



Minutes of the meeting held on

13th December 2017

1. Present/apologies for absence

This meeting was scheduled to take place at Fintry Primary School, however for some reason the school was not open - (the school has apologised for the mix up - combination of staff shortage/ weather). The meeting was hastily re located to the meeting room at Fintry Sports Centre although not everybody managed to come to the new location.

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair), Ronnie Garvie, Meg Duckworth, Sue Wallace, Robert Davis (Stirling Councillor)
(Five members of public)

Apologies: Amanda Agnew (Treasurer), Angela May (Secretary), Ken Smith (Vice Chair) and Michele Bennett.

2. Approval of Minutes of last meeting

Minutes Approved

3. Stirling Councillor Report

- Meeting held on Thursday 7th December with Stirling council. Reporter Richard Dent decided against any modifications to the Local Development Plan. Reporter also declined the application to

increase the village boundary at 50 Main Street.

- Ronnie Garvie raised local flooding concerns. Any issues can still be raised through the normal planning application system .
- Speed reduction raised at meeting. Suggestions to increase the number of 40 mph speed limits and increase parking spots to improve conditions.
- Jamie raised the issue of large boulders at the side of the Denny road and Kippen Road. This was talked about at last month's meeting and Cll. Berrill had promised a response from the roads department although nothing has been received as yet. Jamie accepted that the large stones may be required for drainage but that they should be no higher than the road surface as these roads are already very narrow for two cars to pass and the protruding stones will damage tyres and wheels. Two members of the council alone have fallen victim to this, having had their tyres torn and wheels damaged.

4. Police Report

- No Anti- Social behaviour reported
- No traffic collisions
- Raised that there was a bike theft on the crow road
- Raised that there was an attempted break in to a house between Fintry and Kippen this month.

5. Planning

- An application from Mr J McArthur for one dwelling house at Branshogle Mill.
- An application for a new long term forestry plan from 2017 to 2037 at the Lurg to include re-stocking.
- An application from Miss A Mitchell of 19 Main Street to demolish the remaining front wall of a cottage at 17 main street has been refused.
- An application by Mr Martin Turner to build a dwelling house in garden ground at Hillend Cottage, Quarry Road.
- For General Interest, Meg raised that an application is out for consultation about a proposed Crematorium, to be built in the grounds of the former Bannockburn Hospital.

6. Finance

- Raised that four cheques have been distributed to the Rugby Club, FADS, Menzies hall and Fintry Sports Club.
- Raised that the Bowling Club have just returned their form but with no quote for heating. David Smith was informed that his cheque could not be paid until the treasurer receives this. He says he will get it to Amanda soon.
- Raised that school have not returned their form. Amanda contacted Holly over a week ago by telephone to remind her and resent forms. Holly told Amanda she would return the form but has not done so yet.
- Raised that Bert Comrie of Crecent Cabs was one month late with his invoices. However during discussion Bert arrived with his invoices for shoppers bus and pilot scheme. The pilot cost of running four Journeys on the Saturday bus to Stirling to and from Glasgow was £240 over October and November. 16 Journeys in total were

trialled and very little uptake with only the odd couple of people using it. Having discussed the low uptake and lack of demand, decision made that the pilot was worth trying but not worth keeping it on - no money shall be put towards this scheme in the next years budget. The Christmas bus to Glasgow was fully booked (8 people) for 16th Dec.

- Jamie raised that FDT currently subsidise transport for the high school pupils using after school activities. There was suggestion that FCC could discuss the possibility to give some funding to this in the next year budget, the councillors present were in favour in principal
- Decision made to make available emergency support transport system over the winter months for anyone struggling to get to and from Balfron, Kippen and Killearn General Practices for those requiring emergency medical service. FCC to agree wording for publishing this service.
- Decision made to continue the regular Wednesday Shoppers bus to Stirling.
- Jamie suggested Investigating if residents were having difficulty getting to hospitals, such as Larbert and looking at adding some support for this in next years budget.

Micro grant scheme opens in January and after that FCC will agree the terms for next years grant schemes for which funding should become available June 2018.

7. Broadband

- Ken and Meg have been surveying the village to locate a high spot to improve broadband coverage. They have identified a wind turbine up Quarry Road which showed promise but would need a cherry picker to see if it would work with additional hight. They have found someone with a cherry picker although the Issue raised that a safety

harness would be required - they are hopeful of borrowing the required safety harness. Investigation will take place when everything is in place and its not raining, frosty or windy.

8. River Walk

- Issue raised that the Fintry riverwalk needs maintained due to erosion in parts and also without an edge at least one place, as this presents a risk for falling.
- It had been hoped than Norman McKnight would take this on as a project funded in part by The Goodwill Fund as he had raised this several times - he has however produced a report indicating that this would require a budget of £2000- £2200 with volunteers or £2500 - £3000 + for the job to be completed by a contractor.
- Committee agreed that as this years budget has been committed FCC would have to agree the spend as part of the overall commitments for the village as part of the next years budget from June funding.
- Jamie raised the issue if any of the councillors would be willing to take on the organisation of this project as he himself would not be available from Spring this year - nobody was able to commit at this point.
- Decision taken to write to Norman to thank him for his report on this and explain that the committee will consider this as part of next years budget and whether to allocate money from the Kingsburn Good Will Fund towards this project. And also explain that FCC role for The Kingsburn Good Will Fund is intended to be to decide on how to distribute funding to village groups rather than to run projects themselves and we that currently we had difficulty finding an FCC member capable of taking on this as a project.

9. A.O.B

- Decision made to thank Mark Reid for having the brand new 'Fintry' signs put up. The original signs were put up by Mr Jimmy McGibbon and these are exact replicas. Fintry
- Decision made to thank Bert Comrie for putting up the Christmas tree at the Fintry Cross.
- Jamie reminded everyone that he may not be available to chair meetings come spring 2018 due to other commitments.

Decision not to have a meeting in April 2018

10. Correspondance

- Jamie raised and discussed that Stirling Council have been in contact to explain that they have decided not to replace the mounted dog waste bins due to hygiene. They have suggested that people should use their own General Waste bins instead.
- Jamie raised that an email has been received from a resident with various points but who has asked not to be in the minutes. It was agreed that this means the issue cannot be discussed at an FCC meeting without being fully minuted. Decision made to ask Angela or Ken to reply thanking the resident for the email, however explaining that without being minuted, this cannot be discussed by the council. Agreed by the Councillors that anyone is welcome to bring their issues to any meeting to be considered.
- Jamie raised that there has been an email request from a nephew in America asking if a bench may be erected for David and Mary Baird to commemorate them. Decision Made to email back explaining that the council understands that they have additionally had correspondence with the church and that we are happy to support

the church with whatever their decision is.

11. Date Of Next Meetings

- 10th January
- 14th February
- 14th March
- No meeting in April
- 9th May

13th June AGM and Demit of Office Bearers