



***Minutes of the meeting held on  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2019***

**I. Present/apologies for absence:**

- **Present:** Ken Smith (Chair), Sue Wallace (Treasurer), Michele Bennett, Meg Duckworth, Karen Milliken, Angela May (Secretary)
- P.C. Gary Martin
- Councillor Graham Lambie
- Pam Campbell (Stirling Council)
- 1 member of the public
- **Apologies:** P.C. Steven Graham, Hendy Spence

**II. Declaration of interest in any items of business**

None

**III. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:**

Minutes to be circulated to Fintry Community Councillors for approval.

**IV. Stirling Councillor's Report**

- Police Patrols attended by Cllr Lambie: Some break ins since last report including Oakwood Post Office, Forestry Commission Depot at Aberfoyle, A tragic fatality of you man in Doune – Would a 20MPH limit have saved him?
- Fintry Crow Road B822 Priority 1 Retained. Pleased to see that there is no change to the winter treatment of Crow Road, it will remain as a Priority 1 route. Cllr Lambie will also be enquiring if the B8181 to Denny can qualify to be upgraded to Priority 1
- Cllr Lambie is also investigating if the Glinns Road can be included in this years programme of road improvements

**V. Police Report**

- **Antisocial Behaviour:** A report of a small number of youths congregating in the Primary School on the evening of a Friday night. Police attended, all in order, no damage to any property etc. Advised of complaint and moved on with no issues.
- Report of a vandalism to a polythene gardening tunnel, enquiries are continuing regarding this.
- A fire reported emanating from a farm building on the outskirts of the village. No criminality and the Fire Service dealt with the situation accordingly.
- **Road Safety:** There have been no reported road traffic collisions in the Fintry area since the last meeting. Parking at the primary school has been monitored and this will continue to be the case. **WINTER CHECKS** - 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:** In the past few weeks in the Fintry area, and other villages, commercial properties have been broken into. A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for some of these, including the break ins to the Fintry Sports Centre and the caravan park. More recently,

domestic houses in the Strathblane, Croftamie and Killearn areas have been broken into. We welcome any calls regarding any suspicious vehicles or persons so please phone in and the vehicle/person will be enquired into. Local and Traffic Officers continue to carry out high visibility patrols in the area as much as possible along with static road checks.

- **Police Message to Local Residents:** Recently the clocks went back an hour to mark the end of British Summer time. This also marked the start of the darker nights 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 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 secure 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.
  - Create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
  - If you note anything suspicious in your neighbourhood report it on 101.
- If anyone would like further crime prevention advice, please contact PC Steven Graham or PC Gary Martin who will be happy to assist.
- **Community Engagement and Reassurance:** PC Steven Graham and PC Gary Martin 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](mailto: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. Please remember that we regularly publish useful information and updates on social media, including appeals for information, updates about road closures and crime prevention advice. Our Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at [www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision](http://www.facebook.com/forthvalleypolicedivision) [www.facebook.com/policescotland](http://www.facebook.com/policescotland) [www.twitter.com/stirlingpol](http://www.twitter.com/stirlingpol) [www.twitter.com/policescotland](http://www.twitter.com/policescotland)
- **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](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)
- **Rural Crime:** There is a Q and A with Inspector Alan Don from the Rural Crime Team on the Police Scotland website: <http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/featured-articles/Rural-Crime-Team-QnA>. At the end of the article is a link if you'd like to know more about Rural Crime and what can be done to prevent it.
- **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](http://www.scotland.police.uk/youth-hub) and the new Facebook channel can be found at [www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland-Youth Hub](http://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland-YouthHub).

## **VI. Treasurer's Report**

- Monies received for the resilience fund from Southern and Scottish Electricity
- Micro and Macro Grants are open for applications until 28<sup>th</sup> February

- All previous recipients of grants have been asked to provide proof of how the grant was spent in accordance with KEWL and Foundation Scotland requirements

## **VII. Planning**

- An application from Endrick Renewables to convert 3 silage clamps to industrial units and the erection of one storage unit with the creation of an enclosure for water source heat pumps at land 150m north east of Claylands Farm has been approved with conditions
- An application from Mr. Andrew Nicolson for the erection of two cubicle cattle sheds at Claylands Far has been approved

## **VIII. Paths Update**

- Riverbank path is now complete.
- Site visits have taken place for creation of proper path to the cemetery
- A grant has been applied for the works to cover the cemetery path, decision expected in approximately 6 weeks

## **IX. Xmas Bus update**

- The bus was a success and well used
- Investigating possibility of having a monthly bus to Glasgow or Edinburgh depending on demand
- Little response to requirement for a bus in January

## **X. DRT Changes**

- Due to changes at Stirling council ALL concession or travel passes must be presented to the driver at time of using the DRT. All vehicles now equipped with a ticket machine to allow passes to be presented. This will allow Stirling Council to ensure that people who are entitled to travel concessions are receiving them and also ensure the services continue to be used and funded correctly.
- School children must pay at the time of travel
- DRT can now be booked up to two hours in advance, however still advised to book on the previous day to ensure availability

## **XI. Correspondence**

- None received

## **XII. A O B**

- Cicely Roy received an email from Eric McQuarrie regards the measuring equipment at the water treatment plant. Installation of new equipment was completed in November 2018 however one of the new instruments developed a fault and will need a further visit in January 2019 to investigate this. An update will be provided once this visit has been carried out.
- Michele Bennett to confirm dates for Defibrillator training.
- Michele Bennett discussed the Grant application for Resilience equipment from Stirling Council.
- A special thanks to Ian and Moira McKay for the Christmas tree at the cross and for the decorations.

## **XIII. Correspondence**

- Cemetery Wall – Land Services responded to an enquiry on the status of the repair to the cemetery wall and confirmed that work has started on rebuilding the wall but that the reconstruction has been delayed and extra costs had been incurred due to the copes being stolen and the wall vandalised.

**XIV.    A.O.B**

- None

**XV.    Date of next meeting**

- 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

A vote of thanks to the chair was recorded.

