



## ***Minutes of the meeting held on***

9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### **I. Present/apologies for absence:**

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads), Ken Smith (Communications).

12 members of the public

Apologies:- Dawn Roberts

### **II. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:**

- Approved

### **III. Police Report**

- See attached.

### **IV. Sports Field**

As a result of the number of concerns raised by members of the public at the last FCC meeting an email was sent to the Fintry Sports Club, Dougie Spence (FSRC Chair) & Stan James (FSRC Secretary) attended the following issues were raised and solutions were proposed:

- Old machinery left around the edges of the sports field could cause injury. Action: The machinery will be removed once the frosty weather comes.
- Old tyres left around the edges of the sports field. Action: These tyres are used for rugby training and will be relocated near the equipment container.
- Possible exposed wiring and missing covers on existing flood lights - concerns raised about safety. Action: New covers will be sought, although this is fairly difficult as the lights are quite old. The connections have been checked by an electrician and they have passed safety regulations.
- New lights progress - when will work be completed? . Action: FSRC could not confirm when the work will be completed.

- Muddy trenches left by machinery and plant accessing the works making it difficult to access the riverside walk and community garden - request by FCC to re-turf at least the sections accessing paths & garden. Action: DS said turf will NOT be put down but when works complete the area would be levelled and grass seed put down. SJ claimed he there was no issue as he could manage to walk round sports field - this view was not shared by most of those present at the meeting.
- A member of the public raised that she had witnessed an older person nearly falling after tripping on raised bricks at the gate entrance. Action DS to investigate the entrance condition.
- Lots of litter left on the sports field after events. SJ objected to “lots of litter” - a sweep is done after each game.
- FSRC took the opportunity to raise the issue of dog fouling on the playing fields which is being dealt with continuously. JP reminded everyone that it was an offence not to pick up after your dog and owners should be reported if allowing it to happen - this was confirmed by PC Stephen Graham.
- FSRC proposed a thank you for everyone volunteering at the recent litter pick organised by Edel Mooney.

#### **V. Stirling Councillor’s Report**

- A meeting about priority budgeting is being held at Balfron High on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> of November.
- An extra £100 million is going to be taken out of local community grants and will be given to schools, not necessarily in the local area. Council tax for bands A, B, C and D will remain constant, although Stirling council is entitled to raise tax by 3%. However bands E, F, G and H will be raised.
- Stirling council are negotiating with First Buses about increasing the frequency of buses. The bus services have changed for Balfron High students attending after school clubs, as they can no longer get a free pass. Because of this less pupils have been participating in after school activities.
- For more information visit the Stirling Council website, <https://info@stirling.gov.uk> or phone the contact centre at 0845 277 7000

#### **VI. Road Verges**

- Jim McGregor from Stirling Council Roads Department came to the meeting to answer questions from members of public relating to adopted road verges.
- A lively question and answer session proceeded
- All adopted public roads are listed with Stirling Council: Stirling Council in general do not own the ground that public roads and verges are built and although it may be on the householders title deeds, permission must be obtained from SC before

making any alteration to a verge. SC can require an owner to remove anything that the roads dept deem an obstruction.

- The issue was raised regarding the various planters and tubs which have been on the verges of Main Street for many years as to whether these could be considered an obstruction - JM opinion was that as the speed limit was 30 mph he thought it unlikely that would be the case.
- JP asked if JM would take a drive through Fintry one day and confirm to MD that there were no obstructions that would cause any issue with SC

## **VII.Paths**

- Fintry Community Council ok'd a proposal to erect barriers on the path to the cemetery to protect children running on to the road and to dissuade horses from eroding the path. Alec Mason has been asked to do the job and bill FCC.

## **VIII.Speeding on the Castle Drive**

- A member of the public asked the council to make everyone aware of dangerous driving on the Castle Drive following a recent incident. She warned members of the public not to approach drivers as she had received a verbal assault both on the drive and also at the Castle whilst trying to report it to the management. The driver was actually the head chef, however the manager at the Castle was unable or unwilling to address the issue as drivers are not under his control.

## **IX.Interim FCC Elections**

- On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November nine members will be re-elected. This will be done through postal vote, each member of public will have up to five votes.

## **X.Finance**

- No treasurer present.

## **XI.Planning- Lurg Forest Felling**

- There will be tree felling at Lurg forest, this will involve heavy goods vehicles travelling through Fintry. More details are being sought by Ken Smith.
- An application for a greenhouse, four poly tunnel ground level fish tanks, sea containers for office and toilet accommodation, a smoker and storage at Claylands Farm has been made by Alma Varih Ltd.
- An application from Mr and Mrs Percy, Old Balakinrain to replace the slate roof on East Lodge has been made.
- An application from Martin Turner at Hilleand Cottage, Quarry Road, to convert an existing garage to a granny flat has been approved with conditions.

- An application for a new toilet and laundry unit at Campsie Glen Holiday Park has been made.
- An application for a manger's house at Old Balakinrain Woodyard has been approved with conditions.

#### **XII.A.O.B.**

- There will be a meeting at Balfron High School on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December about exploring the different internet options available.

#### **XIII.Correspondence**

- There is a possibility that the phone box outside the Menzies Hall may need to be bought for £1, otherwise it may be removed.

#### **XIV.Date of next meeting**

- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## **Fintry Community Bowling Club**

#### **I.Present**

- Jamie Pearson, Meg Duckworth, Ron Garvie

#### **II.Update on any relevant progress**

- No update.

#### **III.A.O.B.**

- The FCBC are in receipt of a lottery fund grant to hold for a celebration - they will be investigating if there is enough interest in reviving the Fintry Fling.

#### **IV.Date of next meeting**

- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**POLICE REPORT:**

**Community  
Council:**

Forth and Endrick, Fintry Community Council

**Reporting  
Period:**

November 2016 Compiled by PC Graham

**Ward Plan  
Priorities**

**Antisocial Behaviour**

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 a report of a male causing problems at a wedding at Culcreuch Castle was reported. Police attended and male left.

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 a male with a head injury was reported on the Main St, Fintry. Police attended and traced a drunk male who had fallen and cut his head. Taken by ambulance to hospital for treatment.

**Road Safety**

There have been no RTCs in the Fintry area since the last meeting.

Local officers have continued to carry out high visibility patrols and speed checks in the area.

**Theft**

Since the last meeting, there has been no reported thefts.

**Community Engagement and Reassurance**

PC Ray Murphy and PC Steven Graham are based at Balforn Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at [ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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

### **Air Weapons Surrender Scheme**

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 comes fully into effect on 31 December 2016. The new law will require any person who possesses, purchases, uses or acquires an air weapon to have a certificate to hold them legally.

It will be an offence not to have a certificate for these purposes from 31 December 2016, unless you are exempt, but you are now able to apply to Police Scotland for a certificate.

The new Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act will:

- Clearly define the air weapons which will be subject to licensing
- Broadly follow the principles and practises of existing firearms legislations
- Enable a fit person to obtain a licence to own, possess and shoot an air weapon in a regulated way without compromising public safety
- Ensure appropriate enforcement of the new regime with robust offences and penalties to deal with any person who contravenes the regime

Unwanted air weapons can still be handed into designated police offices. Your local designated police office is Balfron.

Further information can be found at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/airweapons/>

### **Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey - Your View Counts**

The Police Scotland Public Consultation Survey was launched on Thursday, 7th April 2016. In previous years, the survey was paper-based and involved community officers delivering and collating the surveys from members of the local community. This year, the survey has been placed online.

The survey allows local communities to provide feedback to Police Scotland in relation to a variety of topics, including the views of local people and what they feel local policing priorities should be in their communities.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, and everyone is encouraged to participate in it.

The survey and further information can be found at [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts) .

### **Police Message of Local Residents**

At 2am on Sunday 30th October the clocks went back an hour to mark the end of British Summer time. This also marks the start of the darker nights which can make it easier for thieves to target your property if they can see that nobody is home. We need your help to make it make it harder for the thieves so please consider the following:

- Use timer switches on lights and radios to make it look as if your home is occupied.
- Ensure all doors and windows are secure when you leave and when you go to bed.
- If possible use secure lighting at the front and back of your property.
- Make sure all garden tools and ladders are locked away when not being used. Don't give the thieves the tools to break into your house.
- Use a good quality lock on any garden sheds and outhouses.
- Make a note of all makes, models and serial numbers of expensive items in your home.
- create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.

If anyone would like further crime prevention advice, please contact PC Raymond Murphy or PC Steven Graham who will be happy to assist.



**Issues raised**

**Community  
Council  
Feedback**

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