



Minutes Wednesday 9th September 2015

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Ken Young (Vice Chair); Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor) Ken Smith (Communications) Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads)
16 member(s) of the public

1. Apologies: Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep);

2. Approval of Minutes of May	Action
The previous minutes were approved	
3. Police Report	Action
No police report this month.	
4. Stirling Councillor's Report	Action

- Stirling Council is holding a priority based budget consultation meeting is on Monday 28th September 7- 9 pm at Balfron High School. This is a chance for people to give ideas and input into shaping the budget at an early stage. Looking at ways services could be more efficient to save money. There will be a report with options discussed.
- Stirling Council is carrying out an early review of the Local Development Plan agreed in August 2014 because not enough land was identified for new housing, also prompted by the Scottish Government. They've produced a Main Issues Report which is in Consultation stage until October 9th and can be viewed at www.stirling.gov.uk/localdevplan. This won't affect agreed development in Fintry.
- A Local Government Boundary Commission review is proposing changes to make Forth and Endrick larger by including Cambusbarron and increasing the number of councilors from 3 to 4. More information on the Council website and people can also comment there. The more who do the better. Concern from some sides that Cambusbarron is not a natural fit for Forth and Endrick - completely different type of community.
- Community Pride Fund applications deadlines: Remaining deadlines for FCC to apply for funding for this financial year are 1st October, 12th November, 7th January and 11th February
- There have been general complaints about the new police structure. People want to return to having named ward officers. Meetings with communities are taking place to gain local input. Meeting at Callander Fire Station, Friday 4pm.
- Jamie Pearson - Documents relating to the Local Development Plan are being left behind Sports Centre bar and information is online, on the council website.

5. Remembrance Parades	Action
Police Scotland has stated that now is the time to apply for permission to hold parades via Stirling Council.	
6. Theft from Fintry Cemetery	Action
There have been reports of vases, flower bowls going missing. If you have been affected please report it, as the police will be more likely to respond if more people in the community call in.	
7. DRT Service – current status and future booking	Action

Changes are being made to the DRT service from 1st October. People have complained but the Council believes they are saving money so the changes will go ahead.

DRT bookings will have to be made directly to Stirling Council from 1st October phone line will be open between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. There is no telephone number yet. Bookings to be made no later than 1 working day before the day of travel.

A member of the public queried: So if you want a taxi for Monday you have to phone up on the Friday before? Also disgraceful that no number published yet.

Jamie Pearson - Anyone struggling for transport should speak to Jamie or Bert Comrie.

Crescent Cabs DRT license has lapsed and due to administrative errors with the Traffic Commissioner/Crescent Cabs there has been a delay in getting it reissued. A service is still being provided by Crescent Cabs on a goodwill basis however and it is hoped the license situation will be rectified shortly.

8. Agreeing Fintry Community Bowling Club New Constitution

Action

Jamie discussed the proposed redrafted constitution with the meeting which allows for a broader range of activities to take place under the auspices of the club - now called the Fintry Community Bowling Club. Membership would require a small subscription to be paid.

The Community Council wants to try and keep it going as long as possible. There will be a new committee with 3 members of the Community Council and 2 from the neighbours/wider community, i.e. Jamie Pearson - Chair, Meg Duckworth and Ronnie Garvie from FCC as Trustees plus David Smith - Treasurer, Angela May - Secretary.

A discussion took place about transfer of utility suppliers, insurance etc. and it was agreed that this would be finalised together with some slight changes to the new constitution at the next Community Council meeting on Wednesday 21st October. There was scepticism from one member of the public about the long term viability of the new Club but it was agreed that this route should be taken in the short term to ascertain if there was any viability.

9. Turbine Movements along B818

<p>Deliveries will start coming over the Denny road from Monday 14th September until November 5th.</p> <p>During first 2 weeks there will be 3 - 5 abnormal loads per day and then 6 - 10 deliveries a week with a police escort travelling after 9 am and avoiding school run times. The trucks will carry 70m long loads and be in convoys of 3 or 4 at a time, travelling slowly and will travel from Denny direction towards the village. Member of the public asked about police presence and Jamie has asked for new signage for the days the trucks are coming through.</p>	
<p>10. Superfast Broadband</p> <p>Ken Smith - Surrounding villages have it now e.g. Killearn, Lennoxtown and Kippen. As many people as possible should register that they are interested in super-fast broadband. They can do that on the council website and the address for that is on our community council website. Menzies estate would be the first area in the village to get it. A member of the public asked about timing and Ken Smith stated end 2016 probably.</p> <p>A member of the public stated that the government has a £3,000 grant available to businesses who want super-fast broadband. Perhaps the sports club could apply although it was thought that it unlikely that the line would be supported.</p> <p>Public - There is a chat on Digital Scotland presentation and Q&A, for better information on in Balfron next week.</p>	Action
<p>11. Finance</p> <p>Ken Young received a cheque from the FDT for £2,650 for the Community Council Goodwill Fund. The fund balance is now approximately £8,000. All information is on the website about how to apply and what for. Applications take about 4 weeks to be confirmed. The forms are available online and in hard copy from the Sports Club.</p> <p>The Community Council is looking at securing more funding to run the Shoppers Bus as the existing funding has run out.</p>	Action
<p>12. Footpaths – fencing and cutting</p>	Action

The paths along the river by the rugby pitches and from the sewage plant to the cemetery have been strimmed. Work is needed on one section of the river path and the steps at the far end. A member of public commented on the unevenness of the path to the cemetery and the barbed wire strand on the fence - the fence was erected as the farmer saw fit. A member of public stated that there is Himalayan Balsam on the river path which is an invasive species, it kills native plants and dries the soil. People will be encouraged to pull it out if they see it, a picture to be published.

13. Planning	Action
Application for an air source heat pump at 14 Menzies Avenue Application to upgrade the track to Lurg Farm has been approved Application for a Reinforcement Notice has been made concerning the erection of outbuildings on garden ground in Culcreuch Avenue. Erection of a 100m high wind turbine northwest of Graigannet Farm is approved	
14. Craigton and Spittalhill Wind Farm Appeal	Action
There has been an appeal against the rejection of planning consent for the wind farm to the Scottish Government.	
15. Local Development Plan – revue and appeals	Action
See Stirling Councillor's report	
16. AOB	Action

<p>There has been a change to the licensing at Balgair Caravan Park Bar. The time has been extended to 12 midnight.</p> <p>Member of public asked if the noticeboard at the Cross can be repaired. Jamie stated he would try to get someone to do it.</p> <p>Member of public asked if the new committee be responsibility for keeping the Bowling Club ground tidy. The new committee will organise this. Mark Reed (a neighbor) has taken on the grass cutting over the summer. FCC expressed their thanks to him for doing this.</p> <p>Ronnie Garvie asked what was happening about graffiti on road signs as this is still a problem - Jamie stated he had taken pictures and supplied details some time ago - Councillor Muirhead offered to progress matters.</p>	Action
<p>17. Date Of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting to be changed to Wednesday 21st October to avoid the October holiday week.</p>	Action