



Minutes Wednesday 9th December 2015

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair), Ken Young (Vice Chair), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), Ken Smith (Communications), Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads)
 4 member(s) of the public

Apologies: Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep)

1. Approval of Minutes of November	Action
The previous minutes were approved for October and November.	
2. Police Report	Action
See attached.	
3. Stirling Councilor's Report	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current DRT contract is due to expire in March 2016. This has been extended until July to allow for consultation. A survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/supportedpublictransport until 18/12/15. The current system requires 24 hour advanced booking through a centralized booking service at Stirling Council. A meeting has been scheduled for 22/12/15 to discuss this further, as it is not a flexible system. • A Council meeting will be held tomorrow (10/12/15) where there will be discussion about the replacement of street lamps in Fintry with LED lights. This will save a considerable amount of money. • Changes are proposed with regard to care for the elderly. There will be a move towards keeping people in their own homes but within a care village which is planned to be built on the site of the old Royal Infirmary in Stirling. Closure and sale of the Strathendrick Care site would be necessary to fund this proposal. JP noted that several complaints had been made about the care provided to the elderly in Fintry. • New powers have been granted to revise business rates in an effort to ensure the survival of small businesses. Relief can be given according to the type of business and location. • RG commented that the speed bumps in Balfron which were renewed in August still need marking to highlight their position. • JP noted that many of the drains on the Kippen Road were continually blocked and were causing a hazard as cars had to drive on the opposite side of the road. • The graffiti on the road signs has not been removed yet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Councillor agreed to speak to the Roads Officer. • The Councillor will put in a request to have them cleared.
4. DRT Service – current status	Action

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DRT is running again but bookings have to be made via Stirling Council by telephone or online. JP suggested emergency journeys could still be arranged directly with Bert with the option of FCC subsidising these journeys. It was agreed to allow the current system to run for at least a month and then review. 	
5. To prepare FCC's formal response to Stirling Council's priority based budgeting proposals.	Action
FCC completed the response for Fintry.	
6. Craigton & Spittalhill Wind Farm approval – how this affects Fintry.	Action
The wind farm has been approved. Fintry will get one third of the community benefit package and this will be managed by the FDT but will not be subject to the FDT guidelines.	
7. Finance	Action
<p>Three applications have been approved for funding from the Community Goodwill Fund:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Fintry Museum for signs. The Fintry Community Bowling Club – assistance with the costs involved in Year 1. Fintry Sports Centre given funding for a grit bin. <p>There are also two outstanding applications still being considered.</p>	
8. Planning.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> An application has been received for an extension and alterations at Gonachan Cottage. A retrospective planning application for a timber garage on Culcreuch Avenue. The appeal has been allowed on an application for seven 125m high wind turbines, 2 km North West of Wester Cringate. The turbines will now go ahead. An application has been made to build a house and garage at Provanston Farm An application for a new garage and gates at Fintry Manse has been approved with conditions. 	
9. A.O.B.	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewage and Water Works – there are no plans to improve the system. SEPA are aware of the problems. 	
10. Correspondence	Action

11. Date of next meeting	Action
13/01/2016	
Fintry Community Bowling Club	Action
Present – Jamie Pearson, Ron Garvie, Meg Duckworth, and Angela May. Apologies – David Smith	
Update on any relevant progress.	Action
There are 36 signed up members. The committee are open to hear any suggestions for alternate uses of the Bowling Club.	A.May will create a membership enrolment slip which can be completed and placed in the FCC box at the Sports Centre along with the £1 joining fee.

POLICE REPORT

Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Fintry Community Council

Reporting Period:

December 2015 Compiled by PC Raymond Murphy

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

No calls relating to disorder have been received.

Road Safety

No road accidents have been reported since last month's meeting.

There have been no road traffic offences recorded in the local area since the last meeting.

Whilst no offences have been recorded, local officers continue to carry out high visibility patrols in the local area to promote road safety.

Theft

No crimes of dishonesty have been reported in the local area since last month's meeting.

However, attempts were made to steal from a nearby farm outbuilding in the early hours of 28 November 2015. The suspect(s) were disturbed and left without obtaining any equipment. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to this incident.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

On 23/11/15 PC's Ray Murphy and Steven Graham became the dedicated community 'ward officers' for Forth and Endrick Ward. Both Steven and Ray have many years' experience of policing in this area and Ray was formerly the Kippen community officer until May 2014. Both officers will attend the Fintry Community Council meeting in December 2015.

PCs Ray Murphy and Steven Graham are based at Balforn Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Both officers have access to this email address mailbox, and it is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact.

Other Incidents / Activity of note

Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at

www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision

www.facebook.com/policescotland

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