



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

**Minute of Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
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, Roz Esslemont  
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

**Councillors:** Cllr D Macdiarmid, Cllr D Lothian

**Police:** nil

**Residents:** 2

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Holt

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
3 Declarations of new Interest	Kieran Allan confirmed that he was no longer Chair or a committee member of Falkland Community Development Trust. It was noted that Alexander Simpson was the new chair of the Community Development Trust. RC congratulated Alex and expressed hope for FNFCC and FCDT to work productively together in the future. S Knowles noted he is also member of FCDT committee	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	Approved	
5 Matters arising (not on agenda)	None	
6 Police Update	19 calls. 5 recorded crimes	
7 Correspondence	Nothing significant to report	
8 Falklands Future	(i) Scotch Whisky International Development - Quiet period over Christmas. Formal PAN consultation has officially closed. (ii) Sustrans Places for Everyone Project – nothing significant to report, working with Sustrans project officer to formalise legal agreement to extend project grant period.	
8 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation.	No items of concern for Falkland or Newton in the weekly lists for the period.	
10 Residents Issues	(i) Resident reiterated previous issue of irrigation water abstraction from the burn near the Pillars of Hercules . L Ballantine had raised the issue with Pillars management who confirmed that this was done in accordance with previous agreements.	

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<p>11 Community Council Issues</p>	<p>i) High Street seasonal parking restrictions. JB to formulate response to Fife Council.</p> <p>ii) Defibrillator for new Pharmacy, still not here yet.</p> <p>iii) Christmas lights update – RC had posted on social media (FRHYS), proposing leaving the fountain and Brunton Green lights on during January. Community feedback was very positive so is being implemented. Still to remove and recycle Christmas tree, gardening group have agreed to help. JB, KA &amp; DA will make an audit of condition of lights available in preparation for Christmas 2023.</p> <p>iv) Bruce Fountain and related issues, no updates for several months. Last response was from Scottish Water noting intention to apply for Planning permission for a ‘top up tap’ drinking fountain at Cross Wynd but not actioned yet.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>RC, JB to contact Scottish Water.</p>
<p>12 Cllr McDiarmid Report</p>	<p>i) Reported Car park lighting not working</p> <p>ii) Back Dykes resurfacing – have asked to review surfaces for slip hazard after Cllr.McD personal accident as pedestrian.</p> <p>iii) Have tried to get action on flooding problem at Cock ma Lane. Will keep trying.</p> <p>iv) Reported pothole on Leslie Road</p> <p>v) Asked the Community Development Trust if they would consider allowing Basketball to be played in the hall. Response was negative due to recent redecoration and fragility of fittings etc.</p> <p>vi) Looking into lack of School signage on the Pleasance, received a reply from Roads and transportation to say that no action would be taken. Not happy with this, so will keep on it.</p> <p>RE noted that the bridge near Bamblae playpark has deteriorated again but work in hand to repair.</p>	
<p>13 Other Elected Members Issues</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>14 A.O.C.B</p>	<p>Casual vacancies for councillors for both Falkland (1) and Newton Of Falkland (2 vacancies) had been publicised on social media and previous minutes. 2 expressions of interest were initially received for Falkland but one candidate has not responded further when requested to confirm their continued interest. The other candidate, Jack Reekie has attended recent CC meetings and was present at the meeting. Jack gave a short presentation of his reasons for applying to join the council and what he felt he could contribute. The council then went into private session and members present decided unanimously to elect Jack to the council. It was considered particularly encouraging that he would bring a youth perspective to council business. Jack rejoined the meeting and was welcomed to the council.</p>	

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm Falkland Community Hall.**