



Minutes Wednesday 11th March 2015

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Ken Young (Vice Chair); Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing; Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Cllr Muirhead; Police Representation; Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads); Penny Crawford (Minute taker); 4 members of the public

Apologies: Ken Smith (Communications)

2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Previous minutes were approved with one change where a named member of the public was changed to 'resident'.	
3. Police Report (sections taken directly from the Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report compiled by PS 597 Robertson)	Action

Antisocial Behaviour

A fire escape door at Fintry Primary School was damaged during the school break, 10-16 February. This appears to be vandalism, as opposed to an attempt to break in.

Graffiti has been sprayed on the Hall wall and on various road signs around the outskirts of the village.

Road Safety

Police have dealt with 2 reports of cows getting out of farmer's fields and onto the B822 road between Fintry and Kippen. Beasts were returned to their fields.

Theft from a house on Menzies Terrace. Thief broke a window and stole a television. Investigation ongoing.

Theft

A house was broken into at Menzies Terrace between 21 and 22 February and items stolen. The thief broke a window at the rear of the house to gain entry.

Around the area in Lennoxtown, quad bikes were stolen on 4th March.

Various Co-op's have been targeted, such as Strathblane, Killearn, Balfon, Aberfoyle where gangs are taking large quantities of alcohol. Investigations ongoing.

The police have advised residents to be proactive in preventing thefts by keeping doors locked and keeping keys hidden away and not in hallways etc. There is a company called SmartWater which marks your valuables which can then help when tracing them if they have been stolen.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

Officers have been contributing to 'Operation Quaterlight,' a national operation to address vehicle crime. Static road checks have been carried out at various locations, including a static point in Fintry, to identify and deter travelling criminals.

Vehicles

It was recommended that if residents see a suspicious vehicle, they should write down the registration number, date and time in case this information needs to be reported at a later date.

On Saturday 28th Feb, Councillor Lambie was out with Sergeant Robertson across the Forth and Endrick area, including Fintry, seeing what the Police are doing and discussing some of the current issues. We also visited Stirling to see the cells and the nightclubs and pubs in the city.

Most will recall the heavy rain and wind, which kept things somewhat subdued, but did show up the issue with surface water on the roads.

The Community Team for Fintry are: Constables Lorna Deans; Paul

4. Stirling Councillor's Report	Action
<p>DRT Cllr Muirhead has been in contact with Derek Parry of Stirling Council to ask whether the FCC comments had been taken on board. Danny Gibson is currently in charge of the DRT and a suggestion was made to invite Danny to the FCC. The proposal is still to be presented to the council for approval. J Pearson asked Cllr Muirhead to put across FCC point that we would like to know what the response is to the points raised. Cllr Muirhead to follow up.</p> <p>Priority Based Budgeting Items not getting cut are gritting for rural areas; Music and PE tuition for primaries; investment in roads so less is spent on pot holes and more on resurfacing however, the council has stated they will need to further investigate these costs; not reducing the brown bin collections.</p> <p>Items getting cut or redesigned are road end collection however each case will be assessed individually; transformational change to secondary school day; roads budget has been reduced to 2.7M from 4M – this is a big drop and will restrict number of things the road department can now do.</p> <p>There is going to be more investment in other area; 138k fund for safer routes to school – FCC to get in contact if the community can see areas for improvement; 100k fund for Communities Partnership project; 244k for improvement of civic realm – no specifics as yet but will be for street enhancements, bus stops etc.</p> <p>Broadband Contract with Scottish Government has been extended. There isn't an exact timetable, but more information can be found at www.digitalscotland.org/whereandwhen</p>	
5. Review of DRT Service	Action
<p>J Pearson asked Cllr Muirhead if it would be worth contacting the council regarding the DRT service if there was no response to Fintry's comments. It was advised J Pearson could contact Danny Gibson.</p>	J Pearson
6. Grass Cutting in Fintry	Action

<p>J Pearson has not received a reply as yet from the Council re the grass cutting proposal. Stirling Council will no longer cut the sports field. Fintry Sports Club were considering purchasing equipment to cut the grass on the sports field and there was also another idea to offer to cut the grass around Fintry and bill the Council for their sections of grass. However we need to know how much of the grass in Fintry belongs to the council so an accurate cost can be calculated. The equipment to cut the grass is estimated to be around 17k. Cllr Muirhead will contact Nicole Paterson to get a response.</p>	
<p>7. FCC Secretary – sharing of duties</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>P Roberts, Secretary, has resigned. J Pearson suggested D Roberts could be the Secretary. D Roberts agreed however secretarial duties will be evenly spread across the panel. K Smith to do emails, responses and post minutes up on website, R Garvie to deal with all roads, pot holes etc, K Young to deal with finance. D Roberts to send minutes to Stirling Council.</p>	
<p>8. FCC Minute taking</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>FCC require someone to take on minute taking due to P Crawford relocating.</p>	
<p>9. Closure of Fintry Outdoor Bowling Club</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Fintry Outdoor Bowling Club is winding down. It will stay as it is for the next three months whilst the insurance is in place. The land was gifted in 1932 to the members of the club for the purposes of bowling, of which there are now four. If the title is restricted and the current membership would like to gift it to the community for other sporting or recreational uses unless it can be shown that there is no demand for the site (it may be possible that they can apply to the courts to close the club and sell the land). It is now put out to the community to suggest a use. The access is only 10ft wide.</p>	
<p>10. Craigton & Spittalhill Wind Farm</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>J Pearson has informed the planning panel more information has been provided. J Pearson asked for the first statement submitted to be altered. 24th March at 10.30 is a hearing. FCC don't have any objection to the location, benefit for Fintry is would come in very useful.</p>	
<p>11. Housing/Data base flyer</p>	<p>Action</p>

<p>A flyer is being distributed to residents to gain information to be able to communicate with residents. K Young will apply and get money for this and put resources in place to get email addresses. J Pearson hopes to reach every door in Fintry.</p> <p>Scottish Rural Housing have been in contact with J Pearson offering to help with responses to the developer to ensure Fintry residents get the houses they want. The developing site is up for sale and once a developer purchases the site, Rural Stirling will keep J Pearson informed. Rural Stirling are due to get 13 out of the 40 houses if that goes ahead.</p>	
<p>12. Finance</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>K Young has applied to get the grant for the Fintry shopper bus from July this year from the Big Lottery Fund for this next year. K Young will also send off to get money from the Connect Fund.</p>	
<p>13. Planning</p>	<p>Action</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application by Mr David May for a new house at the rear of 115 Main Street. • Application by VG Energy for 2 new 30m high turbines to replace existing turbines at Jaw Farm. • Application by Mrs Fiona Lindsay for a “granny flat” at Holm Cottage. • Application for rear and side extensions, internal alterations and rear decking at Briarvale, 10D Main Street. • Application by Mr Paul Greer for a single storey extension at 3 Menzies Drive. • Application for an extension to an existing biomass chimney at White Gables has been approved with conditions. • Application to replace the existing Radome at the Met Redar Station on the Crow Road. • Application by Mr Derek Hulme for a garage at Abriachan, Main Street has been approved with conditions. 	
<p>14. A.O.B.</p>	<p>Action</p>

<p>Sewage C Roy is optimistic to have more information by the next meeting. The flow figures were challenged as it was believed Fintry Sports Club was not being taking into consideration. C Roy should have these updated figures by the next meeting.</p> <p>FDT News Come April 2015, they will come to the end of the current funding from F8 project which paid for staff, community garden and such like. They are reducing staff hours and reducing the number of projects taken on.</p> <p>Earlsburn Extension Offer that has been received is community benefit annual lump sum each year – this does not depend on the wind.</p> <p>Note: J Pearson excused himself for the next item</p> <p>Fintry Bursary R Pearson has been fundraising in the village for his trip to Peru during the summer for a charitable project. He has to raise a large sum of money and will do a sponsored litter pick on 20th March. R Pearson had approached the FCC for funding. This was discussed with a suggestion from M Duckworth that FCC should set up a Fintry Bursary for the young residents to apply. This would apply to sports, community, academic, charitable project. It was suggested a £50 bursary be made available which could come from the Fintry Goodwill Fund. As this indirectly comes from the FDT, K Young will gain permission from the FDT for this. The panel and members of the public in the room were agreeable to this being setup.</p> <p>Hall Booking K Young will now book the hall for the FCC meetings</p>	<p>K Young</p>
<p>15. Correspondence</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>None</p>	
<p>16. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd April 2015</p> <p>Next meetings: Wednesday 13th May 2015 Wednesday 10th June 2015 Wednesday 9th September 2015 Wednesday 7th October 2015 Wednesday 11th November 2015 Wednesday 9th December 2015</p>	

