



***Minutes of the Community Council Inaugural Meeting held on
14th November 2018***

I. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Ken Smith, Sue Wallace, Michele Bennett, Angela May, Meg Duckworth Karen Milliken and Hendy Spence
- Gillian Gibson (Community Engagement Team), Councillor Davidson, Ian Denver (Community Link Officer)
- 5 members of the public
- Apologies: P.C. Gary Martin

II. Election of Office Bearers

- Roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and Planning Correspondent were proposed and seconded; Ken Smith, Michelle Bennett, Angela, Sue Wallace and Meg Duckworth accordingly.
- Constitution and Standing Orders were signed by aforementioned persons in their capacity.

III. Constitution AOB

- Special note was made by Gillian Gibson regarding the Minute Secretary Grant. SW confirmed that this grant has not been applied for in recent years.
- AGM is held on 8th June.
- Handover to duly elected Chairperson.

IV. Declaration of interest in any items of business

None

V. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

VI. Stirling Councillor's Report

- This ward Kippen, Drymen and Buchanan. Try to have re-election.
- The previous evening the Councillor Last night visited to Bellfield centre, a transition division of Forth Valley Hospital (dementia friendly). This will be in the catchment area (Finty)

VII. Police Report

- **Antisocial Behaviour:** No reports of anti-social behaviour in the village since the last report. However, there were 2 minor breach of the Peace related incidents on the outskirts of the village. Police attended and incident Immediately resolved with no further complaints made.
- **Road Safety:** There has again been no reported road traffic collisions in the Fintry area over the reporting period. As stated in previous reports, there have been calls in relation cows on the surrounding roads so again, please be extra vigilant and careful on your travels.
- Report of vehicles parked on the pavement near to the Primary School; no issues on Police arrival but the school was visited and updated re the ongoing complaints. There was a report an abandoned vehicle; vehicle checked out and confirmed vehicle was in order, no issues.
- Winter Checks - With the report of snow on its way next week - please check and maintain your vehicle for road worthiness. The winter weather causes roads and driving conditions to be hazardous. This includes ensuring that vehicle windscreens are defrosted, and you have a full view of the road ahead prior to driving off. On that note, please do not defrost the windscreen by leaving your engine running unattended on the road or driveway.
- **Theft:** A report of occupier hearing someone trying a rear door in the village. Police attended, area searched with no trace of any persons, no damage.
- During October, there were thefts to commercial premises in outlying areas and there was in fact a break in to the Sports and Recreation Club. A rear door jemmied open. There was damage but thankfully nothing was stolen from within as the alarm done its job and on activation the culprits appear to have been disrupted and made off.
- Again, we would ask everyone to remain vigilant in relation to these issues.
- Local and Traffic Officers continue to carry out high visibility patrols in the area as much as possible along with static road checks.
- **Community Engagement and Reassurance:** PC Steven Graham 660 and PC Gary Martin 335 are the only community ward officers for 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
- Please contact us at Balfron should there be any issues you would like to discuss and we will be delighted to assist.
- We are unfortunately on days off on 14th November. As previously stated, we have a new shift pattern and it is our intention to attend as many meetings as possible as it is important to us that we attend. If anything changes re tomorrow, we will attempt to attend.
- **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 Scotland, Youth Hub** - Police Scotland has launched its first dedicated internet page and social media channel dedicated to the children and young people of Scotland. The new platforms are a result of feedback from national consultation with young people, who requested better access to information and modern ways to communicate with Police.
- The new resources will help promote Children's Rights by providing young people with easier access to educational resources and space to voice their views on platforms recognised and commonly used by them in modern society. The Children and Young People team aim to provide safety and prevention messages that will ultimately help young people make better life choices and minimise potential risks to themselves and others. Any content being published will be structured to avoid corporate messages and more appealing to the desired age groups.

- To view the internet page, go to www.scotland.police.uk/youth-hub and the new Facebook channel can be found at [www.facebook.com/Police Scotland–Youth Hub](http://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotlandYouthHub).
- **Questions:** Question from MB; asked if there should be signage re CCTV? Police confirms there should be a sign to indicate if CCTV camera in action. Cameras should not be pointed beyond the perimeter of personal property.
- AM asks for clarification around cars parked on pavement. PC confirms it is a criminal offence to park as it is an obstruction if parked on pavements. This is different to what would constitute a 'double line' parking offence.

VIII. Main Grant Vote

- Grant applications received and considered were:
 - Fintry Primary
 - Sports Club
 - Fintry Museum
- All met the required criteria. Councillor counted / read out votes from voting slips; all approved.
- As funds are still available, the micro and macro grants will be reopened.

IX. Riverbank Path Update

- Weather permitting looking to start Nov 26 November. Coming out next week to have walk round next week.
- MB handed plan over to Sandy for onward transmission to Dougie Spence.
- Graveyard path update - There is also a separate grant application for the back of the sports centre; MB has asked 4 different contractor quotes. MB asked for support letters from the school, David Smith, Knockraich Farm, and she will also ask the church to do a letter of support. The work is not likely to begin until 2020.
- The path will go from bridge, along behind the Sports Centre and join the (by then, upgraded) path at the Rugby Club.

X. Treasurer's Report

- Kingsburn Fund
 - SW had printed out Kingsburn proposal, which was circulated round everyone.
 - The community fund continues to finance the shoppers bus and maintenance of paths.
 - £15k has been set aside for river path a deposit has been paid.
 - There is an extra bus to go out to public, put on Fintry Buddies. Cost of £40 per bus. Decision taken to advertise on Facebook.
 - Allocated some money surplus from micro and macro grants.
 - Kingsburn Secretary – KS agreed to carry out this role.
- Goodwill Fund.
 - This is separate to the Community Council account; grant was received. Sue will apply for the Minute Secretary Grant.
 - AM asked – Is there a constituted grants limit per year? SW confirmed the limit of 1 application per round, therefore old round closed and new round just open.
 - The Resilience Fund received, and work has commenced. The cooker is on site (Knochraich Farm) and awaiting gas fitter. The defibrillator is to be delivered by end of this week / beginning of next. This is being sourced via Trossachs Search and Rescue.
 - Grants – acceptance letters are in and sue will now pay the applicants. Likewise with grants agreed at this meeting. Reports are needed for grants issued last year. (i.e. evidence required before monied are sent).

- Once grants are voted on, KS sends out acceptance letters and then Sue pays the agreed sum.
- The group discussed and agree that all hard copy info should be looked out / gathered and stored in once place.

XI. Resilience Plan, Waste and Grit bins

- Dog Poo Bins - The 3 dog poo bins have been replaced by the general new bins, hall, bottom of field and Culcreuch (bottom of Menzies Avenue). MB has asked for the latter to be moved to the other side of the gate so that it can be seen from within the field.
- The poo bin at the Cross is well used and therefore the group agreed it will be retained where it is.
- The grit bin in Menzies Drive has been installed. Reports of damage will be checked / clarified by MB.
- Grit bins - for footbridge and bottom of Denny Road and Kipped Road have been requested / suggested by residents however this looks unlikely.
- Defibrillator - There is call for a defibrillator for the church end of village, with a suggestion to install on side of Session House. The FCC is applying for grant to the Red Cross and the British Heart Foundation to address. This will serve the whole Clachan area / wider community. Training sessions are required and could be held in Session House and offered to all residents.
- Energy supply and priority services - The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free service provided by suppliers and network operators to customers in need. Priority Services are offered to people who are over 65, or have an illness or in a vulnerable situation, or are living with children under the age of 5. Residents can apply to be added to the Priority Services Register by contacting their energy supplier.
- More information can be found about this service on the Ofgem website:
- <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consumers/household-gas-and-electricity-guide/extra-help-energy-services/priority-services-re>
- Flooding Register – the Council's one is out of date, MB is trying to update.
- Dougie Spence's home floods – looking to get this section of road raised by the Roads Department to eliminate risk; looking at prevention.
- MB meeting the Flooding Forum, she is suggesting informal chat with the chap from Flood Prevention, then looking to have public meeting.

XII. Planning

- A planning application from Mr Thomas Baird for a new access road to Dean Cottage, Killlearn Road, has been approved with conditions.

XIII. Broadband (Whitespace Update)

- No Whitespace update until BT implementation plan detail is known.
- The Exchange has ADSL (up to 8 meg); the ADSL 2+ now has date against it of 12th December, which is a good indicator / general prerequisite for fibre. This would provide up to 24 Mbps (24 Megabits per second) download speed.
- The new exchange cabinets are now in; one cabinet does copper, one does fibre.

XIV. Fintry Community Bowling Club

- New constitution – the members agreed to roll over to next meeting so that FCBC members can attend the FCC to provide background / detail.

XV. Correspondence

- Traffic calming – phone call from Angela McGibbon – Kippen Road has more speeding than anywhere else. Fintry was put forward to be a 20 mile per hour village, and this will take effect before 31st March 2019. Liaison officer from Stirling Council is coming out on 21st November to look at locations of signage, including a 'Give Way' sign for Gonachan Bridge.
- Trees - Tree roots on Clcreuch Avenue have been fixed.

- The Outreach Mobile Library - there is a service for housebound residents; Michelle will put on Fintry Buddies Facebook page to promote. If the service is not utilised it may be withdrawn.
- Taxi Service – Buchanan Cabs have taken over from Crescent Cabs.
- Letter of thanks was received from resident in acknowledgment of school transport.

XVI. A.O.B.

- Cicely Roy; Sewage Works - Following a request to Scottish Water for an update on the improvement programme being carried out at the sewage treatment works, I received the following answer and will be obtaining the flow rate for 2018, as suggested therein. I hope to be able to report at the next meeting that the work has at long last been completed.
 - Email from Eric McQuarrie, Scottish Water, 08/11/18: "With regard to the flow instrumentation work, our contractor is due on site later this month to complete the telemetry connection of the new flow instruments which have been installed at the treatment works earlier this year. I'm afraid this has taken longer than expected but it will mean looking forward that there should be more comprehensive flow data available from 2019 onwards. As we are approaching the end of the year, I would prefer to submit data for the whole of 2018 to you in the new year which would assist in my request for the data to be collated and provided. There isn't much else in terms of waste water infrastructure work planned for the Fintry locality at this time of which I am aware. The treatment works has performed well throughout the year and achieving the required quality standards as stipulated by SEPA, which is good news in terms of the impact on the quality of the adjacent water course which receives the treated effluent. This shows a recorded biochemical oxygen demand of less than 2 mg/l which can be compared against the required SEPA standard of 25mg/l. As such, well within compliance and all nine samples taken this year have also been similarly compliant."
- Cicely Roy; Paths - At the South West Stirling Paths Group meeting of 12/11/18 I reported on the current situation re the repair to the riverside path and intentions re the Cemetery path. The latter included mention of the visit from the technical advisor of Paths For All.
- Calum Craig; New (replacement) Domestic Bins -Thank you for the 'new' waste bins however we look to have been allocated the council's second-hand bins (shabby recycling). Would prefer brand new bins.
- Calum Craig; Cemetery Wall - How long does it take to repair a cemetery wall? Complaint! This has taken too long. Could the Councillor chase up?
- Sandy Kelso; Welcome Pack - Sandy suggested a Welcome Pack for new residents. KM to pick up this action for initial drafting / content suggestion.
- Sandy Kelso; Village Branding - Branding / something needed to identify and promote the village. Also, looking for an iconic symbol, at the spout burn for example, as a gathering point. There is a sculptor in Balfron, he created an iconic piece for outside Balfron High School. Arts Council give grants for such things; worth exploring.
- Ken Smith; Rugby Field bottom entrance – Can some of the old stones/gravel from the car park (when they are dug up), be utilised at the other entrance? Sandy agreed this was a good idea and would be done.
- Hendy Spence; Fintry Christmas Tree – The Christmas tree is up! It needs to be steadied, it needs to take root properly. Discussion around decorating took place – bobbles and lights will put on 15th December, and Hendy will invite Fintry Buddies (Facebook) to come along and add decorations as they see fit. 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.

XVII. Questions from the floor

- None.

XVIII. Date of next meeting

- 12th December 2018