



Minutes of the meeting held on
11th February 2021
(A virtual meeting held via Teams)

I. Present/apologies for absence:

- **Present:** Ken Smith (Chair), Michele Bennett (Vice Chair), Sue Wallace (Treasurer), Angela May (Secretary), Ian Rodger, Hendy Spence
- Pam Campbell (Community Link Officer), Robert Davies (Stirling Councillor)
- **Apologies:** Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing)

II. Declaration of interest in any items of business

None

III. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

IV. Stirling Councillor's Report

- Robert reported that Council business had been very quiet recently with the main issues being bins, speeding, planning and complaints about potholes. He asked if all issues with the new bins had been resolved. Michele said that there are still three people waiting for new bins. Robert said he would chase up on these. Hendy noted that the outlying properties whose bins are collected on Fridays had not received new bins yet. Robert said he would check with Kevin McCormick (Waste Services Manager) to find out what the plan is. Robert had notice that the roadworks on the B822 (Kippen Road) had not been done yet. Michele said that they were scheduled to be done soon after being postponed from September when members of the work team had contracted Covid-19. Robert had also noticed that the Crow Road was very busy recently with a large number of people parked on the roadside to go sledging. Hendy reported a large pothole on the B822 near the far end of the castle drive.
- A meeting of Stirling Councillors is scheduled for March 4th.

V. Police Report

- Antisocial Behaviour – There was a report of a house party in the village constituting a breach of Covid restrictions. Police attended and found there was no breach.
- Road Safety – There have been no reportable RTCs in the Fintry area since the last meeting.
- Vehicle care - The snow and ice has caused problems for drivers in the Forth and Endrick area. Please remember to prepare for the winter by keeping your vehicle well maintained before you take to the road. Take special care that brakes, tyres, lights, batteries, windscreens and wiper blades are in good condition. In addition, washer bottles need to contain an additive to stop the water from freezing. Tyres should also be checked weekly to ensure they are legal and at the correct pressure (consult your vehicle handbook). The minimum legal tread depth for cars is 1.6mm across the centre 3/4 of the breadth of the tread around the entire circumference. They should also be checked for bulges, cuts or tears which weaken the tyre. Failure to maintain your tyres could lead to a maximum of £2,500 fine and 3 penalty points per tyre. Please ensure 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 - There have been no report of theft since the last meeting. There was a report of suspicious males in a vehicle near to Crow Rd. Unfortunately no registration number was passed for the vehicle. All incidents in relation to suspicious persons or vehicles are welcomed and Police will attend to all these incidents immediately. We urge people to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious. Never leave bags or any valuables lying on the seats of your parked and unattended vehicles. It is so very quick and easy for thieves to smash a car window, reach in and take any valuables in an instant. If a thief observes a bag in a car, they may think the bag contains something valuable and will smash your window to get in, even if it contains absolutely nothing of value! Please take any bag and or valuables with you but if this is not possible, place the items in your boot or out of sight, but preferably, take all valuables with you. 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.
 - If your house is fitted with an alarm then please use it. This is a good deterrent should thieves manage to force entry to your house.
 - 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.
- Fraud – Covid 19 - Criminals are using the Coronavirus as a cover story to trick you into parting with your money or information. Always take a moment to Stop, Challenge and Protect before making any payments. It's important not to let the criminals rush or panic you into making a decision that you later come to regret and remain vigilant and guard against criminals using the publicity around Coronavirus as a chance to target you with fraudulent emails, phone calls, texts messages or social media posts. With fake news articles on the internet and in the press promoting remedies, cures and false advice around coronavirus, it's also important to only share articles from trustworthy sources. If you are in any doubt, then visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus or www.who.int/ for updates and information. Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police. They spend hours researching you for their scams, hoping you'll let your guard down for just a moment. Stop and think: it could protect you and your money. If you receive an email, text or WhatsApp message purporting to be from the government, HMRC, the World Health Organisation (WHO) or a coronavirus-related charity, then take a moment to think before you part with your money or information. Never click on links or download attachments as criminals may infect your devices with malware or ask you to enter your personal or financial information into fake websites. In some cases this can lead to your identity being stolen.
- Community Engagement and Reassurance - It is important to you to have community officers who you know, who are accessible and who address local problems. PC Steven Graham and PC Gary Martin are based at Balfron Police Office and can be contacted at the office, on 101, or at ForthEndrickCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. It is recommended that this email address is used by the local community for email contact. 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

VI. Treasurer's Report

- General Fund Account
The current balance in this account is £6,208.

Foundation Fund:

The foundation fund balance to date is £30,925.

Foundation Scotland Budget	Description	Budget	Spend	Remaining
Commissioned Service	Community Transport Scheme	£2,500	£672	£1,828
Commissioned Activity	Continued Path Maintenance	£5,000	£4,508	£492
Commissioned Activity	Maintenance of resilience fund assets	£1,000		£1,000
Commissioned Activity	Community Notice Board	£1,500	£1,428	£72
Fintry Special Project	Community Garden & Resilience Fund	£2,000		£2,000
Fintry Special Project	Menzies Hall Resilience Hub	£11,500		£11,500
Fintry Special Project	COVID-19 Hardship and Resilience Fund	£5,160	£3,737	£1,423
Micro Grants-A	Individual Grants £250-500	£2,000	£250	£1,750
Micro Grants-B	Individual Grants £250-500	£2,000		£2,000
Main Grants	Constituted Groups £500-2500	£10,000	£2,500	£7,500
Student Study Grant	Student Study Grant	£1,000		£1,000
Administration Fee	FCC Admin work	£500	£240	£260
Post Code Lottery	COVID Grant	£2,000	£1,900	£100
	Total	£46,160	£15,235	£30,925

- The new notice board is now in place. The left hand side is locked and is for community council use only. The right hand side is not locked and is for the use of the community in general. Sue has posted a list of the community councillors in the notice board and will keep it updated with contact details, the most recent minutes and the date of the next FCC meeting.
- The £11k previously allocated for the resilience hub will be carried forward to the next financial year.
- Grants for review:
 - Fintry Sport Club- Assistance for improvements to Car park – £900
 - Fintry Bowling Club- Heating Installation £2,500
 - Fintry Museum- Museum roof £2,500
 - Total Requested £5,900
 - Amount Available £7,500
 - Amount Remaining if all above requests granted £1,600(See Agenda point X)

VII. Planning

- An application for the erection of a dwelling house and garage on land adjacent and west of Croftinstilly Gardens, Fintry. Stirling Council has been contacted by FCC to clarify the plan for drainage on the site.
- Erection of greenhouse (retrospective) at Fintry Nursery.
- Erection of garage at Spinners Well.
- Construction and operation of Shelloch Wind Farm including five wind turbines with associated access and infrastructure including tracks, hard standing, control building, borrow pit and anemometer mast on land 2KM North West Of Wester Cringate And South Of Ling Hill Fintry.

VIII. Resilience Update

- Continuing as normal. Many residents are feeling down due to the length of the lockdown and some residents are grieving for friends and relatives.
- Work in the community garden and at the school is ongoing. Michele has noticed that two of the planters in the community garden need replacing and is looking at applying for funding for these from the Community Pride Fund.
- Robert asked if volunteers had now been reimbursed for their travel expenses. Jean Cowie has sent out application forms.

IX. Shelloch Windfarm

- No correspondence regarding the Shelloch windfarm development has been received by the FCC from any Fintry residents.

- The proposed access to the windfarm would be from the A811 up the Arnprior Road. This would have to be upgraded and straightened and would potentially cause the loss of ancient woodland. The junction from the A811 and onto the B822 would both have to be widened. On meeting the B822 the route would then be along the B822 towards Kippen and then down a farm track (which would also have to be upgraded) to the site on the Fintry Hills.
- 23 objections have already been submitted and can be viewed on Stirling Council's website. Any comments must be submitted by Friday 26th February.
- Income from the windfarm will be split equally between the six nearby community councils. It was agreed to correspond with the relevant community councils to discuss concerns and to contact the Fintry Development Trust for advice.
- FCC's response will be posted in the noticeboard at the Old Police House and in the Sports Centre and on Facebook.

X. Grant Applications

- The grant applications listed in the Treasurer's report were discussed and it was agreed that they should all be funded.

XI. Roads

- The B818 will be closed from its junction with B822 (Kippen Road) to its junction with the B822 (Crow Road) from 0800 hours until 1700 hours from 1-3-21 until 5-3-21 to facilitate culvert repair works.
- Any comments regarding the proposal to introduce a clearway that will prohibit vehicles from stopping from a point 72 metres or thereby north of the junction of the B818 with the B822 to the junction of the U062432 Polmaise Road must be submitted by Friday 5th March.
- Residents have raised concerns about the B818 (Denny Road) and the fact that it is not designated as a Priority 1 road. This is the most direct route for Fintry residents to the Forth Valley Royal Hospital in Larbert. Michele will contact Graham Lambie as he has looked into this before and may be able to help.
- Road repairs to the B822 (Kippen Road) are scheduled but no date has been given yet.

XII. Play Park

- Michele had met with Stirling Council regarding the condition of the play park and they were very helpful.
- The climbing frame is due to be inspected by external independent inspectors in March. Stirling Council has a maintenance budget and the climbing frame will go on to the list to be replaced. Hopefully it will be prioritised fairly quickly. Plans for the new climbing frame will be sent to parents and children via the primary school so that they can vote for their preference. It is hoped that the climbing frame can then be ordered as soon as Stirling Council give the go ahead.
- The replacement of other equipment will be done in phase two.
- A path around the play park with access from the castle drive will also need to be installed to allow access for all. The land owner has given permission for this. Everyone in the village will be able to see the plans for this phase when they are ready and then they will go out to tender.

XIII. Correspondence

- An email had been received complimenting the new noticeboard.
- There was discussion about the management of the FCC email inbox and Pam made some suggestions about how it could be managed better. It was agreed that all correspondence from Fintry residents should be acknowledged with a reply to state that their email would be discussed at the next FCC meeting and a reply sent after that. Angela will set this up.
- An email had been received from Jean Cowie with regard to assets insurance. A comprehensive list of FCC assets needs to be sent to Stirling Council annually to ensure that everything is covered. The current list will be sent to Sue by either Ken or Jean. Sue will make sure that everything is listed and circulate it to FCC councillors. It will be reviewed at the next meeting and returned to Jean by Friday 19th March.

XIV. A.O.B.

- The bench which used to sit at the corner of Kippen Road and Main Street is being sanded and re-varnished but the pavement has not been reinstated yet. FCC asked Robert if he could help with this and explained that when the toilet block at Stewart's House was converted into a residence, the pavement was dug up and has not been made good again. Pam suggested that Robert contact the Roads Department.
- Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Partnership (HSCP) are asking communities in rural southwest [#Stirling](#) for their views on the delivery of community health and care models. The HSCP - which delivers adult and older people community health and social care services across Clackmannanshire and Stirling Council areas - has today (Monday, 1 February) launched the second stage of a consultation process in the Forth and Endrick ward. Residents and other key stakeholders in the area are being invited to participate in a series of virtual events and an online survey to help shape the future delivery of care and support in a more person-centred way. <http://bit.ly/ConsultationStage2>
- There was discussion about the best way to open up the FCC meetings to Fintry residents during the Covid-19 pandemic. Pam offered advice and offered to help out at the next meeting if necessary. It was agreed that a précised version of the unapproved minutes should be made available in two weeks' time along with the agenda for the next meeting and an invitation for anyone interested in attending the next virtual meeting to send their email address to the FCC. A meeting link will be issued to all those who express an interest in advance of the meeting. Email addresses will be deleted once the meeting links have been sent out.
- Legal advice had been sought by the FCC with regard to the locked gates on the castle drive. The advice stated that the gates should not be locked. Hendy will email Mr. Kim on the FCC's behalf regarding this.
- Ken resigned from his position as FCC's Chairperson. Michele thanked him on behalf of the FCC for all he has done for the community. At the May FCC meeting a vote can be taken to accept Ian as a fully elected member of the FCC as he will have attended three meetings. This will then allow another Fintry resident to be co-opted to the community council. Applications will be invited from anyone interested with a closing date at the end of May. If there is more than one person interested, the FCC can consider appointing associate members.

XV. Date of next meeting

- 10th March 2021