

Minutes Wednesday 12th November 2014

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Penny Roberts (Secretary); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Ken Smith (Communications); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads); Cllr Muirhead; Penny Crawford (Minute taker); 6 member of the public

Apologies: Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing); Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor); Police Representation; Ken Young (Vice Chair)

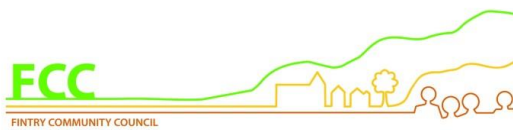
2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Previous minutes were approved	
3. Stirling Councillor's Report	Action
<p>Cllr Muirhead advised the Council's new system, Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) consults the public on proposed cuts before they are made. The full draft PBB paper is available from www.stirling.gov.uk/shapingstirling. There is a Community Conversation on 25th November between 7 – 9 pm at Balfron High School for all members to come along. Council Officers will be available to explain the options on the plan to members of the public. The savings proposed are less this year at 552k. One option is a proposal to optimise the winter service on 1, 2 and 3 routes changing the criteria as to when the roads are gritted. Currently the trigger is 400 cars – this is to increase to 600 before roads are gritted. However it was noted that this is unlikely to affect Fintry. J Pearson stated the reason the Crow Road is currently gritted is because East Dunbartonshire grit their side, although as we probably don't have as many as 400 cars it may not make a difference.</p> <p>Brown bin collection is to end on 28th November.</p> <p>Community Pride Fund – There are three rounds left and dates for the deadline is 5th January and 12th February 2015.</p> <p>The Council's new Management Structure is now complete:</p> <p>Stewart Carruth – Chief Executive Avril Gold – Senior Manager Chief Executives Office Robert Steenson - Director of Housing and Environment</p>	

<p>Stacey Bulet – Director of Communities and Partnerships David Leng – Director of Children, Young People and Education Gerard O’Sullivan – Director of Corporate Operations Val De Souza – Head of Social Services</p> <p>J Pearson asked who to contact regarding roads. Cllr Muirhead gave two names – Iain MacDonald and David Malley.</p> <p>I Borland asked about the changes to the school day. P Crawford said there is a proposal to change the school day to a 33 period day to maximise teaching time. Correspondence should be going out to parents from schools.</p>	
<p>4. Police Report</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>‘One suspicious vehicle was reported, but 6 hours after the vehicle had been in the village. It is vital that such reports are made at the time to give the Police a chance of tracing the vehicle and finding out who is visiting the area and why. Please phone 101 at the time.</p> <p>In the last month officers are regularly active on the roads network, both local officers and colleagues form the Stirling based Trunk Road Policing Unit. We are checking that vehicles are roadworthy on the approach to winter and so far no offences have been found, which is encouraging.</p> <p>In the coming weeks, Police Scotland will be launching a public safety campaign aimed at people attending parties, drivers and householders. Full details will be in the media and on the Police Scotland website.’ <small>(Extracted from the Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report Nov’ 2014)</small></p> <p>Cllr Muirhead received an email which stated officers would be in attendance at Community Council meetings. The past few Community Council meetings Cllr Muirhead has been at, police presence has been noted.</p> <p>J Pearson reiterated there has been no police presence during large events making parking difficult.</p> <p>It was noted no police present in the village of late. Fintry residents were assured the same police service as before the changes, but this does not seem to be the case.</p> <p>[Email received from Adrian Robertson, Community Sergeant apologising for the lack of attendance at the meeting. This was due to the two officers attending two reported vulnerable missing children from two different addresses in the area.]</p>	
<p>5. Local Development Plan Update</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>The approved development plan was received last month.</p>	

<p>The 40 houses at Menzies Terrace remain with the 8 at Dundarroch being removed.</p> <p>J Pearson received correspondence calling for identification of more sites. A member of the public asked whether this was as well as the 40 houses. Cllr Muirhead suggested it could be for us to suggest other sites and perhaps they could spread the 40 houses around all sites rather than have the 40 in one place. K Smith will scan the form and post up on the FCC website for people to access if they can identify other sites.</p> <p>J.Pearson has met with Tony Teasdale, Rural Stirling Housing Association to discuss the development of affordable housing in Fintry.</p> <p>Information from Tony Teasdale states that 33% of the 40 units to be affordable. The grant funding for these 13 affordable homes has now been provisionally scheduled for financial year 2016/17 (within the Stirling Strategic Housing Investment Plan)...Usual approach would be to offer the Community Council a detailed consultation process. Specific arrangements would be agreed but in the past, this has generally involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Establishment by the Community Council of a sub-group of folk interested enough to attend a series of meetings with us, and other interested parties, over a period of some months.- Discussion of the preferred housing mix, having regard to the constraints of the site and an assessment of local housing needs.- Detailed discussion with RSHA staff and architect about the proposed layout and design of the homes.- Discussion around the way in which the homes would be allocated, including criteria for a Local Lettings Initiative.' <p>A discussion took place about the recent development by Cala Homes in Balfron where there was a suggestion 8 houses were made available to Rural Housing.</p> <p>J Pearson advised Rural Housing is willing to liaise with FCC.</p> <p>J.Pearson suggested that a consultation date will be set sometime in the new year.</p> <p>J Pearson said residents should now give some thought as to the conditions we want i.e. the type of houses, the position of houses, who should have priority for housing in Fintry, whether the developer is willing to take on local apprentices, etc. This is something that should be discussed at length throughout the community.</p> <p>J Pearson stated that possibly we had all been caught out slightly by the previous process of selecting areas for the development plan and should now be focusing our efforts to ensure that whatever happens everyone has been aware and had an input as to what they want for Fintry.</p> <p>R Garvie said there are still problems with flooding.</p> <p>A member of the public asked whether something could be made available on the website to collect residents' views. K Smith to follow up.</p>	<p>K Smith</p> <p>K Smith</p>
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<p>A member of the public stated there were still a lot of unanswered questions that have not been addressed, for example will the sewerage be upgraded. J Pearson advised we would get residents opinions and invite Rural Housing to a meeting to answer questions.</p> <p>J Pearson advised residents to state what we want rather than what we don't want. Residents need to be clear about what is going to happen if it did happen. This should now be a topic for regular discussion at FCC meetings.</p> <p>J Pearson suggested looking at Tony attending the Community Council meeting in the new year.</p>	J Pearson
<p>6. Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>J Pearson attended meetings along with 5 other communities. In short Cambusbarron/Gargunnock/Kippen proposed a division that would result in Fintry receiving 4%, Carron Valley proposed a 6-way split, Denny proposed a division based on per head of population, the full proposal from Fintry can be seen at the end of these minutes (which was rejected by C/G/K). No agreement has been reached as yet.</p> <p>J Pearson wanted it noting that for future wind turbine permission, wind turbine colour should be taken into account.</p>	
<p>7. Finance</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Goodwill Grant is available again with a closing date of 30th January 2015. Application forms can be found online. J.Pearson reported that due to little wind over the summer it's unlikely that there will be much more funding for awhile.</p>	
<p>8. Planning</p>	<p>Action</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for change of use of 2 holiday cottages to residential at Old Hall, Fintry (on the Killearn Road behind Branshagal Saw Mill) • An application for the sub division of existing dwelling house and variation of previously approved planning consent at land and buildings at 15, 17 and 19 Main Street • An application by Stirling Council to install Solar panels on the rear roofs of 27, 29, 31 and 33 Main Street. • An application for a double garage, with bedroom above, at Cir Mhor, Main Street approved with conditions. 	
<p>9. AOB</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Scottish Water Sewerage C Roy provided an update on sewerage. After a successful meeting with</p>	

<p>Brenda the Manager, the club usage has been calculated. A response from Scottish Water is expected with an adjustment. C Roy is still trying to get a response from SEPA. If no response is received, C Roy will approach Bruce Crawford for assistance.</p> <p>J Pearson had received correspondence from N McKnight that seemed to suggest Mr McQuarrie hadn't committed to do any work, however C Roy believed he had. C Roy to chase up and get an answer.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>None received</p> <p>P Roberts to attend the Community Council Conversation at Viewforth.</p> <p>C Roy advised Stirling Council are intending to repair the Menzies Avenue road sign</p> <p>C Roy advised the hole in the pavement has been reported and inspected. Scottish Water to follow up.</p> <p>P Roberts to report the increase in graffiti on road signs in the area.</p>	<p>P Roberts</p> <p>P Roberts</p>
<p>11. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 7.30pm</p> <p>*RELOCATED TO PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL*</p>	



Earlsburn North Community Benefit 19th October 2014

Fintry Community Council believes that any proportioning of the fund other than an equal share between the 6 local communities will prove divisive in the long term (as Cambusbarron evidently feel now, with regard the Earlsburn 1 community benefit proportioning).

Fintry's proposal:

1. An equal share of the community benefit fund will go to each of the 6 communities.
2. In recognition of the feeling that some of the communities have expressed, on having "missed out" previously. For the first year, 100% of the fund will go to "group 1": Cambusbarron, Gargunnoch, Kippen. In subsequent years each Community will revert to 1/6 of the fund.
3. As this no doubt will not be the last wind farm to be located in these hills, the 6 communities should now form a permanent representative group that will negotiate as one with potential developers with a view to sharing any community benefit equally, rather than the current situation where a developer can select which communities it offers benefit to*.

* Fintry, Carron Valley and Denny are in receipt of a formal written offer from Force 9 Energy offering an annual fund of £105,000 to be shared between those 3 communities in respect of a proposed development of a new wind farm at Craigton & Spittalhill (located within Fintry's boundaries). Force 9 also make an offer to Fintry Development Trust to invest in the development as they did with Earlsburn 1, which they make clear is completely separate to the community benefit offering (see note below). If we can agree to the above proposals, then Fintry (and hopefully Carron Valley and Denny) would agree to this potential fund being included in proposal 3.

Notes on Fintry

To avoid everyone having to listen to what happened in Fintry again and I'm sorry it took up so much time at the last meeting! Here's what happened in Fintry...

Fintry Community Council agreed not to take any community benefit from Earlsburn 1, thus allowing Fintry Development Trust to negotiate the purchase (with a loan of £2.5m) for an additional wind turbine at Earlsburn 1. This agreement is really closer to a commercial deal than a community benefit. The income from this is used solely to fund carbon saving initiatives in the Fintry area. The current situation in Fintry is that whilst the income from Earlsburn 1

cannot say, pay for repairing our village hall, residents of Fintry can benefit indirectly. For instance, if they choose to carry out energy saving measures to their homes such as insulation, there is a one off grant of up to £500 towards the costs and there is ongoing advice available for renewable energy options for householders. In addition Fintry Development Trust can attract outside funding such as Climate Challenge Fund, which introduces things like a car club and a community garden.

In the light of actual community income coming from Earlsburn North, Fintry Development Trust have recently allowed Fintry Community Council to distribute 5% of the income of the fund as a Common Good Grant, until such times as we receive the community benefit from Earlsburn North.

Jamie Pearson
Fintry Community Council Chair