



Minutes Wednesday 19th March 2014

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Ken Young (Vice Chair); Penny Roberts (Secretary); Penny Crawford (Minutes); PC Ailsa Brough; Cllr Alistair Berrill; Ken Smith (Communications); Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor); 4 members of the public,

Apologies: Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads);

| 2. Approval of Minutes | Action |
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| Previous minutes were approved | |
| 3. Police Report | Action |
| <p>Nothing has been reported in Fintry, but close by there has been a case of vandalism where someone has been charged.</p> <p>There is still an issue with house break-ins in surrounding areas.</p> <p>There is a Classic Car Rally being held in Fintry on 27th April. This is the same day as the Balfron 10k.</p> | |
| 4. Stirling Councillor's Report | Action |
| <p>Cllr Berril advised the council budget had been passed, with Fintry Nursery remaining open. There were big number of objections to both the closure of the nursery and change to the specialist music and PE teachers – these too remain unchanged.</p> <p>The Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) also looked at how to make services operate more efficiently, rather than cut. The PBB process allows for public involvement and is more transparent. There will be cuts again next year, but again the public will be involved.</p> | |

| 5a. Stirling Council DRT Review | Action |
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| <p>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 will rank the list with the least palatable first and post in the Sports club for comments to be discussed at the next meeting. Ranks are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bus service – replace DRT service – this was met with a resounding ‘no’. Fintry residents wish to keep the DRT service and not have a bus service. 2. Car share – It was thought by the room that this is likely not going to work for Fintry residents. 3. Reduce timings (reduce DRT service to 8am – 6pm). B Comrie says this will not be acceptable. He has 9pm pick ups in Killlearn and people travelling back from work who will not be back in neighbouring villages before 6pm. PC Brough asked whether there could be a cut during the day, but B Comrie stated it tends to be busy throughout the day. B Comrie stated he has already changed the times of bowlers to the times of the DRT service in turn saving the council around £200. The DRT operator negotiates more sociable times with the clients. 4. Withdraw on Saturdays and Sundays – Fintry DRT currently do not operate on a Sunday. B Comrie stated Saturdays are a ‘hit and miss’ at present. Some younger residents will travel to neighbouring villages to meet friends but there is no set format. Sometimes if there was a group it would be more cost effective to share a taxi fare rather than DRT 5. Short notice bookings This seemed a reasonable idea worth working with, in line with the operators previous suggestions¹ 6. No longer allow journeys under two miles. No one had any problem with this | <p>J Pearson</p> <p>B Comrie</p> |
| <p>J Pearson asked the room whether there were other ideas on how to save money on the DRT service. B Comrie believes with some changes he can save an estimated £100 a week. B Comrie asked whether the formal response could be postponed for a month until he has spoken with D Parry. It was noted the formal response is not required until end of May.</p> | <p>J Pearson K Young</p> |
| <p>A member of the public stated this service is absolutely essential, especially to those who use the service for work purposes. The basic service is crucial and must be protected. J Pearson stated he would have reasons for suggestions that were not acceptable included with the rankings. The last two points are not an issue for Fintry residents. K Young suggested the rankings be posted on the website for voting.</p> | |
| <p>J Pearson received a call from Derek Parry (Public Transport Co-ordination Team Leader) to discuss a letter held at the Sports Club regarding information about grocery service and prescription services – D.Parry had stated these are not part of the DRT service and he had asked for names and addresses of people who had used any of these services and how these trips had been paid for and on which dates and times – no one present was able to supply any information. D.Parry requested that information regarding</p> | <p>J Pearson C Roy B Comrie</p> |

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| <p>the DRT service is to be approved by Stirling Council before publishing – J.Pearson had proposed issuing appropriate information from FCC. D.Parry had informed J.Pearson that cost savings would have to be made although he was unable to supply any specific details, he also described Fintrys service as “a Rolls Royce Service” B Comrie stated if a specific journey was to collect a prescription, this would incur the normal charge, not DRT charges. No one has used the DRT service for grocery or prescription uplift. J Pearson to do a community council notice for the Sports Club. C Roy will also publish this new notice in the Focus. B Comrie is to meet with D Parry next Thursday to discuss further.</p> <p>A member of the public asked, as a result of the last few meetings, whether more residents had submitted their email addresses to the FCC. K Young advised 16 or 17 people had given in their email addresses. The FCC cannot email people without them giving them their email address. K Young to speak with G Cowtan of FDT to see if something could be put into their newsletter. K Young will also approach the primary school.</p> | <p>K Young</p> |
| <p>5b. Stirling Proposed Development Plan</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p>J.Pearson read out a summary of the Reporters recommendations:</p> <p>There are two main recommendations made by the Reporter – The proposal to have 40 houses on the land near Menzies Terrace still stands, despite many objections to the number of houses. The Reporter has recommended adding two key site requirements to state that “a drainage impact assessment is required and should include an analysis of any impact on the Endrick Water Special Area of Conservation” and that “alternative emergency secondary access should be secured to ensure safe passage to and from the site during times of flood. The details of the access will require discussion and agreement.”</p> <p>The Reporter has recommended the proposal to have 8 houses on the land at Main Street be deleted.</p> <p>Councillor Berrill informed the room that no further objection to this plan is possible, although this does not include objection to planning permission in the future. Planning permission still has to be sought and residents can object on planning grounds.</p> | |
| <p>6. Finance</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <p>Goodwill Fund Three applications have been received so far for the Goodwill Fund. The closing date is not until 28th March, so applications are still welcome. Information is on the FCC website and in the Sports Club.</p> | |
| <p>7. Planning</p> | <p>Action</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for a Bio-Mass heating system and associated works at Balgair Castle Caravan Site. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to alter existing planning permission to include the creation of a generator store for a new house at The Neuk, Crow Road. • Application for an air source pump at 67 Main Street from Martin Turner. • Application from Callum and Mary Bannerman to build a new house 150 meters from Provanston Farm on Kippen Road – this required feedback from FCC – there were no issues raised, J Pearson to respond with no comments. | J Pearson |
| 8. Ongoing Matters – Brief Updates | Action |
| <p><i>Earlsburn Extension Windfarm Construction Meeting:</i> J Pearson attended the construction meeting along with other Carron Valley residents. From May to summertime, they intend to make improvements to the Carron Valley road. The new wind turbines are bigger so parts of the road are being widened and sides tidied up. In Spring 2015, the turbines will start being delivered which will take around 30 trips. J Pearson has asked to be informed of the dates so this can be posted on the FCC website so residents are aware of any disruption to travel. The road will not be closed. J Pearson will probably not need to attend any further meetings but will be able to put forward suggestions and receive regular updates via email.</p> <p><i>Community Resilience Exercise:</i> This is still to take place – location has changed to the Council Chambers at Old Viewforth. C Roy and P Crawford to attend on Saturday 29th March 2014.</p> | <p>J Pearson</p> <p>J Pearson</p> <p>C Roy P Crawford</p> |
| 9. Correspondence | |
| <p><i>Broadband Advisory Group Update</i> Fintry is now under review. For Fintry to be considered for faster broadband, residents need to register an interest. More details on the FCC website.</p> <p><i>Local Surgeries</i> A reminder for residents of when the local surgeries are being held. All are start at 7pm unless otherwise stated: 1 April – Drymen Village Hall, Drymen 3 April – Balfron Campus, Balfron 7 April – Strathblane Primary School 8 April – Kippen Reading Room, 6.45pm 9 April – Croftamie Nursery School 9 April – Menzies Hall, Fintry 10 April – Buchlyvie Village Hall 15 April – Arnprior Nursery 23 April – Killlearn Primary School 7.30pm</p> | |
| 10. AOCB | |
| <p><i>Memorial Tree</i> C Roy met with N McKnight to discuss the location of the memorial tree. N McKnight wishes to plant a large Christmas tree, which could be lit at</p> | C Roy |

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| <p>Christmas, on the small grassed area in the centre of Fintry at the cross. There were two alternatives to this – plant a normal tree in the same space, or to plant a tree where the Fintry Inn bins are located at present where a previous tree stood. The room decided a Christmas tree would be nice for the village and was met with approval from the room. C Roy to feed back to N McKnight.</p> <p>Scottish Water C Roy chased up the nil response from Scottish Water. They had moved offices hence the reason no response was given. C Roy hopes to have a response from them by the next meeting.</p> | C Roy |
| 11. Date of next meeting | Action |
| Date of next meeting – 9 th April 2014 at 7.30pm | |