



Minutes Wednesday 9th December 2015

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads), Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep)
7 member(s) of the public

Apologies: Ken Smith (Communications), Ken Young (Vice Chair)

1. Approval of Minutes of November	Action
The previous minutes were approved for January.	
2. Police Report	Action
See attached.	
3. Stirling Councilor's Report	Action
See attached.	
4. Funding the Shoppers' Bus	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An invoice for the Shoppers Bus has been received from Crescent Cabs for £1800 for the period June to December • The shoppers' bus was previously funded by Stirling Council and then by a Grant of £3000 from Awards for All which ran out at the end of June 2015. • At the June 15 FCC meeting (with Bert Comrie present) it was agreed that FCC would apply for more funding from external sources, but in the meantime would cover the costs from the Goodwill fund until FCC found out if it was possible to get more funding. It was also agreed: "Bert to implement £2 return trip from Kippen to Stirling and DRT from Fintry to Kippen from the end of June" • The invoice does not appear to take into account the money collected from each passenger, it was agreed that before FCC can authorise payment the invoice should be re submitted with details of passenger numbers and the £2 per return journey money deducted. Although it was also agreed not to insist on the DRT portion of the journey being deducted given the problems with the lack of operators licence over the summer, it was thought that would be unfair to Crescent Cabs. • It was further agreed that as FCC are responsible for administering community funds they will need to insist on the measures previously proposed and furthermore approve payment only on a monthly basis. ie invoices must be received for the previous month by the next FCC meeting or they will not be paid out. • A discussion was held on how it would work as FCC still wanted the service to be available and did not want to make it difficult for the users to access the service. • If each passenger makes a repeat booking (they only need to cancel if not using it that week) from Fintry to Kippen then that means Stirling Council subsidise that portion of the journey (about 1/3 of the route) then the portion from Kippen to Stirling becomes a private hire from Crescent Cabs and if each passenger pays £2 per return trip then the contribution required by FCC will be about half (£30 per week) • It was unanimously agreed that from the first Wednesday in March 2016 passengers should now book the shoppers' bus through Stirling Council as DRT from Fintry to Kippen. The journey from Kippen to Stirling would be a private hire with a £1 contribution each way, with FCC subsidising the remainder, expected to be £30 per week. Crescent Cabs must present an invoice each month with a sheet signed by the passengers, any variances can then be discussed and agreed each month with the operator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KY to contact Bert and ask him to itemise the invoice to reflect the passengers' contribution. • KY to confirm the price from Bert for the Kippen to Stirling section of the journey. • JP to produce a flyer for distribution to passengers to explain the new system.
5. Waterworks Update	Action

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CR has received the latest flow figures from Scottish Waters. New instrumentation was installed in 2015 meaning monitoring should improve. £100k has been spent on improvements over the last year. There was some discussion of the road flooding at the entrance to Menzies Estate, it was acknowledged that SC had cleared the drains, but this has had little effect. 	
6. FCC Support for FDT's Local Energy Challenge Project	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCC has written a letter of support for Phase 2 of the local energy challenge project which is aiming to provide cheaper energy for Fintry from the local anaerobic digestive plant. 	
7. Paths Maintenance	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CR is meeting Bob Sparks from Core Paths for a review of repairs required on the riverside path. JP has asked Willy Nugent to look into making some quick improvement to the surface of the path to the cemetery and at the riverside walk. He has also asked him to take on regular path maintenance. It was noted that the Lade path also needs maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look in to the possibility of help from Community Service.
8. Earlsburn Community Benefit Fund	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiations over the split of funds have remained unresolved, so in the meantime the developer has proposed an interim measure of dividing 6 ways for 3 years or sooner if an agreement is reached. Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit is expected to be around £130,000 once everything is up and running - so approximately £21,000 per annum could become available to Fintry Community Council FCC Common Good Fund will no longer receive 5% from the FDT once this income commences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KY/ JP to meet developers to discuss how to receive the funds (preferably into the Goodwill fund).
9. Finance	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer not present. 	
10. Planning	Action

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension to rear 109 Main Street- approved. • Cattle shed Jaw farm- approved. • Temporary anemometer at Todholes- approved. • House and garage east of Buckingham cottage- approved. • Alterations to the rear of 17/ 19 Main Street- approved with conditions. • Application for 20 acres broadleaf wood below Stronend facing Provanston farm. • A resident has asked FCC for advice and support with a dispute regarding an enforcement order to remove 800 tonnes of soil from the rear of a neighbouring property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has been reported to councilor Graham Lambie who will be attending a meeting regarding this matter and report back to FCC.
11. A.O.B	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of public was concerned with the amount of rubbish round the back of the Sports Center and wondered whose responsibility it was to clear it up. • An application was made for funding from the Goodwill fund for a village Christmas tree. • It was noted that the FCC online communication form is not working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JP to contact chairperson of Sports Center. • Application to be passed on to FCC treasurer. • JP to notify KS.
12. Correspondence	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter was received thanking the FCC for providing the footpath around the field, but noted that the surface is uneven and requesting that some surfacing work be carried out using goodwill funds . • Request for £50 from the Goodwill fund for repairs due to storm damage, new tools and equipment at the community garden. 	DS to progress
13. Date of Next Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/3/16 	
Fintry Community Bowling Club	Action

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present: Jamie Pearson, Angela May, Ron Garvie and Meg Duckworth. Apologies: David Smith 	
1. Update on any Relevant Progress	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The priority is reconnection of the water supply. A bank account is in the process of being setup. 	
2. Date of Next Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/3/16 	

Police Report

Community Council:

Forth and Endrick, Fintry Community Council

Reporting Period:

February 2016 Compiled by PC 660 Steven Graham

Ward Plan Priorities

Antisocial Behaviour

No calls relating to disorder have been received.

Road Safety

On 23rd January 2016 a 3 cycle RTC occurred on the Fintry Rd whereby 2 cyclists were injured as a result of the high wind. Most serious injury was a fractured collar bone.

There have been no road traffic offences recorded in the local area since the last meeting.

Whilst no offences have been recorded, local officers continue to carry out high visibility patrols in the local area to promote road safety.

Theft

No crimes of dishonesty have been reported in the local area since last month's meeting however there has been in the Callander and Dunblane areas so it is important to be vigilant and report any suspicious persons to Police.

Community Engagement and Reassurance

PCs Ray Murphy and Steven Graham are based at Balfon Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Both officers have access to this email address mailbox, and it is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact.

Other Incidents/ Activity of note

Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at

www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision

www.facebook.com/policescotland

www.twitter.com/stirlingpol

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Stirling Councillor's Report

Councillor Graham Lambie
Forth and Endrick Ward
Stirling Council

Forth and Endrick News - Fintry - Wednesday, 17th February 2016

*Arnprior Balfon Buchanan Buchlyvie Croftamie Drymen Fintry Gargunnoch Killearn
Kippen Strathblane*

Councillor Lambie Report

- **PBB Summary:** Priority Based Budgeting focuses on allowing everyone to be involved in setting priorities and deciding what is important to them and their communities. Year 1 > 150 Savings Options e.g. Reduce Fleet Hire= **£10.7 M** (Over 5 years) Year 2 > 28 Savings Options e.g. Strategic Procurement Service = **£1.3 M** (Over 5 years) Savings Target by 2020/21 = **£25 M**

- **PBB Draft Budget 2016/2017:** This is subdivided into 3 Option Types. I've extracted some of the individual options which may impact on the Forth and Endrick ward.

1. **Transformation:** Can services be delivered in a different way
2. **Efficiency:** Can the service be left unchanged but delivered more efficiently
3. **Stop/Reduce:** Can a service be reduced or stopped altogether

- **Transformation Options:** 1. **Learning:** Calibration of School Week in Primary Schools (suggested by the community), with an early finish of one day a week for pupils; Modernise Visiting Specialist Service for PE and Music in Primary Schools. 2. **Care:** Reducing Demand for Long Term Care; Improving MECS and EDT efficiency. 3. **Communities:** Purchase to Pay (P2P) *already approved*; Customer Flexibility & Choice; Transport Review. 4. **Operational Services:** Installation of Bulk Fuel Tank *already approved*; Decriminalised Parking *already approved*; Housing and Environment ADM (Alternative Delivery Model) includes Road End Collection policy changes. 5. **Support Services:** Solar Farm at Lower Polmaise; *Relocation of Library Services to other properties*. 6. **Chief Executive's Office:** Income Generation using communications team; Alternative funding methods.

- **Community Conversation PBB - Balfon High School 3rd Feb 2016:** Communities were well represented at this event and revisions to the PBB were highlighted. An additional savings off over £2 million are required to

be found over the next financial year. Unfortunately details of these additional proposals were not available - this may be due to an embargo on them until end of the week Friday 5th Feb. As we understand it the Stirling Council administration budget will be on public release on the 19th Feb - the main budget meeting is on 25th Feb. There may be press releases prior to the 19th highlighting some of the key proposals. There is every likelihood that the Council will continue the council tax freeze.

- **PBB New Service Options:** This paper should be available on the public site on 5th Feb. Some headline items include: Restructure of the Workforce and Reduction in Management; Review of Strategically Funded Organisations; Allocate a budget savings target for all schools. New estimated figure for year 1 (2016/2017) = £6.3 million.

- **Income Generation:** At the last Full Council Meeting a business plan was approved to develop a SMW Solar Photovoltaic Farm on a redundant landfill site at Lower Polmaise, Fallin. This builds on an existing programme of installing Solar PV on many council properties including houses and schools. Although the deadline for Renewables Obligation accreditation for large scale (>SMW) solar photovoltaic power projects, is due to end on 1st April 2015 - there appears to be scope for smaller projects. We are also looking at a full cost recovery model to run Mugdock Country Park which would entail charging for the car park via a loyalty card scheme. **Update:** At the Community Conversation PBB meeting a number of questions were raised on the subject of income generation. I was pleased to see that the officers including the chief executive (who has private sector experience) are taking this much more seriously - personally I don't think the savings target can be achieved without an element of income generation.

- **Strathendrick Care Home and Developing a Local Care Hub:** This was a very well attended event, and a response to concerns that the home was to be sold off for a capital receipt to part pay for the care village concept on the site of the Stirling Community Hospital. Communities and councillors were also concerned about the lack of communication over the above and called for a meeting with officers. The minutes of the meeting are contained in **Appendix 1**. Also, to be fair to officers the Local Care Hub concept had been developed in 2015. However, there are still concerns about the number of bed spaces (what would happen if there was a big increase in demand for respite care provision) and what is the situation with building repair (Will the council still provide resources for this). Is there a possible solution on the old Killearn hospital site?

- **Killearn Hospital Site:** There has been some movement on this as Planning Officers met with the owner on 4th September. The meeting included the contaminated land officer. The Council's Quantity Surveying team have been assisting the owner to prepare an indicative cost for the remediation of the site that, in turn, would help determine the extent of enabling development required to 'cross-subsidise' the remediation works. This will require removal of all soil within the development site to a depth of 200mm (minimum). If the soil is classified as 'mildly' contaminated' and SEPA's criteria could be satisfied, then it may be possible to retain the soil off-site but within land adjacent to the hospital site. If the soil is classed as 'waste' it would all have to be removed from the site and disposed of at a properly licenced landfill site, adding greatly to initial site preparation costs and, consequently, significantly increasing the number of houses required. However this could only be determined by a suitable qualified, established and recognised specialist consultant. The owner is responsible for engaging the specialist consultant. I have passed details of a consultant to the owner. **Update:** I attended a site visit to the Killearn Hospital site on 19th Jan with - Gerard O'Sullivan (Director of Corporate Operations) and Graeme Sword (Owner). This was productive and the officers are actively working on strategies to clean up the site. I've raised the issue about establishing a care/health facility on the site and have suggested setting up a medical research centre perhaps on similar lines to the Beatson in Bearsden? This would be longer term as any developer would want to recoup clean-up costs via initial construction of executive type housing.

- **Road Safety - traffic calming on A75 Buchanan Street Killearn Side:** This has been passed on to Jim McGregor (Road Traffic Control Team). I understand that Balfron CC are in negotiations for appropriate signage. A site visit could also be arranged but will have to wait after the budget meeting on Feb 25th.

- **Road Safety - Forth and Endrick Ward:** There will be installation of 40 mph signage on Station Rd at Killearn and on the A809 from the Carbeth Inn to beyond the Edenmill Turnoff. There are also plans to remove the banking at the B821 turnoff onto the A809 which will remove a near 'suicidal' right hand turn. Along with improvements to road safety there should be a positive benefit for businesses - lower speeds should increase the chances of passing trade 'dropping' in.

- **Road Maintenance Programme - 2016/2017:** This has still to be finalised although we should have some information on the capital allocation for roads at the budget meeting on the 25th of Feb. The administration budget will be available in the public domain at 5pm on Friday 19th Feb. Historically Area 2 which includes the Forth and Endrick ward has, quite correctly, received a larger allocation than other council areas in due to roads in poorer condition and the lack of any trunk routes. My understanding is that this status will remain but the resource will be reduced. The draft roads programme should be available in March and then ratified by the Environment and Housing committee. **Update:** The 2015/2016 programme has been completed - a present I do not know of any projects that will be carried over.

- **Policing - Report:** It was good to see the community ward officers at recent CC meetings. These are Constables Raymond Murphy and Steven Graham. The community sergeant is Alasdair Matheson and Constable Tracy Diamond is the schools based officer for Balfron High School. Alongside the ward officers are response officers who provide 24/7 cover for the ward. For major incidents such as serious road collisions ward

officer could be called to assist with these. I asked the officers for a view on changes at the top at Police Scotland - namely the new Chief Constable Phil Gormley. The response was generally positive especially with respect to Mr. Gormley's rural policing experience. Contact details for local police are ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk or use the 101 number. For Stirling Police matters check the **Stirling Police Twitter** at <https://twitter.com/stirlingpol> . Another useful website given the weather just now is <https://trafficscotland.org/weather/> .

• **Stirling Council - Local Government Boundary Changes (LGBC): Update:** I have spoken to a number of Community Councils on this issue and there is consistent opposition to this proposal. This is also the view of the Forth and Endrick Ward elected members. The final decision will likely be made after the May Scottish election.

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Appendix 1:

Note of Community Meeting on Strathendrick Care Home and Developing a Local Care Hub Thursday 14th January 2016 Killearn Village Hall

- Strathendrick is currently a 12 bedded residential care home, however, there is a diminishing need for residential care.
- People who require 24/7 care tend to be assessed as requiring a nursing home rather than a residential home.
- The model of care is changing under the Reshaping Care for Older People agenda and increasing numbers of people can and should be supported to live well in their own homes.
- In the future there will be an increasing demand for Intermediate Care which provides intensive short term intervention to support older people to stay at home.
- A pilot is currently running in Strathendrick where by 4 of the beds are being used for people receiving short term intermediate care after being discharged from hospital. Evidence shows that most people in short term beds who receive re-ablement and rehabilitation are able to return to their own homes (over 70%)
- Is there the possibility of developing a care hub at Strathendrick to provide more intermediate care, respite and re-ablement to better meet future needs?

Questions	Answers
<p>What is the future for Strathendrick given the current budget situation?</p>	<p>There is a Council commitment that Strathendrick will not close for as long as any of the current long term residents wish to continue living there. However, in 2008/9 Strathendrick was earmarked for land receipts for the Stirling Care Village. We are now in a different landscape with Health and Social Care Integration and there is more of a move towards local provision. As a result, there is the potential to use the Strathendrick building in the future as a care hub to provide services to support people in the rural south west area. Services such as assessment, respite and rehabilitation could all be provided from the care hub. We would need to work together with the community and partners to build a case to be presented to Stirling Council based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost effectiveness • Advantages of local provision • How we could shape, resource and deliver this in partnership with other agencies and the local community
<p>Next Steps</p>	

It was agreed that:

An engagement programme be established. Volunteers were asked to put their names forward to take part in a steering group with an initial meeting taking place in February 2016.