



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

10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), Angela May (secretary), Mandy Agnew (Treasurer), Sue Wallace, Ken Smith (Vice Chair), Michelle Bennett, Ron Garvie (LDP/roads), and four members of the public

Apologies: Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep)

Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

### **II. Police Report**

- See attached
- It was asked if people parking on the pavement along Culcreuch Avenue will now be under Stirling Council's jurisdiction.

### **III. Stirling Councillor's Report**

- None

### **IV. Kingsburn Community Benefit Fund**

- Fintry Community Council will now gain £22,267 a year from Foundation Scotland for the next 25 years, payment every June. There will be a year one review in February next year.
- Fund will be opened at Annual General Meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Constituted groups can apply for grants. They must complete feedback forms, and have 12 months to spend. There will also be micro-grants up to 500GBP from January-April for un-constituted groups and individuals.
- Money from grants will not be released until 18<sup>th</sup> November.

## **V. Funding Shopper's Bus**

- Funding for Shopper's Bus will no longer come from FDT Goodwill Fund but will be funded by Foundation Scotland Fund.
- Signatures and invoices from Shopper's Bus have been presented on time, so there was a unanimous vote to continue this.

## **VI. Funding Transport Pilot**

- It was also agreed that there would be a vote on a pilot for a bus, possibly during the summer holidays.

## **VII. Paths Maintenance for coming Season**

- Willy Nugent will continue path maintenance. He has done 3 cuts around paths. Willy to get £1000.
- David Smith asked for funding for grass cutting for the Fintry Community Bowling Club. The FCBC will fund it themselves this year.

## **VIII. Finance**

- Accounts have been audited. Mandy Agnew will circulate the accounts.
- Mandy has also paid fee.

## **IX. Update on Broadband**

- Briskona reported that they reviewed several options for Fintry's broadband, and that Fintry may not be able to access funds. Plan dependent on investment to cover capital costs. There also may not be any way in progressing due to not knowing roll out plan.
- BT now has planning permission for broadband box at the telephone box near the main part of the village. This could be possibly put in some time from July-December. Outline areas will struggle to get good signal, and the council may need to help to fund.
- Douglas Bailey introduced the BT100 program, but Fintry may have to wait until 2021 to receive this. Doug Ashworth has a list of post codes, and the new program may only cover Main Street.
- Responses from Jamie Parsons, and Doug Ashworth regarding Fintry Broadband;

I am very sorry for the late response, I have been away on holiday for a few days.

'We have been working away in the background looking at different options for Fintry. Our team have a few different options for deployment into the Fintry area however the plan would be dependent on a large financial investment to cover capital costs. This would normally be redirected to CBS however as Fintry is part of the BT rollout I am certain it would preclude Fintry from accessing funds however I may be wrong .

Due to BT presence and plans for the town we have been unable to put together a sustainable business model that would cover Capital costs, as well as a return on investment.

BT will service the majority of homes with good speeds in the centre of town however it is hard to know what BT have planned for the full village thus leaving no real way of progressing this project until we know the full rollout plan.

'I am more than happy to discuss further or answer any questions regarding the project, costs etc.'- Jaime Parsons

This does not come as a total surprise. Briskona's potential customer base now is likely to be greatly reduced once the BT box in the village is up and running, especially in the centre of the village.

Do you know how that is progressing? My info suggests that it is still planned to go live in September with a 2nd box live in March 2018.

Both of these will take customers away from Briskona as on short lines, it will be possible to beat Briskona's speeds for about the same cost.

From the last meeting, the main interest seemed to be that there might be a quick solution, but I don't think they appreciated the complexity necessary as a direct link would not have been available.

The main issue, as usual, is servicing the more remote parts of the village. Douglas Baillie has also indicated that we may not have any clearer information until at least September about how the next phase of the upgrade programme will look.

I'm still planning to get over to the CC meeting tonight so can expand on this for you if required.' – Doug Ashworth

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## **X. Bins Review**

- It has been acknowledged by Stirling Council that the new bin collection routines have not been as good as anticipated due to collection style changes, reduced staff, and lack of local knowledge. However, the new vehicles and staff are now traveling to 95% of rural areas.
- A Stirling Council representative confirmed that it is best if residents placed the handles of the waste bins towards the road.
- Food waste bins are still ongoing, despite decrease in food bags.
- Any plastic (except cling film/cellophane and children's plastic toys) are allowed in the blue plastic recycling waste bins- food containers etc. Residents should remove the cellophane from cardboard boxes before cardboard is recycled.
- Regardless of recycling sign on packaging, plastics can be recycled.
- Fintry Community Council has agreed to let Stirling Council know whenever there is a large village event on.
- Stirling Council has agreed to post important notifications about bin collections on the Facebook page 'Fintry Buddies'.
- There will be a review on the new bin collections early autumn. However for the time being, there be no change to the paper and plastic collection timetables.
- Michelle will ask elderly village residents if they could benefit from blue box (glass) trolleys.
- The Fintry Community Council wanted to say thank you for the compost donated to the Primary School and Community Garden.

## **XI. Tree Felling at FSRC**

- There has been no official complaints from village residents about the trees being cut down at the Fintry Sports Centre. However, the forestry commission complained saying that the Sports Centre took down more trees than they should have, as they should have cut down the trees in calendar quarters. The Fintry Sports Centre have apologise for this and explained why the trees came down.
- A tree officer was contacted before the felling, to check the tree species etc. The sports centre said no more trees are coming down and that there will now be new trees planted.
- Some trees were donated and will be made into furniture by Fintry local Steve Mclean who will receive any profits. Remaining wood is free for the community to help themselves.

## **XII. Planning**

- Permission was given for existing buildings at Gartcarron Water Treatment Plant to be converted into two houses. Permission given also to build three additional houses.
- An application was made from 29 Dunmore Gardens for an extension and alterations.
- Application approved at Clearic, Main Street, for the installation of a satellite dish, a decking in the rear garden a wall mounted air source heat pump, and the erection of a poly tunnel in the rear garden.

## **XIII. AGM at Next Meeting in June**

- Report from Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## **XIV. A.O.B**

- Fintry Primary School would like to thank FDT for the £200 to fund the bus for a school trip to recycling plant.
- Cycle path for primary children- Road markings will be redone.
- The Council will write to Ian Muirhead to thank him for services to the community.
- Grit bin near the village cross will be looked at.
- There will be more resurfacing at Ballafark B822. Will be closed 17<sup>th</sup> June.
- There will be work done at the road near Carron Dam during the summer. The road will not be closed.
- Bogside footpath will be redone in the next few months, but no date has been confirmed.
- Honeyholm Road will be closed 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May.
- Handrails at the swing park are having measurements taken.

**XV. Correspondence**

- None

**XVI. Date of next meeting**

- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Fintry Community Bowling Club**

**I. Present**

- Jamie Pearson, Angela May, Meg Duckworth, Ronnie Garvie

**II. Update on any Relevant Progress**

- Village Fun Day on 27<sup>th</sup> Aug.
- Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will report for AGM.
- Secretary Angela May will be stepping down from position, and a new secretary will be appointed at the AGM in June.

**III. A.O.B**

- None.

**IV. Date of next meeting**

- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017