



Minutes of the meeting held on

9th March 2016

I. Present/apologies for absence:

Present: Jamie Pearson (Chair), Ken Young (Treasurer/Vice Chair), Ken Smith (IT/Communications), Meg Duckworth (Planning/Licensing), Dawn Roberts (Secretary/Rural Forum Rep)

2 members of the public

Apologies: Ron Garvie (LDP/Roads)

II. Approval of Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

III. Police Report

- See attached.

IV. Stirling Councillor's Report

- Stirling Council set the budget on 25/02/16. Some saving measures were dropped including cuts to the P.E. and Music services, no doubling of music tuition fees.
- A redesign of the waste and recycling service is planned. The working rota will be 7 days instead of the current 4 days. All side loader bin lorries will be replaced by rear loading lorries. Food waste will be collected in the brown bins, along with garden waste so there will be no cessation of brown bin collection during the winter months. A blue wheelie bin may be provided for recyclable items. **ACTION:** FCC to produce a bulletin once details have been finalised.
- There are plans Community Property Transformation - for example, moving the library in Balfron into the Council Offices. The library building would then be put up for sale.
- £1.5 million has been allocated for the provision of broadband to rural properties that are not included in the Digital Scotland roll-out program. A new member of staff has been employed to facilitate this.

- Only £3.5 million has been allocated to the roads budget. There has been no change to the winter gritting program.

V.Update on the Shoppers' Bus

- JP met with Bert to discuss the proposed new system which will begin on 01/03/16. FCC will subsidise the journey from Kippen to Stirling until alternative funding can be obtained. Invoices will be presented on a monthly basis and a passenger list will be provided. Previous invoices will be paid in full. Users must book the journey from Fintry to Kippen and back through Stirling Council as a DRT journey. To re apply for grant funding from The Big Lottery Fund we must show that the service has developed since the last funding was granted, a short discussion followed and it may be difficult to show this, there was a suggestion of extending the service to possibly Lennoxtown or Stirling on a Saturday.

VI.Update on Earlsburn Community Benefit Fund

- The developer had suggested splitting the income 6 ways until arbitration was complete but this was rejected by some of the communities involved so no money has been distributed yet. An arbitrator is still being sought.

VII.Finance

- Application for the Goodwill Fund are being processed - £50 to repair storm damage at the Community Garden. An application for a village Christmas tree is being considered but the applicant needs to demonstrate significant local support and check with Bert Comrie who currently provides a tree free of charge each year plus Norman McKnight had intended to put a tree there in memory of his mother.

VIII.Planning

- The application for the erection of a temporary anemometer at Todholes has been approved.

IX.Dog fouling on Sports Field

- Dougie Spence (Chairman at the Sports Centre) cleared the field in preparation for an event and had to clear the field again the next morning. He has suggested putting up signs designed by children. There was a suggestion to put a bin at the end of the Castle Drive.

X.Queens Birthday Medal

- A private company has produced medals to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday but it was agreed that this was not something FCC was interested in.

XI.Flower Bed at Cross

- Scottish Water has left this bed in a bad state after their recent works. Chris Drapper from The Fintry Flower Society is dealing with this.

XII.A.O.B.

- There was a suggestion for the Fintry signs at each end of the village to be repaired and cleaned. Permission was granted for this to be done subject to obtaining an estimate of the works.

XIII.Correspondence

- None

XIV.Date of next meeting

- 20th April 2016

Fintry Community Bowling Club

I.Present

- Jamie Pearson, Meg Duckworth

II.Update on any relevant progress

- There has been an informal approach from Willy Sangster who was interested in using the Club House for his craft workshop. It was agreed that problems may arise if this was primarily a commercial business so it would need to be community based/open to the public.

III.A.O.B.

- None

IV.Date of next meeting

- 20th April 2016