

**Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting 11th December 2018**

**held at 7pm, Falkland Community Hall**

**Present:** Peter Burman, Rod Crawford, Ken Laurie, Kenny Lumsden, Claire McLeod,

Douglas Young

**Apologies:** Gavin Lawson, John Smith

**In Attendance:**

***Councillors:*** David MacDiarmid, Donald Lothian ***Police:*** no ***Residents:*** 2

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | | **Action** |
| 3  Declarations of Interest | None | | None |
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| 4  Minutes of Previous Meeting | Approved by all. | | Noted |
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| 5  Matters Arising | Matters arising from previous meeting not on agenda.  **1.**Common goods agenda – Chair and Secretary to meet with NTS representatives on Wed 12 Dec, to talk through the procedures and report back to the CC.  **2.** Christmas lights – Visit Falkland erected the lights without consulting CC. Communication difficulty re lights/light switch on. Lights to be returned from Visit Falkland to CC and then stored in church. KL to write to VF re Christmas lights. Next year to be managed/planned to know who has responsibility for each task. | | Noted – ongoing  Noted – KL to write to Visit Falkland to clarify lights position |
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| 6  Police Matters | **1.** The police report is a generic report for all Community Councils. Chair suggests that we need police to report on our local business.  **2.** Police meeting on 6 December was very successful. They spoke about cash machines, teddy bear appeal, display of drugs. They demonstrated a DNA product, priced at £20 which can aid getting stolen property returned to the owner when these stolen goods are found. Public to be vigilant of card scammers at cash machines. Smart phone technology – how people can take details from your bank cards. Shed alarm shown which is battery operated – good product. | | Noted |
| 7  Action Register | **i.** Discharge of effluent into burn – no further forward – would have preferred if sorted before playpark opens. | | Ongoing |
| **ii**. Overhanging tree at Back Dykes – is resident’s responsibility to take further. | | Closed |
| **iii**. Phone box at Newton of Falkland – PB will project manage. Telephone equipment still to be removed by BT. Can exterior be improved? | | Ongoing |
| **iv**. Christmas lights at Brunton Green | | Closed |
| **v.** Playpark at Balmblae – work has commenced. Ground will need tidied up, grass sown etc. Area currently closed off whilst installation of equipment takes place. | | Ongoing |
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| 8a  Residents Issues from November minute | **1.1** Bush opposite school playing fields obscuring view at bus stop.  **1.3** Flood action group walkabout – Covert grill at top of Back Dykes is inadequate.  **1.4** Lighting in Pleasance  **1.5** No dogs allowed signage at school field – Cllr MacDiarmid to speak with Headteacher of school.  **2.1** Liquorstane potholes  **2.4** Damaged spars on bridge at Balmblae  **2.5** Street light at bottom of Liquorstane – covered by overhanging branches | Will be removed up to resident’s fence.  Noted  Bulbs replaced  Noted  Reported  Reported  Reported | |
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| 8b  New resident’s Issues | * 1. Discussion re Defribilator at chemist. When Raymond relocates to new premises at Liquorstane building he can take with him or leave in current position in centre of village. He would then supply a new one for his new premises.   Possibly relocate the current one in the library? – To be investigated.   * 1. Proposed website for CC – which stage are we at? Basic website is up and running, minutes to be uploaded, Community Councillors names.   2. PB welcomed everyone to look at the Falkland Society website. | Ongoing  Ongoing  Noted  Noted | |
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| 9  Charrette phase 2  Community Links Programme | **KL gave an extensive report.** **1.** This phase ends May 2019. It involves enhancing both routes to school and green spaces. Launch and meeting took place on 15 Nov. A public engagement meeting was also held. The results of the edge of village parking were published at this. A full application to be submitted by 31 Jan 2019. Construction due to take place between April 2019 and 2020. Six areas are being considered for parking. The car park on outskirts of village should be free of charge to encourage visitors to park there easing congestion in the village centre. The car park will not be tarmac but grid and gravel effect – this is easier and cheaper to maintain. | Full discussion took place. | |
| 10  Planning, Listed Building and Conservation Issues | **2.** Mini roundabout at crossroads at school causing confusion to some drivers. Traffic counts are currently taking place on Pleasance. There are various concepts that can be adopted to aid traffic flow/management/congestion in and around the village. Sustran is the main funder of this project.  **3.** Factory site – 100 houses proposed, 25 of which will be affordable housing, and 2 retail units with flats above. Springfield properties to build off plan, sell then build more. Larger houses to be built at top of site. Company to show draft plan in Community Hall on Thursday 20 December.  **4.** Resident suggestion – smaller buses ‘feeding’ the X buses which go past New Inn roundabout.  **1.** West High Street, Bowrie Faulds – concerned resident that planning permission is not correct. Parking – 2 spaces should have been retained. This is not a matter for CC but for Fife Council planning dept. Also an issue of large planters on kerbside – CC have no legal rights to interfere. Is it a right of way past this house to Balmblae?  **2.** Margaret Seal’s house, West Port, in conservation area – scaffolding causing congestion. PB to investigate. | Discussed and noted  Discussed and noted  Discussed and noted  Discussed and noted  Discussed and noted- | |
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| 11  A.O.C.B. | The estate is part of the National Cycle Route and there are pot holes appearing. Note – if a cycle route goes through private land it is the land owners responsibility to maintain. | No action. | |

**Next Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 8th January 2019**

**Venue: Stuart Room, Falkland Community Hall**