



## Minutes Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing); Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Cllr Lambie; Penny Crawford (Minute taker); 4 members of the public

Apologies: Police Representation; Penny Roberts (Secretary); Ken Smith (Communications); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads); Ken Young (Vice Chair)

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

Sections from Councillor Lambie's report. Full report is attached.

***Stirling Council Restructuring and Staff changes***

The council has returned to a Director structure. There are three new Directors. Robert Steenson (Housing and Environment), Stacey Burlet (Communities and Partnerships) and Gerard O'Sullivan.

***Roads Officers***

There has been a change of Officers. Iain McDonald (Rural Team Leader Roads Maintenance) and David Maley (Area Officer Road Maintenance).

***PBB Meeting Balfroon High School***

This was a large turnout. PBB savings options include: Optimisation of Winter Service Priority 1 Routes, Increased capital investment for Road Surfacing, Introduction of road end collection policy, 4 weekly brown bin collection (trial), review of delivery of Music and PE Primary School specialist support, and Reduction of Civic budget.

***NHS Annual Review Larbert Hospital Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November***

A wide range of issues were covered including transport to the hospital, response to Vale of Leven hospital report, budgets. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

***Fire Station Visit***

Members of the Public Safety Committee attended a full tour of Stirling Fire Station.

***Rural Broadband Programme***

There have been concerns raised in Gargunnoch, Kippen and Croftamie regarding the roll out of the programme.

***Roads***

Roads issues are being collated, such as over-hanging trees, blocked gulleys, pavement re-surfacing with roads inspection visits. This has worked well in Kippen with the CC roads correspondent and helped with major improvements to Kippen Roads.

J Pearson asked about the drains along the Kippen Road. Cllr Lambie suggested information is collated and passed onto David Malley. It was agreed Bert Comrie would take note of blocked drains, pot holes and other road defects for J Pearson to feedback to David Malley of Stirling Council for action coping in Cllr Lambie.

***Crow Road B822 and B818 Inspections***

Cllr Lambie has travelled over both roads in December 2014 and January 2015. The Crow road is in good condition after recent resurfacing and ditch strengthening work. The B818 from the Clachan to Walton Loch is in poor condition and this has been passed onto the roads department. The full roads schedule should be available in March.

***Police – Cllr Patrol Attendance***

Cllr enquired whether Cllrs could attend a patrol to look at the impact of the new drink drive limits. PC Ross McNaught said the reaction to the new drink drive limit was good.

Bert Comrie

***Community Projects Funding***

Forth Valley Leader should be open for applications in early 2015. Another funding source is the Community Pride Fund – Contact details: Jean Cowie 01786 233143 [cowiej@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:cowiej@stirling.gov.uk)

***Drymen and Aberfoyle Pharmacies***

Currently Drymen is being covered by locums but there will be an invitation for a partner going out. An additional 40M will be part of the Scottish Government 2015 budget for direct support to GP's in deprived areas. It will also help GP's working in remote communities and those looking after significant proportion of very elderly patients.

3a. PBB Winter Gritting Changes	Action
<p><b><i>Crow Road Gritting</i></b>          'This is a budget line which is of significance for the Crow Road. The concern is that any increase to the vehicle number threshold would almost certainly impact on the priority routes around Fintry, particularly the B822 Crow Road. I have passed on my concerns to Cllr Berril and stressed the point that if the Roads officers do not know what the threshold is – how are councillors expected to make a decision on the Winter maintenance policy.' (Cllr Lambie Report)</p> <p>B Comrie has serious issues with lack of gritting and transporting children. The DRT has serious issues. B Comrie has voiced concerns with Derek Parry of Stirling Council. B Comrie transports school pupils to and from the Carron Dam area.</p>	
4. Police Report	Action
<p>J Pearson sent an email asking whether there would be police representation at the FCC meeting, but unfortunately no one was available.</p> <p>There has been a report of anti-social behaviour. Some people had been throwing snow balls at houses and windows.</p> <p>Theft of a bicycle back in November.</p> <p>A van was broken into a few months back, but police did not attend until two weeks after the occurrence.</p> <p>Three fuel cans had been taken, and a padlock had been cut from a secure container.</p>	
5. What kind of housing does Fintry need?	Action
<p>J Pearson asked the room 'what kind of housing does Fintry need?' Some suggestions of how this information could be collected were made, such as visiting door to door and online questionnaires. M Duckworth advised the FCC to bear in mind data protection when collecting this data. J Pearson will liaise with K Smith regarding an online form. A member of the public offered assistance with door to door visits. J Pearson to consider this.</p>	<p>J Pearson / K Smith</p>
6. Finance	Action

<p>Main account has a balance of £3144.73 of which £2040 is the balance of the grant for the shopper leaving £1104.73. There is currently £5889.99 in the Common Good Fund.</p> <p>Applications for the current round of Common Good Fund are invited by 31st January</p>	
<p><b>7. Planning</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application for a house, office and workshop east of the former Clachan Hotel approved with conditions.</li> <li>• Application for a garage by Derek Hulme of Abriachan, Main Street approved.</li> <li>• Sub division of houses of 15, 17 and 19 Main Street approved with conditions.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. AOCB</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>

<p><b><i>Fintry Sports and Recreation Club Application</i></b>  Last meeting FCC agreed to support the Fintry Sports and Recreation Club with their application to install solar panels. FSRC have notified J. Pearson that they intend to remove some trees along the river bank. These trees are not within the SSSI protected area and will be replaced with suitable shorter trees.</p> <p><b><i>Fintry Museum</i></b>  There has been a proposal to create a Fintry Museum. FCC have sent letter of support. M Duckworth advised there have already been 6 – 8 donations to the museum.</p> <p><b><i>Fintry Sports and Recreation Club Grass Cutting</i></b>  M Duckworth brought up grass cutting as asked by S Kelso. He has been informed by Stirling Council they are no longer going to cut the grass on the sports field as it is not owned by Stirling Council. S Kelso told M Duckworth there was no warning this service was going to cease. If grass cutting is to continue, it will cost £1800. Cllr Lambie advised he was not aware this service was stopping. He advised if it is part of the PBB process, this cannot be stopped, however it is worth contesting.</p> <p><b><i>FDT Community Garden</i></b>  FDT staff will not be able to maintain the community garden project when funding runs out in April 15. It was agreed the FCC take on the overall responsibility, hopefully those users interested can keep the project running, maintenance including grass cutting could be an issue. J Pearson will try to come up with a longterm solution and inquire if something could be coordinated whereby a job could be created.</p> <p><b><i>Note of Thanks</i></b>  M Duckworth wanted to say thank you to Bert Comrie for supplying Fintry Community with a Christmas tree. Thanks was also given to Bruce Mearns for the lights. It was agreed Bert would select a tree for Fintry Community each Christmas which could be funded by the Community Good Will Fund. Bert was agreeable to this.</p>	<p>J Pearson</p>
<p><b>9. Correspondence</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>No correspondence</p>	
<p><b>10. Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>
<p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm</p>	