



Minutes Wednesday 10th September 2014

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Ken Young (Vice Chair); Penny Roberts (Secretary); Cllr Lambie; Penny Crawford (Minute taker); 4 members of the public;

Apologies: Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Ken Smith (Communications); Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads); Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor); Police Representation

2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Previous minutes were approved	
3. Stirling Councillor's Report	Action
<p>Local Development Plan The Stirling LDP was approved on 18th August 2014 after a legal protest from Grahams Dairies. Fintry cannot now appose what has gone through and approved by the Reporter. Stirling Councillors sent a letter to the The Reporter asking for a hearing, but this was refused. Planning permission still needs to be granted. It can be requested that as part of the process, the developer works with Fintry Community Council on any proposals.</p> <p>Member of a public stated if the emergency access is put in onto the Castle Drive, this is now a one way. Chair suggested that probably they would extend the 2 way section to include this access point. The emergency exit will only be in use when Menzies Avenue experiences flooding.</p> <p>Dalnair House This was approved by panel. This was in danger of falling down. If there are any other buildings that are in danger of falling down, they can be reported to Stirling Council Conservation.</p> <p>Education Committee Two projects involving St Margarets and St Ninians in Stirling have been signed off.</p> <p>Public Safety Committee The lack of police officers at community council is a concern. Fintry Community has lost PC McNally as he takes up post of Sergeant at Dunblane. Chief Superintendent who is in charge of Forth Valley area will</p>	

<p>review officers presence at Community Councils.</p> <p>Road Works B822 works are now complete. Stretch of road towards the Clachan will be followed up. It is getting late in the year so this may be done next year now.</p> <p>There have been road works in Strathblane with the next stretch due to be done next year, which will see the road from Strathblane to Aberfoyle completed.</p>	
<p>4. Community Policing</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Change to Policing Email received from Sergeant Adrian Robertson. Policing in the area has changed. Fintry is still Policed by a team of 5 Community Response officers based at Balfron. Those officers are Constables Lorna Deans, Paul Roose, Alan McCallum, Ross McNaught and Steven Graham. Police can be contacted in an emergency on 999 and 101 for other matters or by emailing ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk It is important that any crime is reported by telephone at the time. Police Scotland website has information in the 'Your Community' section.</p> <p>Sergeant Adrian Robertson is the Community Policing Sergeant and covers both Forth and Endrick and Trossachs and Teith ward areas. He can be contacted on the above email address or by phoning 101.</p> <p>In the past month, there was one report of youth disorder in the village. The phone call was the following day. It is important to report such matters at the time as Police will attend and stand a better chance of finding those responsible.</p> <p>Residents have been reporting suspicious persons and vehicles all of which have turned out to be nothing of concern. This reporting of suspicious people, vehicles or anything else is encouraged and would like it to continue. Police are then able to speak with the people and ascertain who they are and why they are in the area.</p> <p>A member of the public voiced that there had been a theft from the village, which was not noted in the report. It was of a high value bicycle.</p> <p>The Police are aware of damage having been caused to signs associated with the forthcoming referendum. These are being investigated when formal complaints are received. There have been no such reports in Fintry.</p>	
<p>5. Culcreuch Avenue Wooded Ground by Garages</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Matthew Black from Fintry Development Trust tried the right to buy, and after speaking with Gregor Wightman, Private Sector Housing Manager, Stirling Council, the area in question is owned by Stirling Council Housing Revenue Assets. The maintenance of the land is paid for through Tenants leases. This amount is ring fenced and separate from the council tax so it is not</p>	

<p>likely to be cut. They are not allowed to sell the land to a developer. If at some point, someone wants to buy a small area of this land, the process is very difficult and it has to be approved by Scottish Ministers. They have to demonstrate the land is being sold at market value. Stirling Council are unlikely to develop the land as the access is very limited. Stirling Council have verbally said that they intend to keep the land as it is.</p> <p>Chair asked Cllr Lambie if he could try and get this in writing.</p> <p>Residents are asked to keep an eye on the land and perhaps contact Stirling Council about upkeep and to monitor safety of the trees.</p>	
<p>6. Shopper Bus</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>FCC applied for a Big Lottery Fund Grant to run the Fintry Shopper bus to and from Stirling for one year. This has been granted. Hopefully FCC can make another application in a years time for next years money. In the meantime, FDT has been funding this service for the village until an alternate source of funding was found. B Comrie will send P Roberts a written quote. FCC will take over responsibility from a date agreed in June 2014. B Comrie will then charge FCC instead of FDT.</p>	
<p>7. Finance</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>There is currently just under £1500 in main account, and £950 in the Common Good Fund.</p> <p>Common Good Fund Twice yearly there is funding for the Common Good Fund. K Young will contact FDT about the next instalment. If this is not likely to be soon, FCC will re-advertise for the Common Goodwill Fund for the remaining money with the maximum application value being smaller. K Young to check first before deciding</p> <p>Core Path C Roy is to contact D Ross and put in writing to advise funding is now in place for the fence to be erected along the core path. A member of the public was asked to provide a price for strimming the path. A member of the public asked if</p> <p>J Pearson spoke with A Haslam about the path. A Haslam is happy for the path to be used and fenced off. Land ownership will remain with A Haslam.</p>	
<p>8. Riverside Walk</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>There was a discussion at the last meeting in June about the overgrown riverside walk path. It was agreed in June that funding from FCC would go toward upkeep of the path by way of strimming the path etc which was last done at the beginning of August. J Pearson suggested purchasing secateurs for member of the public to use when walking round the path, to</p>	<p>J Pearson</p>

help keep the overgrowth down. J Pearson to look into this.	
9. Planning	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application from Norman McKnight for a hay barn at the Fintry Inn Car Park has been approved with conditions. • An application has been lodged for the redevelopment of Easter Gerchew for one dwelling house. (Easter Gerchew is the ruined steading at the corner of the Honeyholm road on the Fintry to Killearn road) • An application for a conservatory and wooden fence at 3 Dunmore Gardens has been approved with conditions. • An application from Jim Noland for three houses between nos 9 and 15 Main Street has been approved with conditions. • An application for a new house east of the former Clachan Hotel has been approved with conditions. • An application from Callum Bannerman for a new house 150 m north of Provanston Farm has been refused. • The installation of a Bio-Mass heating system at Balgair Castle Caravan Park has been approved with conditions. • A planning appeal against the decision to refuse permission for a satellite dish, decking to the rear of the property and general landscaping at Clearic, Main Street has been dismissed. <p>Point of Interest</p> <p>Following the recommendation in the Local Development Plan that an additional 5,000 home need to be built in the Stirling area the first application has been received by the Planning Department. Taylor Wimpey have applied to build 433 new homes at Bannockburn.</p>	
10. Local Development Plan	Action
Done	
11. Craigton and Spittalhall and Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit Meeting Report	Action
<p>There has been a formal offer of community benefit from Force9 – Craigton and Spittalhill planning. The ‘Community Benefit Fund’ document showed funding of 105k and will be index linked, to cover the three community areas of Fintry, Denny and Carron Valley. They will offer a separate opportunity for organisations such as FDT to invest – this would not affect the communities benefit.</p> <p>Section from minutes 19.2.14 - <i>[The amount of investment would be equivalent to one turbine, so 1/7th. Only at the point of completion of the wind farm, would they be able to work out how much has been spent and how much 1/7th would be. There would also be a minimum investment. If the plans are successful, Force 9 would give each community three</i></p>	

<p><i>months to decide whether they would like to invest, then a further three months to pay the agreed amount..... in the event of Fintry being willing to invest, but the other communities reluctant to invest.....Force 9 stated that all three communities would benefit from the annual payment regardless, but it would be up to the communities as to whether they would like to invest or not.] (Refer to minutes of 19.2.14 for more information on Force 9 initial talks.</i></p> <p>There is no guarantee they will get planning.</p> <p>Earsburn Windfarm Extension J Pearson reported that during the first two meetings to discuss Earlsburn extension community benefit, most of the discussion centred round disappointment about the how low the actual amount of benefit has turned out to be, despite expectations. During the last meeting it was agreed that as Falk had refused to negotiate on the benefit there was no point not starting to discuss the proportion of benefit assigned to each community. A few ideas were discussed, including a proposal from Cambusbarron, Gargunnoch and Kippen who wished to form their own group with the second group being Carron Valley, Denny and Fintry. The first group suggested they receive 75% of the money with the remaining 25% left to the second group. This was not warmly received by Carron Valley who thought that they bore the brunt of the construction traffic, whilst Denny thought that they could accept nothing less than a per head of population division, Fintry (J. Pearson) argued that technically Fintry had not received any direct community benefit as they had allowed FDT to take their share so maybe they should be in the 75% group! or alternatively, perhaps each district should end up with an equal share overall but maybe those communities that had not received any benefit could receive a higher proportion initially to “catch up”, discussions will be ongoing. As there was a high possibility that all 6 communities would not be able to agree it was suggested that each community agree to a binding arbitration process. This will be discussed at next FCC meeting.</p>	
<p>12. A.O.B.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p><i>FDT staff funding</i> FDT are coming to the end of external funding for staff. FDT do not pay for staff from wind farm funds. A grant from Stirling Low Carbon Future project has been applied for, but requires support from local organisations. J Pearson read through the questionnaire and completed it to support their application.</p> <p><i>Sewage Works</i> C Roy has not received any correspondence. N McKnight through correspondence has suggested the FCC approach the public services ombudsman. C Roy was going to invite someone out who had suggested he would be willing to do this with the main point regarding challenge to statistics to capacity and the sports club not being properly assessed. The system is in breach with the vast majority of sewage ending up in the river. C Roy to being discussions again.</p> <p><i>Public Procession Application</i> An application has been submitted for 4th October 2014 from Stuart Watson</p>	<p>J. Pearson</p> <p>C Roy</p>

<p>for a fun run.</p> <p>Community Resilience Plan There is a small amount of funding available to provide communities with Emergency Plans in place with a 'Community Resilience Pack'. It was suggested from the list, the village may benefit from snow shovels and shoe grips.</p> <p>Parked Vehicles During Events A member of the public commented on the difficulties experience when making their way through the village in their vehicle when there is an event on at the Hall or Club. It was suggested FCC in conjunction with FSRC look at linking the Hall with the Club via a footbridge. J Pearson will keep the idea in mind. Bracklinn Falls in Callendar shows a good example of such a bridge.</p>	
13. Correspondence	Action
14. Date of next meeting	Action
Wednesday 8 th October 2014	