



***Minutes of meeting held on
18th November 2025***

Present/apologies for absence:

Present:

- Michele Bennett - Chair, Hendy Spence, Moira Mackay, Jackie Garvie, Ronnie Garvie, Ian Rodger
- RG had attended the last Sports Centre meeting and was handed the SC's accounts for the year ending February 2025. The minutes and the trustees' report were not yet available. A question was asked about an amount listed as rent income. RG explained that this was only figure on paper to create a link between the old SC company and the new one (CIC). It's not actually paid but is included in the totals. RG had circulated an email prior to the meeting outlining some of the points covered at the SC meeting – the solar panels on the roof of the SC need replacing at a total cost of £30K. They had received a grant of £15K from the FDT as well as a loan for £10K so only needed to put in £5K themselves; fuel costs had been high and the SC had paid a penalty to their electricity provider. Heating is provided by wood pellets and all cooking is done using Calor gas. Sales of food and drink go through the company. The manager is an employee and is also a Director of CIC
- RG had a discussion with members of the SC regarding the new lease that they require without the knowledge of the FCC. The SC's preference would be for a 100-year lease but this is not being offered. RG had offered them a 50-year lease with a peppercorn rent of £5 per year. This discussion was not approved by the FCC. The SC had said that this might be acceptable but that they would have to put it to their members.
- Stirling Council had advised FCC to appoint a solicitor to give advice and draw up the lease. The advice from the solicitor, Stirling Council and the Scottish government is that 25-year lease was recommended and that £10 rent per year is the minimum. The FCC have an obligation to the villagers to follow the solicitor's advice and other authoritative bodies.
- It was noted that the process is now dragging on because the solicitor has not had a response from the SC. FCC have had 3 meetings with the SC but have not managed to agree on the length of the lease.
- Negotiations around the lease have been handled by SJ and SK from the SC. They have now retired from the committee but are continuing the work on the lease. It is not known who the new members of the committee are.
- IR supported RG's efforts to liaise with the SC but it was agreed discussions with the SC should be done through the FCC and not on an individual basis.
- Members of the FCC have been subject to aggressive behaviour from members of the SC. All present agreed that this was unacceptable. This highlights the importance of dealing with the situation through a solicitor.
- The group discussed their concerns over the financial situation at the SC and whether or not they were sub-letting to other groups and individuals which is not allowed under the current lease.

- It was requested a vote on the length of the lease that should be offered to the SC. Three councillors voted for a longer lease and three councillors voted for a 25-year lease. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair will have a casting vote as stated in Stirling Council's Constitution for Community Councils. The solicitor appointed by FCC will contact the SC to offer them a 25-year lease with a rent of £10 per year.
- MB also asked the group to consider adding a clause into the lease that would give some rights and protection to the Rugby Club and Fintry Museum. The museum already has a legal agreement with the SC. IR agreed that the Rugby Club should have some protection of their rights to use the pitches, facilities etc. MB will seek advice from the solicitor on this.