



Minutes of the meeting held on

8th November 2017

I. Present/apologies for absence

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair), Angela May (Secretary), Sue Wallace, Amanda Agnew (Treasurer), Meg Duckworth, Michele Bennett, Ron Garvie and Ken Smith (11 members of public)

Apologies: No Apologies

2 . Approval of Minutes of last meeting

- Approved with the amendment to Cicely Roy`s name.

3. Kingsburn Windfarm Fund Applications

- Before the meeting, Community Council members met in a private session to discuss how the applications fitted the criteria set by Foundation Scotland - the governing body for the grant scheme.
- Community Council members then voted in the Nov. public meeting on each application
- The total amount available for the main grant for 2017 is £12,000 - 6 local groups applied for a total of £25,360
- The grants can only be awarded on the basis of the criteria set by Foundation Scotland. Each application granted has 12 months to show that the money has been used to carry out the works in the initial proposal, as agreed by the council.
- The outcome of each vote;
 - FADS asked for £1039.30 for staging and costume hire. **Votes 8 for yes, 0 for no.**

- Menzies Hall committee asked for £2500 for painting & repairs to the interior. **Votes 7 yes, 1 no.**
- Primary School Parent Council asked for £2500 to help build a running track round the school grounds. **Votes 8 yes, 0 no.**
- FSRC asked for £2500 to provide drained surface at disabled area in car park. Votes 6 yes, 2 no.
- FSRC asked for £2500 to go towards surfacing work at the entrance of the car park. **Votes 6 no, 2 yes.**
- Strathendrick Rugby/Football asked for £1800 to fix the Fencing area round the pitch. **Votes 8 yes, 0 no.**
- For the Bowling Club grant applications, Jamie, Meg and Ron removed themselves from the vote.
 - Bowling Club asked for £1620 for general maintenance costs. The committee felt this didn't meet the criteria for the Kingsburn Fund and therefore there was no vote on this application.
 - Bowling Club asked for £2342 to re-roof the 3 huts. **Votes 5 no, 0 yes.**
 - Bowling Club asked for £2300 to replace rainwater water goods for the huts. **Votes 4 no, 1 yes.**
 - Bowling Club asked for £2300 to clad the huts and also improve the kitchen. **Votes 4 no, 1 yes.**
 - Bowling Club asked for £1668 to go towards emergency electrical repairs and heaters, heating and electricity. **Votes 4 yes, 1 no.**
 - Bowling Club asked for £2237 to improve the surface of the green. **Votes 5 no.**

4. Stirling Councilors Report

- Blue bins will continue to be picked up monthly rather than back to fortnightly. A second blue bin can be applied for should people need the extra space due to the pickups being longer.
- The current bin timetable will run until March/ April time next year.
- Putting in application for road markings to be put on the A11.

- B822 have no markings, going to look into getting markings for this road too.
- Possibility that these markings can't be put on until the roads are improved first. Councilor will look into this.
- The repair of the bridge in Stirling near the Springkerse road will begin this coming Saturday, then again the following weekend, and then it will be permanently closed for 9 months next year.

5. Police Report

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- No Anti-social behavior reported
- No traffic collisions reported
- Still an issue with kids on skateboards on surrounding roads, being investigated further.
- No thefts reported
- Speeding on the road from Lennoxton to Fintry being looked into
- Members of the public reported speeding in the main street to police officer. This will be looked into. There is talk of a slower speed limit through the whole village, so this may help solve this problem. If rumble strips or traffic calming measures were introduced the officer suggested FCC make sure they are not placed in inappropriate places

6. Planning

- Application for PCP and BT Broadband Cabinet which powers superfast optic Broadband opposite Fintry Garage, Main Street has been approved.
- Application to build a conservatory onto 55 Main Street
- Application to build two houses on Crow Road
- Application to plant a 40 acre forest at the Arnprior turnoff
- Applications for 3 x 1.5 story dwellings on 9 Main Street have been approved with conditions

7. Finance

- Update report at next meeting on how the transport pilot scheme has worked

8. Broadband

- Ken Smith, Joe Norman and Meg Duckworth have been round the village and surrounding areas to find two high points with a clear line of sight.

- One point was found up the Quarry Road, on top of an old wind turbine, that is not used. An additional 20 ft mast has to be put on top of this to check if there is a clear view over the whole of the village.
- Calum Craig suggested that a drone be used to check this line of sight rather than Ken climbing that height. Ken still thought it better to be able to assess things properly by physically observing
- Ken and Meg will follow up on any progress made on this at the next meeting.

9. Steven MacDonald SC- Economic and Development Talk

- Steven came out to see if there were any opportunities for rural development.
- He'd first like to identify a number of projects, which should be focused on for our village, and from there, work on and develop these areas.
- He gave a brief overview of things that he can help us with;
- Broadband- We've already previously been in touch with Douglas Bailey regarding broadband speed- Douglas has been reviewed by the council and is a good person to give us support on this issue.
- The council have extra advice and contacts for us on this issue, and we should look into getting more information on this through Steven.
- There's also an opportunity to create small business spaces for locals to hold meetings. We should let villagers know about this opportunity, as there is funding available to build a hub in the village if there is enough interest.
- Semi permanent market sized huts are available for the village to rent, to utilize in many different ways. For example, small music festivals, parties etc.
- A digital smart screen is available for the area. This could be put somewhere accessible to most people in the village, and will display information on any travel updates etc. This will also

hopefully help passing tourists by giving them more information on the surrounding areas.

- There is a business gateway fund available for small businesses to apply for. They will also be provided with advice on how to further improve their business.
- A group-funding platform has been set up through the council. This is free to use, and there are millions of registered users already. This will be launched on Friday and so progress on this will be followed up on at a later date.
- Help with Tourism and events are available. Steven is keen to promote rural areas, and help improve these areas for the likes of tourists as well as locals. The FCC are interested in this particularly, as we could look into getting funding to repair paths and create cycle trails
- A Leader program is available. This project is currently funded by the European union so applications should be put in as soon as possible if people are interested. Suggestions were made for a “man/utility shed” to be built at the bowling green for people in the village who would like to share tools, garden equipment etc. The Bowling Green Committee should look into this, as there could be funding available through the leader program for this.
- Looking into helping with the transport issues for the village, where a successful solution has not yet been found.
- Steven’s contact email is **macdonaldst@stirling.gov.uk**

10. Christmas Event

- The idea of a Christmas event was brought up at the last meeting and the Councillors present were in favour, in principal, providing there was a detailed plan presented at next meeting.
- Michele explained that there has been difficulties organising Scottish Power to run cabling etc. The council discussed the merits of trying to organize an event and agreed that realistically there isn’t enough time for an event including the electricity for the lights, and that they would prefer to be kept separate from organising events like this. It may be possible that FCC would decide to

support this type of event in 2018 but for this year it was decided that they will not be involved in a Christmas event.

- Jamie raised concerns about letters written from Michelle on FCC headed paper asking for donations of money and goods for this event and asked who she had contacted. Michele said the letters haven't gone out and donations had only been asked for personally by visiting stores. Jamie asked what had been received so far - Michele said it was a B&Q reindeer and a star. Sainsbury's have offered selection boxes. It was agreed that anything received should be given to the Primary School for their Christmas Fayre.
- Mandy also suggested that we should write to anyone who has donated or offered to donate, to check that they are ok with this. The letters can be prepared by Michele but must be sent by the FCC secretary.

11. Communication Procedure

- Jamie raised the issue of communications within FCC and to other organizations. It was agreed that any proposals or suggestions should be circulated round all the councillors for their opinions (rather than just the chair). Anything that is being organised in the name of FCC must be approved by the Councillors. Letters should only be sent via FCC Secretary.
- Ken Smith has set up an email for the members of the FCC to allow for every email sent to outside parties to be sent from the one email address, rather than the members using their personal emails. A permanent record of communications will then be retained.
- Training on how to use this will be given by Ken if required.
- The address for this email is [**admin@fintrycc.org.uk**](mailto:admin@fintrycc.org.uk)
- Often proposed emails or letters will be sent from one member of the council to the rest, to be checked before sending on. These sometimes don't receive a reply. In the future, if no one replies with any alterations to these emails by a set date, then it will be taken as a yes vote (subject to Chairs approval).

- Jamie explained that come Spring 2018 he may have difficulty fulfilling his role as chair due to commitments elsewhere. Might be for 6 months- Ian Denvir said it was up to the councillors as a whole to decide how to deal with this and suggested that Jamie should speak with Michelle Macdonald from the council as to what he should do regarding this. (Whether he needs to stand down as Chairman, or whether a Vice chairman and the rest of the committee will be okay for the months he's away.)
- Ian Denvir confirmed that the current councillors will all stand down for re election in Autumn 2018

12. A.O.B

- Jamie attended a Stirling Volunteer awards in September with Cicely Roy who received an award for 30 years of volunteering for all her various activities throughout Fintry
- Elderly residents have been struggling with the thick slippery mud at the gate entrance at sewage works end of the sports field . Jamie had spoken previously with Dougie Spence about sorting this area - Jamie suggested he could put down some gravel temporarily if it's not going to be done soon. Dougie says that it will be done by the end of 2017.
- Jamie will represent Fintry Community Council at the wreath laying remembrance church service on 12 Nov
- Michele introduced the idea of a community action plan which other villages have - this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The road along past the Gribloch has been repaired yet the sides of the road have been filled with very large stones that could damage car tyres . We're told this is to help with the drainage of water on the road, but our councilor will look into whether they can be placed in a different way so they aren't such a hazard for cars. FCC have requested a letter from the council as to why these boulders are used so we have a record in writing for future.
- The primary and Nursery intruder alarm continues to go off most nights for about 40 minutes. This has been reported, yet nothing has been done. People from the street have threatened to go

to the council as a group if still nothing is done to stop the alarm going off.

- A couple of members of the public asked if FCC were providing a Christmas tree this year - it was explained that FCC could only allocate funds when setting a budget for next years funding although individuals may apply via the micro grant scheme in January if they wanted to organize a Christmas tree for next year

13. Correspondance

- Norman Mcknight has written a letter regarding the deterioration of the riverbank path at the Sports Club. He has worked out an estimate of how much it would cost to repair this, with the hope that the village would have enough volunteers to help re-build this path. He has estimated the cost to be £2200, everything but labour included in this estimate. When the FCC organise their budgeting for next year, they could look into putting aside money for this project.

14. Date of next meeting

- December 13th. This meeting will be held at the Primary school. Council have been notified.

Update on Scottish Waters from Cicely Roy;

“By the last FCC meeting, the investigation into the possibility of SW installing additional recording instrumentation had reached the stage of meetings being planned in November to define this in more detail. Eric McQuarie has now reported that, quote: *“The next stage remains to carry out a detailed survey on site to allow the necessary scope of work to be prepared. It is currently planned to progress this during November following which a program for the installation of the necessary equipment can be provided.”*

FINTRY COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB AGENDA

Present

- Meg Duckworth, Jamie Pearson, Ron Garvie, Gail Reid

Apologies

- David Smith

Update on Relevant Progress

- The roof on one hut was damaged due to bad weather conditions. This has since been temporarily fixed.

