



## ***Minutes of the meeting held on***

12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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

- **Present:** Ken Smith (Chair), Sue Wallace (Treasurer), Michele Bennett, Hendy Spence, Karen Milliken
- Councillor Alistair Berrill
- Pam Campbell (Community Link Officer)
- 1 member of the public
- **Apologies:** Angela May (Secretary), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), P.C. Steven Graham

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

None

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

The minutes from both March and May were approved.

### **IV. Stirling Councillor's Report**

- Your Stirling: You Decide is Stirling's version of participatory budgeting, an initiative that gives local people a direct say in how a portion of our budget is spent. This year there is £100,000 for each electoral ward which can be used for infrastructure and environmental work. Every citizen, of high school age and above, can vote once for the proposals in their electoral ward. Each voter must vote for exactly five proposals and Fintry has five proposals which can be voted for: Fintry Playpark upgrade, improved disabled access of pavements in Fintry, pavement resurfacing in Fintry, replace surface of multi-court at Fintry Primary School and create traffic calming in Fintry. Voting closes on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Some weighting will be given to votes from smaller communities.
- A campaign has been started to prevent the proposed closure of Croftamie Nursery. The Scottish Government is expanding nursery education from next year. Parents in Scotland will be entitled to 1140 hours of nursery provision per year for their children. Because of the new requirements, some nurseries require infrastructure changes to their buildings to allow them to accommodate the numbers of children and the longer timescales. The Croftamie building would not be large enough to accommodate the new arrangements. Officers' preferred option therefore is to build a new nursery in the grounds of Drymen Primary School.
- There will be a meeting of Stirling Councillors on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- The Environment and Housing Committee last week agreed that the Controlled Parking Zone in Stirling be expanded. Within the existing Controlled Parking Zone there are 1,660 parking spaces in the city, which will be increased to 2,162 under the new proposals. They are also looking into the possibility of allowing 30 minutes of free parking in central areas.
- It was noted that there are still no yellow lines around the junction of the B822 and B818 at the cross in Fintry despite it being highlighted as being very dangerous for

children to cross the road here in the Safer Routes to School program. Councillor Berrill said he would look into it.

## **V. Police Report**

- ROAD TRAFFIC - a report of speeding vehicles on B822 - Police attended but no trace, no further reports. There have been Road Traffic Collisions reported on both B818 and B822. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries. There was a further incident whereby a vehicle collided with a wall as it was attempting to overtake a tractor on the B818 on the outskirts of the village. The driver was given a Fixed Penalty for Careless Driving, luckily there were no injuries. Along with the community councils in the district, I attended the Rural West Area Community Forum in Balfron High School and obviously discussed were the issues in relation to speeding in the village. Also in attendance was Andy Jones from the East Safety Camera Unit and Stirling Council and several issues were discussed. The camera van continues to be in regular attendance on the A811. One driver in particular was recorded at 87mph in the 60mph section and has been reported to The Procurator Fiscal.
- THEFT - There has been no thefts reported since the last meeting however there has been Theft Housebreakings reported in neighbouring villages so we urge people to be ever vigilant and contact the Police should anyone see anything suspicious. Alarm calls have been attended to in surrounding area by Police, confirmed all in order on all occasions. There was a suspicious vehicle observed in the village. Police attended however the van was not traced. Further enquiries being carried out with the registered keeper to ascertain why it was in the village at the time reported but all appears in order thus far.
- PHISHING (e-mails received in order receiver divulge sensitive information) The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness around Phishing attacks. Criminals and Organised Crime Groups launch Phishing attacks, targeting personal/business accounts either by email, social media, or text. They encourage users to click on malicious link/attachments which compromise their email or social media accounts, asking users to divulge banking information or access sensitive information. The advice below describes how you can spot suspicious emails, and the steps you can take to ensure that you don't fall victim, both at work and home: Confirm details of the actual email address it came from, you can do this by hovering mouse over the senders email address. Many phishing emails have poor grammar, punctuation and spelling. Is the design and overall quality what would you'd expect from the organisation the email is supposed to come from? Is it addressed to you by name, or does it refer to 'valued customer', or 'friend', or 'colleague'? This can be a sign that the sender does not actually know you, and that it is part of a phishing scam. Look at the sender's name. Does it sound legitimate, or is it trying to mimic someone you know? If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. It's most unlikely that someone will want to give you money, or give you access to a secret part of the Internet. Your bank, or any other official source, should never ask you to supply personal information from an email. For more information on how you can stay safe and secure online, visit the following websites:  
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/keep-secure-online/>  
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/suspicious-email-actions>  
<https://www.cpni.gov.uk/dont-take-bait>  
<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>
- 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) Neighbourhood Alert

#### **VI. Planning**

- An application to build a single storey extension at 8, Carron Valley, Fintry was approved.
- An application has been lodged for the replacement of single glazed sash windows with slim conservation double glazed sashes within existing sash boxes which will be refurbished/repared at West Lodge, Fintry.
- An application has been lodged for the erection of two self-catering holiday chalets on land 110M North Of Overton Farmhouse, Fintry.
- A retrospective application for the erection of a replacement wooden fence at Summerfield, Main Street, Fintry was approved.
- An application for the formation of a forest road on land at Lurg Forest 1.2 km South West of Lurg Farm, Fintry was approved.

#### **VII. Foundation Scotland**

- Foundation Scotland is one of the funding bodies that have given grants to help fund projects in Fintry. They are holding a conference in Glasgow in September and have contacted Ken to ask if Fintry can host a group of conference attendees on 10<sup>th</sup> September in order to show them the types of projects which have been funded. David Smith has agreed to go to Glasgow to meet them and travel to Fintry with them on the coach to give them some information about Fintry before they arrive. They will be offered coffee and cakes at the Sports Centre and will be given a tour of the riverside path, the school etc.
- Michele has ordered signs for the riverside path to indicate the funding bodies involved.

#### **VIII. Community Garden**

- Three quotes had been submitted for grass cutting, hedge trimming etc. It was decided to go with Bob Pollock who lives locally.
- Michele is assisting the residents who help to look after the community garden with applying for funding for improvements. There was a suggestion that they could grow food for the harvest lunch.

#### **IX. Sub groups update (Five year plan/village feature)**

- No updates.

#### **X. Correspondence**

- The bench has been returned but cannot be replaced until the pavement has been repaired. Pam agreed to contact the roads department and ask for a time frame for when the work would be done. FCC will confirm with Stirling Council that the bench can be reinstated in its original position and if this could be done at the same time that the pavement is repaired.
- A complaint has been received from a resident about work done by Stirling Council at Fintry Cemetery. The email will be forwarded to Stirling Council.

#### **XI. A.O.B.**

- Michele has been looking into ways to provide activities for the young people of Fintry over the summer. Options included transport to the swimming pool at Balfron and/or the

Peak in Stirling, hiring a climbing wall or transport to Maclaren High School or the Peak to use the climbing wall there. It was agreed that prices would need to be obtained before a decision could be made.

- A representative from FCC has always attended Sports Centre meetings. A conflict of interest with the current FCC representative has been raised. Ken will reply to the email and find out when the next meeting is so that an alternative representative can attend.
- FCC agreed to reimburse passengers who paid for transport to the opening day of the medieval fort as agreed previously.
- FCC provided 50% of the transport ( $8 \times £6.50 = £52$ ). I received half the amount, hence reimbursing £3.25 per passenger.

**XII. Questions from the floor**

- There were no questions.

**XIII. Date of next meeting**

- Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, 7.30 p.m.