



***Minutes of the meeting held on
9th May 2018***

I. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Ken Smith (Chair), Jamie Pearson (Vice Chair), Sue Wallace (Treasurer), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), Michele Bennett, Angela May (Secretary), Ron Garvie,
- Councillor Alistair Berrill
- Ian Denver (Community Link Officer)
- 2 members of the public
- P.C. Scott Craigie
- **Apologies:** none

II. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

III. Stirling Councillor's Report

- The reopening of the A81 at Ballat Bridge has been delayed by at least 3 or 4 weeks due to crash barrier technical issues. A meeting has been planned with Scottish Water to discuss the possibility of compensation for local businesses that have been affected by the road closure.
- A meeting of the Councillors was held on 03/05/18 to discuss the proposed restructuring of the council services.
- The planning application process has been changed to allow more input from Community Councils amongst other things. This will be reviewed at the end of the year.
- KS asked about compost bags not being distributed when the bins are emptied any more. MB reported that they can be collected from the local library (including the mobile library) and from the council offices in Balfron Each household is only entitled to 6 rolls of bags per year.
- RG reported that some Fintry residents phoning Stirling Council about potholes had been told that details could not be taken as they were too busy. AB said he would pass that feedback on.
- RG questioned what happens to our plastic recycling as he had been watching a TV programme that suggested that it gets shipped to China and ends up in landfill. AB said we should ask that question at the next Rural Forum meeting that Michele will attend.

IV. Police Report

- **Antisocial Behaviour:** The school seems to be attracting the attentions of local youths. Since the last meeting the forest walk path has been damaged and a child's bike taken (although returned two weeks later). MB reported that Councillor Graham Lambie had been to have a look and had mentioned the possibility of funding for CCTV.
- **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.

The issues surrounding traffic at the Primary School at the start and end of the day continue although they seem to be getting better. I am continuing to liaise with Mrs Gibb, the Head Teacher, regarding these issues.

There are issues regarding the driving manner of vehicles coming into the village on the B818 off of the Crow Road. The main issues relate to people straightening out the corners just before the narrow bridge near to the junction of the B818 and B822. This basically leads to vehicles being driven at speed on the wrong side of the road whilst approaching a narrow bridge, which has obvious dangers.

- **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. It is of note that two people were disturbed acting suspiciously around vehicles in Kippen on Sunday.
- **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 Police Office. He can be contacted at Balfron 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.

I have been advised today that a second officer PC Garry Martin, a very experienced officer with a back ground in community policing will be taking the vacant second officers post at some point over the next month.

- **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. Useful information can also be found on Twitter - @stirlingpol
- **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 –Micro grants

- 2 applications were considered. One from The Fintry Flower Show was approved and one from FADS was not. The funding previously approved for defibrillator training and battery has been partially returned as it was not all required.

VI. Village Maintenance

- It was agreed that Willie Nugent should be asked if he could provide assistance with grass cutting/paths again this year. This will be funded from the commissioned activity fund.

VII. Riverbank Path

- An estimate of £2412 has been made for the materials needed to repair the path but there will be extra costs for labour, hire of a digger etc. The Criminal Justice service are willing to undertake the work and the technical advisor from Paths For All has been to look at the path and will be providing a written report. There are grants available which MB has been looking into however it was agreed that money has already been set aside and the path needs repairing as soon as possible so the best course of action would be to get quotes and instruct a company to do the work. A cap of £5,000 was agreed initially.

VIII. Planning

- A planning enforcement has been received regarding Heras fencing on Main Street.
- A courtesy letter has been received from Gordon & Katherine Cowtan to inform the Community Council that they have applied for planning permission in principle for 3 houses in the garden ground of The Mill House.
- An application to create a prawn farm at Claylands Farm, just outside Fintry.

IX. Glasgow Airspace update

- No update.

X. Logging Trucks

- There will be an increase in the number of logging trucks on the Crow Road and coming through Fintry as more trees are to be felled. Any instances of the trucks being driven in a dangerous way should be reported to the police.

XI. A.O.B.

- Traffic calming measures – traffic calming measures including double yellow lines at the junction of Kippen Road and Main Street are on Stirling Council's work schedule for this year.
- Sewage works – upgrading of the monitoring equipment is due to take place this month and remote sensing will then be attached. This should allow accurate flow figures to be recorded although this does not guarantee that SEPA will take any action.
- Road closure – work starts on Monday 14th May with traffic lights until Saturday 19th May and the road will be closed completely on Sunday 20th May.
- Sports Club – the number of teams involved in the annual rugby event was reduced this year as wet weather meant that not all cars could be parked on the sports field. No issues were reported regarding cars causing obstructions or parked inappropriately.
- The DRT service now runs from the Carron Valley to Stirling. There is still a possibility that the service could run on a Sunday for Fintry residents.
- Kingsburn wind farm funding – this money is held by Foundation Scotland. The Community Council can request money to be transferred to them when required. During the last financial year, the scheme for micro and macro grants was very successful and all the money allocated was distributed. It was agreed that FCC would request £30,000 this year in order to increase the money available for the micro and macro grants and have some money on hand for other projects. It was also agreed that priority would be given to funding groups/projects that had not been funded before and that FCC could increase the amount awarded at their discretion to match funding secured from other sources. Successful applicants were to be reminded that photographic evidence is required once the funding has been used. There was discussion of whether an application from Strathendrick Welfare should have been considered. It was initially rejected as the group is outwith Fintry but the organisation does assist families in Fintry. It was agreed that this application would be reconsidered if they reapplied.

- A resident referred to the Police Report and said that there had been a road traffic accident within the parish of Fintry which was being investigated by the police as the driver had left the scene of the accident. With reference to thefts in the area, the resident noted that in addition to the incidents referred to in the police report, 6 lock-up garages in the Strathblane area had also been broken into.
- A resident made Councillor Berrill aware of the fact that new drivers trying to take advantage of using a black box to try and reduce the cost of their car insurance were being penalised because the data collected by the black box was showing them to have bad road positioning. On closer examination it was apparent that the reason for the incorrect road positioning was down to the bad state of the roads.
- The Rural SW forum meeting will be held on 21/05/18 at Balfron High School from 7-9 p.m. It will be attended by George Summerville (Head of Waste Services) and David Creighton (Service Manager for Roads and Land Services).
- A meeting regarding the Neighbourhood Model of Care will be held on 14/05/18 from 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. at Balfron High School.

XII. Correspondence

- Mrs Pearson commented on the difficulties of obtaining green waste food bags. It was discussed that these are now available from the Libraries and possibly from the Mobile Library Van.

XIII. Date of next meeting

- 13th June 2018 (A.G.M.)

Fintry Community Bowling Club

I. Present/Apologies

- **Present:** Jamie Pearson, Meg Duckworth, Ron Garvie
- **Apologies:** Gail Reid (Secretary) David Smith (Treasurer)

II. Update on any relevant progress

- Nothing to report

III. Correspondence

- None

IV. A.O.B.

- JP indicated that he would be standing down as the Chair of FCBC.
- It was agreed that FCC should look at the constitution of FCBC to decide if it's still appropriate for them to be custodians of it.

V. Date of next meeting

- 13th June 2018