



Minutes of the meeting held on

10th October 2018

I. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Ken Smith (Chair), Sue Wallace (Treasurer), Michele Bennett, Jamie Pearson
- Councillor Alistair Berrill
- 10 members of the public
- **Apologies:** Meg Duckworth, Angela May, P.C Scott Craigie

II. Declaration of interest in any items of business

None

III. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

IV. Stirling Councillor's Report

- The Chief Executive of Stirling Council has resigned. The Deputy Chief Executive will be acting as interim until a new appointment has been made.
- The Kerse Road Bridge will be reopening on 19th October, two weeks earlier than planned.
- Stirling Council met last week to discuss the new participatory budget. The spending of 1% of Stirling Council's budget will be decided by local communities (approximately £2 million). This is not new money – it is money which is currently in the budget and allocated. The details of how this will be managed are still to be decided but the plan is to have four area partnerships comprising of up to 30 people from each respective area. It is still to be determined how these people will be selected.
- Funding has been approved for a CCTV camera at Fintry Primary School.
- MB asked Councillor Berrill to look into some issues at Fintry Primary School including fencing at the back of the school which needs replacing, the front of the school is in bad state of repair and the roof is leaking.
- There has been a change to the C11 Aberfoyle evening bus service – it will no longer go through Cambusbarron. The C12 Balfron evening bus service will continue to go through Cambusbarron.
- The Environment Committee presented their enforcement action figures for the three months to the end of July 2018. These included 16 for fly tipping, 63 for littering, 10 for dog control, 7 for dog waste, 3 for unacceptable behaviour and 2,000 parking tickets.
- There has been a review of the winter service (gritting and snow clearing). £850K was allocated for the winter of 2016/17 and £100K less than that was spent. The amount allocated for the winter of 2017/18 was £729K but £1.6 million was actually spent.

V. Police Report

- **Antisocial Behaviour:** There has been an incident of littering within the village this has been dealt with as a crime and enquiry is ongoing into the incident.

- **Road Safety:** There has been one non-reportable road accident within the village since the last meeting.
- **Theft:** There have been two incidents involving vehicles within the village since the last meeting. The first is the theft of a motor home from Main Street. The second is an attempt to force open a car door in Dunmore Gardens.
In view of both of these incidents I would encourage all residents to contact police should they see anything or anyone they believe is suspicious.
- **Community Engagement and Reassurance:** PC Scott Craigie has been transferred out of the community role at Balfron and will be moving to a street cover role at Balfron. PC Steven Graham is returning to the role and will work with PC Gary Martin. Both of them will be covering the Forth and Endrick area, based at Balfron Police Office. They can be contacted at Balfron Police Office, on 101, or by emailing ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk.
- **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.

VI. Riverbank Path Update

- FCC held a meeting to look at the three quotes and decided to go with JS Landscapes. Work is due to begin in the third week of November and should take two weeks. The path from the Sports Centre to the end of the pitches, including the steps will be redone. The path behind the Sports Centre will not be looked at until after The Fintry Museum has been built.

VII. Treasurer's Report

- No money has been spent since last month's meeting.

VIII. Micro Grant applications

- The following applications have been approved:
 - £250 to purchase a living Christmas tree
 - £250 towards the delivery and installation of the Christmas tree and installation of the lights
 - £497.16 to Fintry Amateur Dramatic Society for a high quality smoke machine
 - £500 to Fintry Community Bowling Club for initial improvements to the kitchen at the Bowling Green Pavilion
 - £250 to create an 'Emergency Hospital Transport Fund' for the community
 - £249.98 to Fintry Primary School Netball Team for 2 netball posts
 - £200 to Strathendrick Welfare Fund to provide support for families in the Fintry area
- Applications for macro-grants can be made until the end of October.
- A second round of micro-grants will be offered in early 2019.

IX. Resilience Plan, Waste and Grit bins

- Phase 1 of the two phase resilience plan will be started soon with a base to be established at Knockraich Farm. This will be one of two places in the village where residents will be able to get warm, get hot food etc. in the event of severe weather conditions. A generator, a defibrillator and a cooker are amongst items to be purchased with the first round of funding (£15,000). More funding will now be applied for to provide the same facilities at the Menzies Hall.

- MB had asked Stirling Council about putting more litter bins at the Sports Centre but this is not possible as it is private land. All the dog waste bins in Fintry are to be replaced by general litter bins though.
- MB had asked Stirling Council about providing sandbags to properties that are liable to flooding. They will provide hydro-sacks and these should be being distributed soon. It was also noted that funding is available to help with flood prevention and it was agreed that this should be looked into.
- It was also agreed that there are not enough grit bins in and around the village – MB to request more.

X. Planning

- Extension to rear of dwelling house and extension to existing workshop/garage at 9 Menzies Avenue – approved with reasons.
- An application for a manager's house and one self-catering woodland hut at Dovetail Scotland – approved with conditions.

XI. FCC Elections

- Nomination forms are now available and must be submitted by 19th October. Fintry Community Council needs a minimum of 6 councillors and a maximum of 7. If there are more nominations than places on any Community Council, a ballot will take place. Ballot papers will be issued on 5th November and must be returned by 27th November. Following this process each Community Council will be inaugurated at an initial meeting before business can commence.
- JP offered to put up more posters around the village and it was agreed that information should be posted on FaceBook.

XII. Correspondence

None

XIII. A.O.B.

- Graveyard Path – a meeting has been held with Paths For All to look at the path behind the hedge from the Manse to the graveyard. The landowner has given approval for a more permanent path to be made. Paths For All will give recommendations and MB is applying for funding. It was felt that a sign pointing to the path would be beneficial and it was also noted that the hedge needs trimming. It was agreed to look into the possibility of opening up the gate which is part-way along the path.
- MB had looked at the cost of a waterproof noticeboard to replace the one at the cross. It would be approximately £600. It was agreed to wait until next year.
- MB had met with Stirling Council to discuss the siting of the living Christmas Tree as it will be on Council land. Stirling Council agreed to collect, deliver and plant the tree and it has now been ordered.
- A representative from the roads department is coming to have a look at the condition of the footpaths on Culcreuch Avenue and the path outside The School House. MB to also ask for the Disability Access Officer to come to Fintry to do a survey.
- The traffic survey has been completed but the results are not available yet.
- It was noted that the shop in the Sports Centre does not stock dog waste bags. DS to look into whether they could be stocked.
- MB has been given several bags of daffodil bulbs and there was some discussion about where they could be planted.
- Broadband – still looking into the possibility of white space internet. Fibre cable appears to have been laid along the road to Killlearn.

XIV. Date of next meeting

- 14th November 2018 (dependent on FCC elections)

Fintry Community Bowling Club

I. Present/Apologies

- **Present:** David Smith, Gail Reid
- **Apologies:** Meg Duckworth

II. Constitution

- There was a proposal to separate FCBC from FCC now that the club is managing to stay afloat and run independently. It was agreed that the proposed new constitution should be brought to the next FCC meeting and that it should contain a default position of dissolution stating that in that event, control of the club would revert back to FCC. It was proposed that a member of the FCC should attend FCBC meetings to maintain the link between the two groups.

III. Office Space

- There has been some interest in using the pavilion as shared office space and funding is being sought for the development costs of this.

IV. A.O.B.

- DS wanted to make clear that the Bowling Club is for the use of the wider community.
- DS also wanted to emphasise that the pavilion does not get flooded in bad weather. The bowling green does but not the buildings.

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V. Date of next meeting

- TBC