



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

**Minute of Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
held at 7pm at Falkland Community Hall  
(public invited to attend)**

**Welcome from Chair,**

**Present:** Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, David Anderson, Stuart Knowles, Doug Young, Kieran Allan  
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

**Councillors:** None                      **Police:** nil                      **Residents:** 3

**Apologies for absence:** Roz Esslemont, Gavin Lawson, Ward Cllrs

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
3 Declarations of new Interest	Kieran Allan noted that he is the new chair of the Falkland Community Development Trust. We hope to work productively together in the future.	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	Approved	
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	Scotch Whisky International PAN consultation, last date for public responses is Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December including feedback forms.	RC to make a note on Falkland Residents FB page.
6 Police Update	9 calls. 1 recorded crime – dishonesty.	
7 Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Email from Community Council improvements service – re social media training for Community Councillors. RC can put anyone in touch if they want to do it.</li> <li>ii) Email from Community Council improvements service – Information Card clarifying role of FC Elected Members when attending CC meetings.</li> </ul>	
8 Falklands Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Zoom meeting of the Falkland Development Group for feedback following the joint consultation event. RC raised point from previous CC meeting about the plans not including the football pitch. No conclusive response received.</li> <li>ii) Scotch Whisky International held their second PAN consultation event, this was very well attended. Traffic analysis was done at the wrong time of year. Resident concerns brought up included height and form of “towers” on main building, two access roads onto the site including ‘VIP route’ and plans incorporating additional field not included with FAL001 factory site in Local Development plan.</li> <li>iii) Sustrans Projects – nothing to significant to report, meeting with new Sustrans contact point, trying to get project back on</li> </ul>	



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	track.	
9 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation.	No proposals of concern affecting Falkland or Newton in the previous period.	
10 Residents Issues	<p>(i) Res. raised issue of gentlemen who appears to overnighting in van in main carpark. Concern over his wellbeing, especially in the current extreme cold. Cllr McD is aware and has previously raised issue with FC social services.</p> <p>(ii) Res. raised concern over 'leaky barrier' not being cleared during the latest heavy rain episodes. Would like more involvement from CC and voluntary assistance from other residents. It was pointed out that this issue is the subject of ongoing dialogue between FAG and Fife Council and Estate. Not clear what additional involvement of CC would achieve. DA will contact John Brown of the Flood Action Group to clarify leaky barrier issues.</p>	DA to contact the Flood Action Group
11 Community Council Issues	<p>i) High Street parking restrictions. This issue was raised in Feb by FC roads and transportation with both elected members and CC but it seems there was no response to local council elections. The street signage indicates double yellow lines in centre of village are seasonal (April to September), However the Legal Traffic Regulation orders for the lines apply 365 days / year . Fife council propose to take away seasonal signage , FC parking enforcement cannot do anything until situation rectified. Elected Cllr's were asked to respond but have not done so. Have now asked CC to respond. Issues – Double yellow lines indicated on Brunton Street which don't currently exist, not needed. Most existing double yellows exist where parking is dangerous and so should apply at all times. Proposed Lines at fountain not consistent with current marking. Current lines outside the palace are ignored by Buses leading to systematic non-compliance in all areas, can an alternative marking be applied e.g. seasonal 'bus bay. JB suggested no increased enforcement action should be taken over this winter period i.e. seasonal signage should be applied until April. Give us time to review further with FC and elected members.</p> <p>ii) Community Council Vacancies – 2 in Newton, 1 in Falkland. One response to the Falkland vacancy. Additional Resident expressed interest at the meeting. RC will put out another</p>	JB to formulate response to FC.



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	<p>formal advert for vacancies.</p> <p>iii) Defibrillator – leave until next meeting with Cllr McD for update.</p> <p>iv) Christmas lights – JB will give more detailed update after Christmas period. Power supplies on Brunton Green need work.</p> <p>Development Trust, Festival Committee and Football Club offered to participate in Christmas lighting for next year.</p>	RC to post on social media
<p>12 Cllr McDiarmid Report (given to chair in writing)</p>	<p>i) Thanks to DY and gardening team for planting up at Castle Park</p> <p>ii) Trip Hazard has been reported</p> <p>iii) Additional Defibrillator – hopefully January</p> <p>iv) Road signage at Pleasance to be looked at as there is virtually no warning that its approaching a school</p> <p>v) Gully cleaning squad arrived last Monday, not sure how long they were there as attending the Licencing board.</p> <p>vi) Flooding on the fields on the A912 high road seems to have been resolved.</p> <p>vii) Planning have informed that both planning applications for Whisky site and NTS site should be coming to NEF Planning Committee early in 2023. (<i>Note - No formal planning applications have been submitted yet</i>)</p>	
<p>13 Elected Members Issues</p>	N.T.R..	
<p>14 A.O.C.B</p>	<p>i) Grit bins need refilled at Back Dykes.</p> <p>ii) Alex Simpson noted that a meeting had taken place between NE Fife Sports Council, Football Club, Bowling Club and other village sports clubs, regarding NTS car park proposals and way forward. Bowling club are very upset. Looking for backing from Community Council, concerned about welfare of elderly in the village involved in the club. CC noted its strong concern about impacts on the long standing sports clubs. CC will request further meeting with NTS top management to put forward community position when further details of plans come out</p>	

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm Falkland Community Hall.**