



Minutes Wednesday 14th May 2014

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair); Ken Young (Vice Chair); Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing); Penny Roberts (Secretary); Dawn Roberts (Rural Forum Rep); Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads); Bert Comrie (Transport Advisor) Penny Crawford (Minutes); Cllr Muirhead; **12** members of the public,

Apologies: Ken Smith (Communications); PC David McNally

2. Approval of Minutes	Action
Previous minutes were approved	
3. Police Report	Action
No police report	
4. Stirling Councillor's Report	Action
<p>Local Development Plan will be discussed at a special meeting on 2nd June 2014. C Roy asked if there was a prospective date for the printing of the plan. Cllr Muirhead said he would email Peter Morgan and will get back to J Pearson with details.</p> <p>Cllr Muirhead had received an email from Tony Cain, Head of Housing and Customer Service at Stirling Council. Stirling Council have a site on Culcreuch Avenue near the lockups. Someone has asked to buy the plot to build two or three houses. The council will either develop the site itself or sell it on. There has been a suggestion to build affordable houses on this site. Tony Cain has passed this decision to FCC and the community to make. M Duckworth commented that the council have in the past looked at this site, but with only single vehicle access, may be difficult to develop. It was agreed that J Pearson would place this as an agenda item for the next FCC meeting for further discussion with residents.</p> <p>The roads programme and has been approved. 1.6M has been allocated to the Forth Valley Ward. Works on the B818 and some on the B822 and on Menzies Avenue are scheduled.</p> <p>There is a new 'High Hedges' legislation in operation. If residents have an</p>	J Pearson

<p>issue with a high hedge, they can put in an application for the council to come out and assess high hedges. Cllr Muirhead will forward the legislation to J Pearson to circulate.</p> <p>Community Pride fund is a programme aimed at promoting community activities. Funding may be available for events which benefit the community. If an event is being organised, applications are accepted up until November 2014. Application forms are available from the Stirling Council website, or by contacting the Funding Unit at Old Viewforth.</p> <p>Chief Executive, Bob Jack is taking early retirement. The process to find a successor will begin in around August / September.</p> <p>Armed Forces Day is being held in the large field by Stirling Castle on 28th June 2014. This is being financed by Stirling Council. The initial cost was estimated at 500k, but has reduced to 250k after securing 80k funding from the Scottish Government, 25k from the Military of Defence and donations from other sponsors. Stirling Council is also seeking 80k funding from Westminster to match that of the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Bannockburn 700 also takes place on 28th June 2014. Stirling Council is looking at transport.</p> <p>Stirling Council has joined the Scottish Cities Alliance. This is the collaboration of Scotland's seven cities, Scottish Government and the Scottish Council for Development and Industry. It is intended that this will help finance projects. One suggestion was to put a junction from the A811 onto the M9. It is a tax incremental funding and works by private investors.</p>	J Pearson
5. DRT	Action
<p>On Council suggestion to change the DRT service, there have been a few meetings held to discuss the DRT. J Pearson has also received some letters. The online poll only attracted five responses.</p> <p>J Pearson went through a draft response to David Brown, Public Transport Project Officer to the suggested possible options for changes to the DRT service.</p> <p><i>a) Reducing short notice bookings – unless incorporated into an existing pre booked journey</i></p> <p>B Comrie stated that he is starting to coordinate runs. Majority of the runs could be organised in advance. J Pearson suggested that in addition to his comments on the draft proposals, he would add '<i>unless in extreme medical emergencies</i>'. J Pearson suggested that a 24 hour notice period could be acceptable, which would meet this council suggestion. J Pearson consulted the room to which they all agreed.</p> <p><i>b) No longer allow journeys under 2 miles</i></p> <p>J Pearson suggested this be accepted, as this will have no impact on Fintry residents. J Pearson consulted the room to which all were in agreement.</p>	J Pearson

<p><i>c) Reduce time to which DRT is available</i> This option would not be acceptable. B Comrie stated he transports someone regularly early morning, then again late afternoon. Late night badminton club and after school activities also uses this service. J Pearson agreed this suggested amendment would not be acceptable to Fintry residents. The room agreed</p> <p><i>d) Withdraw DRT service on a Saturday</i> There seems to be inconsistency with DRT services across the region. DRT for Fintry runs Monday to Saturday, however in Aberfoyle the service runs seven days a week. Residents who use the DRT service on a Sunday would incur taxi charges, whereas for other areas they would get DRT charges. It was suggested the Council make amendments so a consistent service is available across the region. If Saturday is to be withdrawn, it should be across the region. Likewise with Sunday service. The room agreed.</p> <p><i>e) Replace DRT with bus service</i> J Pearson has received communication from two residents in favour of getting a bus service. J Pearson discussed with the room reasons given as to why a bus service may not benefit residents. Members of the public said the village has in the past had a bus service, but it did not work. It operated on unsuitable hours the residents weren't able to fully utilise. If a bus service were to be introduced, it would still be a connecting service taking villagers to the nearest connecting bus route and not a direct service. The majority of the room were in favour of not getting a bus service with the exception of one - he believed a bus service would be beneficial and felt further changes to the DRT service would be made in the future, thus making this DRT service unusable. J Pearson stated the FCC would fight to keep the DRT for the village. It was agreed for the purpose of the DRT draft consultation, it would be left with the village not wishing to have a bus service. A bus service would still be open for discussion at a later date if further changes to the DRT service were enforced. It was also suggested this be revisited once there are more houses in the village.</p> <p><i>f) Replace DRT with community transport/car sharing</i> Not a suggestion that would be accepted by Fintry residents. J Pearson stated residents are offering to coordinate transport better. Residents also have the FDT car club option.</p> <p>J Pearson will prepare FCC formal response to Stirling Council based on feedback from the public for approval by the FCC elected councillors. The response will be posted up on the website.</p>	<p>J Pearson</p>
<p>6. Finance</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p><i>Common Good Fund Applications</i> The first round of applications have been received – four in total. This is funded by Fintry Development Trust twice a year. Applications will be invited once it is open again. The four applications received were from the Fintry Bowling Club for a roof on the gable end; Fintry War Memorial window in the church; Fencing the core path out through the field by the corner by The</p>	

Courtyard Café; Fund face shields and masks for the defibrillator. All were successful in gaining funding. More details can be found on the website.	
7. Planning	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Nolan has applied to build a house at 9 and 15 Main Street. • An application from Norman McKnight to build a new house at the bottom of the Fintry Inn Car Park has been approved with conditions. • Plans by Alison and Sandy Cuthbertson for a two bedroomed granny annex at Wester Balgair Farm have been approved with conditions. • A planning enforcement order has been issued regarding the erection of a fence and conservatory at Dunmore Gardens. • An application has been made for an external transformer for the wind turbine generators (already approved) at Earlsburn. • An application for a heat source pump at 67 Main Street has been approved. • Plans for a porch at 3 Dunmore Gardens have been approved with conditions, and a second application to erect a single storey side extension has been made. • An application to alter plans, already passed, for a new house at The Neuk, Crow Road has been approved with conditions. 	
8. Earlsburn Extension Community Benefit Meeting Report	Action
<p>J Pearson has been in attendance at the community benefit meetings. All six communities (Cambusbarron, Fintry, Kippen, Gargunnock, Carron Valley and Denny) have not as yet agreed on a division of funds. As the actual benefit is not as great as was first thought, the communities have agreed to look at approaching the developer to improve the benefits first, before look again at dividing the funds between the communities. J. Pearson suggested that they look at dividing a share equally between the six, then each community can 'apply' for part of the remainder thus creating a shared benefit across several communities – it is by no means certain that all the other communities would go for this suggestion. There will be a further meeting with the developers. Local Council representatives have also asked to meet the developers to go through figures in more detail.</p>	
9. A.O.B.	
<p><i>27th April Congestion</i></p> <p>K Young commented on the congestion and parking of many cars around the village on Sunday 27th April. Strathendrick Rugby had an event and a classic car rally finishing at the Castle. It was noted cars were parked around Menzies Estate, along Kippen road by rugby club and along the main street as well as on the rugby pitch. Some were parked dangerously on corners. This would have made it impassable for fire engines and ambulances should they have been needed. Members of the public offered alternate suggestions such as car sharing to such events, or bus travel. It</p>	P Roberts

<p>was agreed to write to Police, Sports Club and person responsible for the event and J Pearson will raise the issue at the next Sports Club meeting.</p> <p><i>Grass Cutting Equipment</i> P Roberts mentioned children and dogs getting involved in the grass cutting equipment. It doesn't seem to be protected which could result in children and dogs falling over this equipment. J Pearson will take to the next Fintry Sports Club meeting to discuss.</p> <p><i>FCC Printer</i> Acas had donated a laser printer to FCC – unfortunately it has stopped working and needs a new cpu unit (costing £199). It was agreed that J Pearson use his own printer in the meantime and FCC provide a contribution to ink rather than purchase a new printer.</p> <p><i>Result of police presence</i> D Smith asked whether there had been any success with police presence in the village. J Pearson said they seemed to think it was a good deterrent. D Smith and other residents said they were pleased to see police presence in the village.</p>	<p>J Pearson</p> <p>J Pearson</p>
10. Correspondence	
<p>Licensing provision statement affordability for alcohol. Carers connection</p>	
11. Date of next meeting	Action
Date of next meeting and AGM – 11 th June 2014 at 7.30pm	