



Minutes of the meeting held on

14th February 2018

I. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Jamie Pearson (Chair), Ken Smith (Vice Chair), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), Mandy Agnew (Treasurer), Sue Wallace, Michele Bennett, Angela May (Secretary)
- Councillor Alistair Berrill
- 5 members of the public
- **Apologies:** Ron Garvie

II. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

III. Stirling Councillor's Report

- Currently, a Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) process is being used for the forthcoming Stirling Council budget for 2018/19, to be agreed at the council meeting on 22nd February. The PBB meetings were not well attended and the future of this way of setting the budget looks uncertain. At the last minute the local government settlement from the Scottish Government had provided Stirling Council with £2.8m more than anticipated, meaning that the Administration doesn't have to make any of the cuts and efficiencies that had been put forward in the PBB process, although there was a case to be made for putting some of the unexpected extra money into reserves for difficult years to come.
- The work being carried out by Scottish Water at the Balfron Station aqueduct might be finished by the end of March, although that isn't guaranteed.
- The Director of Localities and Infrastructure (Roads, waste, etc), Alastair Brown had resigned.
- There had been a meeting of Stirling Council's Environment and Housing Committee last week which had considered the improvements being made to rural transport using the additional £140,000 set by the previous administration in last year's budget. There were improvements to aspects of the DRT service, and some fixed-term, pilot additional bus services (including the C12A 1820 Balfron-Stirling bus).

IV. Police Report

- **Antisocial Behaviour:** There have been no issues of this nature since the last meeting.
- **Road Safety:** There have been no notable road traffic collisions or incidents in the Fintry area over the reporting period. Local officers have continued to carry out high visibility patrols in the area.
- **Theft:** There have been no issues of this nature in the Fintry area since the last meeting, however there continues to be issues within the Strathblane/Dumgoyne area relating to the theft of unattended vehicles and houses/ outbuildings being broken into breaking, so once again, I would ask everyone to remain vigilant.
- **Community Engagement and Reassurance:** PC Steven Graham has now taken up a new role within response policing at Balfron Police Office and PC Scott Craigie is presently the only community ward officer for the Forth and Endrick area, based at Balfron Po-

lice Office. He can be contacted at Balforn Police Office, on 101, or by emailing ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. A process is presently taking place to identify a replacement for him and PC Craigie will keep you up to date with the progress of this process.

- **Neighbourhood Alert:** This is a community messaging system which sends alerts regarding crime, safety and resilience to communities. Ruralwatch is an information platform that has been set up by what was formerly Neighbourhood Watch; however the big difference being that any members of the local community can sign up to have the relevant alerts sent to them by various means including E-mail or Text message. To receive free alerts simply register at: www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk. Please note that I've heard that residents are having trouble logging onto the Fintry area. I've passed that on to the people who sent the information to me.
- **Police Message for Local Residents:** It is getting to the time when it gets darker earlier 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 secured 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.
If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.
If anyone would like further crime prevention advice, please contact PC Scott Craigie who will be happy to assist.

V. Finance – Treasurer's Report / micro grants

- There is currently £1,918 in the FCC account and £11,367 in the Common Good account.
- Of the £1,800 allocated to the Transport Pilot, only £470 has been spent.
- Of the £6,000 allocated to commissioned work (path's, shopper's bus etc.), only £1,400 has been spent.
- The Saturday bus has not been well used so is not running at the moment.
- Two cheques have been received - £4 from the Rugby Club and £40 from tickets sold on the December bus into Glasgow.
- Fintry Primary School is still to cash their cheque.
- Micro grants: There have been 6 applications so far – it was agreed that the members of FCC would look at the applications prior to making a decision at the next meeting.

Mandy Agnew announced her resignation as Treasurer (and as a Fintry Community Councillor).

Jamie asked if Sue Wallace would take over as Treasurer. Sue stated that she was more concerned about the position of Chair of FCC it was then agreed that:

Ken Smith would take over as Chair of FCC

Jamie would remain on the council as Vice-Chair until the next elections.

Sue Wallace would take over as Treasurer

FCC will check with Stirling Council regarding the process required to formally recognize the proposed changes.

VI. Planning

- An application for a 15m transmission mast, dish and satellite dish 200m south of Loch Walton Keeper's Cottage has been approved with conditions.
- An application to site a static caravan at Lagg Croft has been approved with conditions.
- An application for a forestry road 1140m North West of Balafark Farm has been approved.
- An application has been made to erect a single wind turbine at Rashiehill Farm.
- An application for a porch at 2, Culcreuch Avenue has been approved.
- An application has been made to replace the existing porch and garage at Westview.
- An application has been made for a dwelling house with parking and bin store at garden ground North West of Hillend Cottage.
- An application has been made to replace doors and windows at 47, Main Street.
- An application for a conservatory at 55, Main Street has been approved.
- Of general interest:
 - An application to build a crematorium at the former Bannockburn Hospital has been approved.
 - An application has been made for a 44 acre solar panel development at Patrickston Farm, Kippen.

VII. Glasgow Airport – proposed changes

- Glasgow Airport is proposing to make changes to their flight paths. The proposed changes would result in an increased number of departing aircraft flying over Fintry with the related increase in noise and air pollution.
- A consultation document is available to download from the Glasgow Airport website (click on the Airspace tab in the top right corner). Comments/objections must be submitted by 13th April 2018. There are also a number of drop-in sessions planned to learn more about the proposals and share any feedback. There is one at Bearsden Community Hub on Friday 16 March from 10am-7pm.
- It was agreed that a leaflet would be produced and distributed to all households encouraging residents to be pro-active if they have any objections to the proposed changes.
- It was also agreed to contact Balfron Community Council in order to join forces with them.

VIII. PBB (Priority Based Budgeting)

- Michele had attended a meeting at Balfron and reported that there were proposals to reduce the number of times the grass was cut from 15 times a year to 10 times a year; that Council flower beds would be dug over and replaced with grass (this would include the rose bed near the Menzies Hall) and that the bi-annual deep cleans of the village would be scrapped.
- There was discussion over whether the rose bed could be co-opted to the Community Council so that it could be maintained. Michele to enquire.
- The deadline to respond to the proposed cuts has passed.

IX. A.O.B.

- FCC noted that a Fintry resident had organised a successful litter pick and expressed their gratitude for this.
- It was noted that the FDT could possibly be looking to stop funding the After School Bus. Bert had attempted to pass his FDT bill to Mandy. FCC were sympathetic to help going forward, but it would need a discussion/meeting with FDT first. It was suggested that from June 2018, this service might be done by the DRT.
- The Mobile Library will be offering hearing tests on 10th April.

- The footpath next to the river at the Sports Centre needs to be repaired and maintained. It was agreed that FCC would fund this from the commissioned work fund. Michele to ask Norman McKnight if he would oversee this.

X. Correspondence

- The manager of Culcreuch Castle had contacted FCC regarding dog waste and dog waste bags being left along the castle drive. The FCC was sympathetic to the problem although this is a problem everywhere in the village and agreed to put a notice on the FCC website asking dog-walkers to be more responsible. It was noted that the Castle was private land and FCC had no control over how people behaved.

XI. Date of next meeting

- 14th March 2018

Fintry Community Bowling Club

I. Present/Apologies

- **Present:** Jamie Pearson (Chair), Meg Duckworth (Trustee)
- **Apologies:** David Smith (Treasurer) Gail Reid (Secretary) Ron Garvie (Trustee)
- IT WAS NOTED THAT AS THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, THE MEETING COULD NOT GO AHEAD.

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