



***Minutes of the meeting held on
14th March 2019***

I. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Ken Smith (Chair), Sue Wallace (Treasurer), Michele Bennett (Vice Chair), Meg Duckworth (Planning), Hendy Spence, Angela May (Secretary)
- Councilor Graham Lambie
- Pam Campbell (Stirling Council Community Link Officer)
- 6 members of the public
- P.C. Gary Martin
- **Apologies:** Karen Milliken

II. Declaration of interest in any items of business

None

III. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved.

IV. Stirling Councillor's Report

- Stirling Council Budget, additional £3.3 million for revenue spend from revised Scottish Budget
- Stirling Council Budget Meeting -Setting of Council Tax at 4% was agreed
- £4.6 Million for road improvements and modernisation
- Roads Realignment Capital Programmer, A81 Buchanan Castle, A809 Finnich Glen, A811 Garden Bend (Arnprior), A81 Rednock (Blairhoyle)
- Stirling Council Budget – Saving Target of £32 million from 2018 to 2023

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.

Between March 2019 and June 2019, citizens across Stirling's seven electoral wards will have the chance to influence how to spend £700,000 of public money (£100,000 in each of the seven ward areas). This year the money can be used for **infrastructure and the environment**. This could include for example - roads, pavements, parks, playgrounds or public spaces.

Anyone who lives or works in the area, including local groups can give us an idea of what the money should be spent on. Ideas will be developed before being voted on by people living in the ward. Those receiving the most votes will be taken forward by services. The Project Team, who will turn the ideas into voting proposals, will include Budget Delegates. Budget Delegates are members of the public, of high school age and above, who live in the area and would like to represent the public on the Project Team. For more information and to express your interest see the Budget Delegate Pack on our website.

We would welcome any ideas you have and any volunteers to be Budget Delegates. More information on the process, how to submit an idea and how to be involved is available here

www.stirling.gov.uk/youdecide

V. **Police Report**

- **Antisocial Behaviour:** Report of a dangerous dog. No injuries sustained and dog warden advised.
- No reports of any anti-social behaviour since the last report.

- **Road Safety:** Deer struck on outskirts of village. Car damaged during collision. There were numerous road accidents in the outlying roads around the village during the last month. Reports of sheep on the surrounding roadways so please be vigilant on your travels. Damaged garage door, caused by vehicle collision, driver failed to stop and report incident.
- We have recently taken delivery of a new Laser Speed Device (speed gun) and we will continue to be out at various times through the coming year in the 13 villages we cover in order to assist with the speeding issues that are quite rightly raised at Community Council meetings.

- **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. A number of drivers have been warned in other villages regarding not properly defrosting their windscreens in the cold conditions recently and the dangers this can cause to them and other drivers.

- **Theft:** Since the last report, there have been no further reports of break-ins to any premises, residential or commercial. A male was captured and thereafter reported to The Procurator Fiscal in relation to break-ins in the Forth and Endrick area in recent months and since then there has been no further issues. As stated, there have been no break-ins recently.

- As previously stated however, we always welcome any calls regarding any suspicious vehicles or persons so please phone in and the vehicle/persons will be enquired into accordingly.
- **Police Message to Local Residents:** 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.
 - Create a FREE and secure inventory of all your personal property at 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. 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 www.facebook.com/policescotland www.twitter.com/stirlingpol 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

VI. Treasurer's Report

The Community Council Account has a balance of £3,588.05 which includes £1,500 for graveyard path, £126 remaining from Resilience Funds and £1,961 of Community Council Funds. AT the next meeting the community council will decide on what monies to draw down from the Kingsburn Wind Energy Fund.

VII. Main Grant Vote

The following Main Grant applications were voted on and approved

Applicant	For	Against	Total Votes	Approved	Amount
Fintry Sports and Recreation Centre	6	0	6	Y	£ 2,500.00
Fintry Primary School Parent Council	6	0	6	Y	£ 2,250.00
Fintry Community Bowling Club	6	0	6	Y	£ 2,500.00
				Total	£ 7,250.00

VIII. Micro Grant Applications

The following Micro Grant Application was voted on and approved

Applicant	For	Against	Total Votes	Abstained	Approved	Amount
Fintry Flower Show	4	0	4	2	Y	£ 100.00
					Total	£ 100.00

IX. Planning

- An application has been received from R S James to remove four chimneys to below roof level and roof slated over to match existing roof at Stewarts House, The Cross, Fintry
- An application for a single storey extension to the east gable and new bi-folding doors at Endrick House, 28 Main Street Fintry has been approved
- An application for two timber huts for tourist accommodation at No4 Gartcarron has been refused

X. Sub Group Update

- The group are still forming plans and looking at the best way to survey the FCC area to gain ideas from the community.
- Michele Bennet, Jamie Pearson, Lorna English and Hendy Spence are investigating how best to have the fountain at the cross restored.

XI. Resilience Update

Scottish and Southern Energy have opened their latest round of fund raising and we shall again be applying to secure funding for the second phase of the resilience plans to equip the Menzies Hall as at Knockraich Farm.

XII. Community transport/car share

So far all companies approached have not been interested due to the location and perceived lack of use/revenue.

XIII. Correspondence

- Emails of thanks from Linda Pearson and Jamie Pearson were received regards the riverbank path improvements and recent village deep clean
- A letter from a member of the community was discussed in private and a response will be sent

XIV. A O B

- The bench that was situated at the cross has not been restored, KS agreed to speak to the property owner regards its location and when it will be restored.
- The community council is looking at replacing the notice board at the cross with a new water proof one.
- Meg Duckworth raised the matter Claylands Farm, it was indicated that planting of trees to screen the site from the road may have been part of the planning approval. This will be investigated.
- An incident of a tractor spraying silage from the road over a hedge into a field was brought to the attention of the police and they shall attend Claylands Farm to investigate
- The size of tractors and other equipment along with the speeds of these being drive on the narrow public roads around Claylands Farm was also discussed.
- The community council has received £1500 in funding towards the creation of proper path between Kippen Road and the cemetery

XV. Questions From the Floor

A resident raised the matter of the signs at the entrance to the water treatment plant and the poor condition they are in. Scottish Water to be contacted regards these to establish if the can be remove or at least improved.

XVI. Date of Next Meeting

8th May 2019