



Minutes Wednesday 12th February 2015

Present: Ken Young (Vice Chair); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Cllr Lambie Penny Roberts, (Secretary .Minutes); Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor; 2 Police Representatives 2 members of the public

Apologies: Penny Crawford (Minute taker); Ken Smith (Communications); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads); Jamie Pearson (Chair); Meg Duckworth, (Planning/Licencing)

2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Previous minutes were approved	
3. Stirling Councillor's Report	Action

<p>Councillor Lambie read his report. Mentioned the restructuring of Stirling Council, and Staff changes. The Council has returned to a Director Structure, resulting in staff changes.</p> <p>PBB meeting held at Balfron High School on Tuesday 25th November had a very large turnout with many useful suggestions.</p> <p>The Fire service Safe Drive, Stay Alive show is very powerful and hard hitting, aimed primarily at young drivers.</p> <p>NHS Forth Valley meeting was on 27th January. Most issues were those upon which the board could make no decisions.</p> <p>Broadband is being gradually rolled out across the region, but is not very comprehensive or consistent and it is wondered if there are budgetary restraints. 3G is apparently being brought to Balfron, possibly by Vodafone.</p> <p>The Winter gritting proposal has been removed from the Budget. Which means the Crow Road arrangements will not be changed.</p> <p>Next full council meeting will be 26th February. Cllr Lambie said the public were allowed to attend Council meetings, but were not allowed to speak.</p> <p>Also mentioned were Road maintenance, The only one to indirectly affect Fintry would be the B818, but this is only a small area. Cllr Lambie thinks it might be 3 years until the road is greatly improved.</p> <p>Roads issues affecting the villages are being collected, and an inspection visit proposed.</p> <p>The Grass cutting issue, whereby Stirling Council have discovered that they have been paying for cutting grass on land that does not belong to them, and are refusing to do so further. Jamie has sent a proposal that the grass be cut by someone else and the bill be sent to the SC.</p> <p>Planning, Craigton and Spittalhall Windfarm</p> <p>The planning officer is recommending refusal of permission for this Windfarm. Cllr Lambie could not comment on his own position, but in general FCC are in favour, because the amount of money that the village would receive would be welcome.</p> <p>Cllr Lambie is intending to go on a Police Patrol from Balfron in the next few weeks.</p> <p>DRTViews being sought about proposals</p> <p>It was pointed out that the proposal to cut the DRT would be detrimental to Fintry residents. The proposal to have residents wishing to use the service ring an 0800 number to the Council Offices in Stirling to book journeys 234 hours in advance was viewed as being counterproductive, as 0800 numbers are free to the caller only, and would cost the council money, and then they would have to call the operator, and then rearrangements may have to be made and so on. It was also pointed out that anyone ill in the night and wanting to visit the doctor would have serious problems with the proposed scheme. The present system, in which an operator can double up trips, is actually saving the council money.</p>	<p>J Pearson</p>
<p>4. Police Report</p>	<p>Action</p>

<p>2 police representatives made themselves known. PC Stephen Graham reported that they are investigating a Road Rage incident on the 17th January, and also reported further Graffiti in the area..</p> <p>They recommended that all property and vehicles should be properly secured.</p> <p>Operation Quarterlight is in operation, stopping vehicles, looking for travelling criminals.</p> <p>A report from a killearn resident complaining of shining lights and cards being dropped through her letter box proved to be an evening drop by the Police themselves.</p> <p>The lowering of the alcohol limit has made a significant difference.</p>	
<p>5 Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit and Craigton and Spittalhall</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Cllr Lambie noted that the Community Council is not objecting to the siting of the proposed Craigton & Spittalhill wind farm on the grounds that it's not up to FCC to determine policy and also the developers have since addressed the community on their concerns whilst confirming a community benefit. Stirling Council are unlikely to approve the application for this development though.</p>	
<p>7. Finance</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p><i>Community Goodwill Fund</i></p> <p><i>Applications are invited for the next stage of grants</i></p>	
<p>8. Planning</p>	<p>Action</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Planning Report available 	
<p>9. AOB</p>	<p>Action</p>

<p><i>Stirling Local Development Plan</i> This has been adopted. The plan is available to residents and will be behind the bar at the Sports Club should anyone wish to see it. It is also available on the Stirling Council website. The plan details state that there will be a further review.</p> <p><i>Menzies Avenue Sign Ongoing</i> C Roy has been in contact with the council regarding the sign for Menzies Avenue and the missing 's'. A request has been made for it to be put back to 'Menzies' apparently there is still an internal dispute within SC regarding the erection of this sign.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p><i>Nothing in particular</i></p>	
<p>11. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 7.30pm</p>	