting with both members of the public and FCC making the decision on the draft list, for comment by all residents after it was placed in the Sports Club.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion took place amongst the public about whether a bus service should be considered. D Roberts reiterated that if a commercial bus service were to pass through Fintry, the DRT service would be stopped.</p> <p>Another member of the public said he queried why they were still looking for changes even though the budget had been set, but apparently they are still tasked to save money and are looking at the DRT for changes to be made. Stirling Council are contacting community councils for ways to save money with DRT services.</p> <p>P Roberts says she will take these points back to the full FCC to take forward. She will liaise with J Pearson.</p> | <p>P Roberts</p> |
| <p>6. Finance</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p><i>Common Good Fund Applications</i></p> <p>The deadline for the first round of Common Good Fund applications has now closed and the finance sub committee will assess the applications during April for agreement by the whole FCC. The successful applicants will be announced at the May FCC meeting.</p> | |
| <p>7. Planning</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a front porch at No 3 Dunmore Gardens, Fintry • Application to create a granny annex at Wester Balgair Farmhouse. • Application for a Biomass heating system at Balgair Castle Estate approved with conditions. • Application for seven 125m high wind turbines and ancillary development 2 km north west of Wester Cringate is refused. | |
| <p>8. Community Resilience Exercise</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p>C Roy and P Crawford attended the Community Resilience meeting on 29th March 2014. It was to discuss Fintry's Resilience Plan, formerly known as an Emergency Plan and meet other representatives from other community councils. A draft and map had been submitted since the meeting and C Roy has updated the map as it was inaccurate. The plan covers what would be done in the event of an emergency. C Roy and P Crawford will meet to go through the plan, update sections (such as the telephone tree) and distribute a brief schedule will be distributed to all residents with more information.</p> | <p>C Roy / P Crawford</p> |

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| <p>9. Correspondence</p> | |
| <p><i>Culcreuch Castle Dog Walking</i> C Roy received a request from R Reynolds at the Castle about dog walking. Although they are happy for village residents to use the grounds for walking their dogs, they are seeing their dogs allowed to run off the lead. Not everyone is comfortable around dogs and they have had several complaints from guests walking in the estate and being outside with loose dogs around them. He has respectfully request that all dogs are kept on their leads from the Lade upwards to the Castle on the South Avenue and from around the bridge to the North Avenue.</p> <p><i>Culcreuch Castle One Way</i> They are looking at the possibility of making vehicle access to and from the Castle one way and are looking to resurface both roads. They will keep the community updated. This year has seen a major problem with people driving off the roads onto the verges and has taken up a lot of their grounds men's time.</p> | |
| <p>10. AOCB</p> | |
| <p><i>Fishing Tackle</i> P Roberts asked if people could make sure all fishing tackle is picked up before they leave. A dog recently picked up some bait, along with the hook which then went down the dogs throat.</p> <p><i>Craigton and Spittalhill Windfarm Proposed Community Benefit Package</i> J Pearson forwarded correspondence to P Roberts from S Park, Director of PPS Group regarding the proposed community benefit package.</p> <p>This proposed Community Benefit package would be distributed in consultation with the Fintry, Denny and Carron Valley communities. 'The Community Benefit will be based on £5k per MW of Installed Capacity, indexed linked for the lifetime of the project (anticipated to be 25 years operation). There are seven turbines proposed: the rated capacity will be between 2 and 3 Mega Watts, therefore the annual payment into the Fund will be between £70,000 and £105,000, index linked each year' (split between the three communities). 'There are also discussions about the possibility of other local organisations (such as FDT etc) to take a joint ownership in the project via a Community Investment Opportunity.'</p> <p><i>SEPA and Scottish Water</i> C Roy had received an unsatisfactory reply from SEPA. Scottish water hadn't replied due to moving offices, but have now confirmed receipt of her letter and are dealing with it.</p> <p><i>Bus Service</i> B Comrie suggested at the next meeting, a discussion takes place on the possible benefits of a bus service for Fintry. A further discussion took place with a suggestion from the public that some money from the DRT could be redirected to put a contracted bus service in place. It was noted it is First</p> | |

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| <p>who would put the bus service in place, not Stirling Council, however they would be consulted in some way. B Comrie pointed out Stirling Council would not fund a commercial service. Another member of the public believed some transport in some areas is subsidised. Cllr Lambie said he would get more information. This is to be discussed further at the next FCC meeting.</p> <p><i>B Comrie and D Parry Meeting</i> The meeting with D Parry to discuss the use of the DRT service for the prescription service was cancelled due to them having received sufficient clarification for the points they wanted to raise (the DRT service had not been, and does not get used for collecting prescriptions).</p> | <p>Cllr Lambie</p> |
| <p>11. Date of next meeting</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p>Date of next meeting – 14th May 2014 at 7.30pm</p> | |