



Minutes Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Ken Young (Vice Chair); Ken Smith (Communications)); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads);
10 members of the public,

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

2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Previous minutes were approved	
3. Police Report	Action
Concern raised about recent break ins in the village. The police representative stated that enquiries were ongoing but as yet no one has been arrested. In addition quad bike thefts were a problem but considered separate to the village crimes. The police rep also stressed that any suspicious activity should be reported immediately otherwise it could not be acted on effectively. He also told the meeting about Smart Water an anti-theft product which assists in identifying where stolen goods were taken from. The police are also targeting speeding motorists in the villages. It was agreed that information about the recent thefts and the need for extra vigilance should be put on the website.	
4. Stirling Councillor's Report	Action
No report as no Councillor present at the meeting.	
5. DRT	Action
Despite feedback from the FCC regarding proposed changes to the DRT service making it less flexible and easy to book, the Council is going ahead with their planned revisions.	
6. Grass Cutting	Action

<p>FCC had put a proposal to Stirling Council to tender for grass cutting in Fintry. It appears that this could only be done by forming a separate company to satisfy insurance requirements.</p>	
<p>7. FCC Minute taking</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>FCC still requires an individual to take minutes at meetings. This is a paid position. A member of the public agreed to publicise the position at the Primary School.</p>	
<p>8. Fintry Outdoor Bowling Club</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Following the proposed closure of the club, to date there is no decision as to how the ground area should be used in the future. It was agreed to keep the club going until October whilst investigating if the constitution can be changed to broaden the usage options without compromising the original conditions of the land being gifted. It would be unwise for FCC to own it as this could result in the Council taking it over if FCC stopped for any reason. A group of people with representation from the FCC and neighbours may be the best option. The most likely use at the moment is to make a community garden probably using the plants etc. from the former FDT garden at the end of the rugby field.</p>	
<p>9. Craigton & Spittalhill Wind Farm</p>	
<p>The Council have not granted planning submission for the wind farm. The disagreement between Community councils regarding fund distribution from the Earlsburn extension has now gone to arbitration.</p>	
<p>10. Housing/Data base flyer</p>	
<p>The recent flyer distributed to all Fintry households regarding what type of housing should be planned for the development off the Menzies Estate has generated a few responses. The comments can be seen on the FCC website</p>	
<p>11. Waste Water System</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Due to the increase in usage by the Sports Club, Scottish water have increased housing equivalent figure for the capacity of the treatment works. C Roy has written to Scottish Water again to find out if/when they intend to undertake work to reduce infiltration of sewage although this has been planned since 2009. If nothing comes back she will contact MSP Bruce Crawford with a FOI request.</p>	
<p>12. Footpaths</p>	<p>Action</p>

There has been a letter of complaint about the river walk. It was agreed that in one or two places work was needed, e.g. the steps at the far end. The patch running from the water treatment plant to the cemetery will be boundary fenced in May. The gate in the hedge opposite Katy Rodger's should be opened to allow access.	J. Pearson
13. Finance	Action
FCC has received an application from the Hall committee for Common Good Fund money. It has been referred back for more detail. We have also applied for a grant for the Council for monies to promote engagement with the local community.	K Young
14. Planning	Action
15. AOB	Action
None	
16. Correspondence	Action
None	
17. Date of next meeting	Action
Wednesday 13 th May 2015	