



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting – 12th September 2023
held at 7pm at Falkland Community Hall
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair,

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, David Anderson, Roz Esslemont, Stuart Knowles,
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

Councillors: Cllr Holt

Police: nil

Residents: 4

Apologies for absence: Gavin Lawson, Doug Young, Jack Reekie, Cllr Lothian, Cllr McDiarmid

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
3 Declarations of new Interest	None	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	Amendments. i) Cllr Holt was present at the meeting, not absent/ apology. ii) Police crime data reported incorrectly – corrected figures, 15 calls, 2 recorded crimes – dishonesty. Minute s otherwise agreed	Approved
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	None	
6 National Trust Update	Circulated update RC will share on social media.	
7 Police Update	Report circulated to CC members. 20 calls. 2 recorded crimes. 1 Dishonesty, 1 disorder.	
8 CC Election timetable	Nominations should have been submitted; Tuesday 12 th was the closing date. All existing councillors have been reappointed unopposed with exception of Roz who did not submit nomination. Timetable, office bearers will be elected at the first meeting of the new council on Tuesday 10 October.	

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<p>9 Correspondence</p>	<p>Training course(s) for all councillors will be arranged by Fife Council. All councillors will be expected to attend.</p>	
<p>10 Falklands Future</p>	<p>Periodic meeting held with Sustrans contact. Transport Scotland are tightening up reporting procedures. Changes to be made – no carrying over money from one year to the next. More difficult to get money for projects lasting longer than one year. Project still on hold awaiting clarification of other Falkland development proposals (St John s Works site etc)</p>	
<p>11 Planning, Listed Building, Conservation Issues</p>	<p>Planning application for short term let (Class 7)at former childrens foster home was withdrawn but has now been re-submitted for a dwelling house (Class 9). Note this could still be a potential AirBnB. CC will still put in a consultation opposing use for 10 person short term letting. J Smith – noted inaccuracies on application.</p>	
<p>12 Residents Issues</p>	<p>i) J Smith intended stepping down from leading memorial service at war memorial when he retired from CC. JS considers that this should be a Community council led event but Council do not see why this needs to be the case. JS still willing to participate but would prefer someone else to take it. D Anderson to review scope with JS and consider taking it forward.</p> <p>ii) J Smith – important that as many people as possible are made aware of the situation with the church building. Requesting that CC to call a meeting in the hall for community discussion . CC keen to get more background information first , possibly meeting with the minister, before deciding what to do. Supportive of keeping the building in community use but not at expense of Community Hall P Burman – read out a piece he has written with the minister that is being published in the Falkland Society newsletter.</p> <p>iii) Tree on the stag green, showing signs of rot. Is it FC responsibility?</p>	<p>All agree.</p> <p>RC to refer to Cllr McD.</p>
<p>13 Flood Action Group</p>	<p>FAG endeavouring to find a partner who they can go to for support. There are only a few members. JB – CC have applied for funding previously on behalf of Flood action group. CC and FAG will have an informal meeting and discuss options.</p>	

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<p>14 Community Council Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Scotch Whisky International and playpark – Finalised purchase of the site, preparing a planning application, could be the end of November. ii. Community newsletter – postpone discussion to next meeting. iii. Nursery play house replacement – CC will go-ahead to order. iv. Tourist information boards – Still not clear who did the original artwork . Scotch Whisky International prepared to finance new tourist information boards. v. Bank of Scotland closure – will happen at the end of September. Cllr Holt urged CC to keep fighting it. vi. Christmas lights really need to be replaced. This will have to be looked at soon, as its now September. Price differential between commercial lights and ‘normal’ exterior lights is more than 10 times cost. JB will purchase basic replacement set to compare quality etc.. vii. ‘Fife 191’ – new tourist road route. RC not happy that there was no consultation before it was advertised. RC keen to make formal complaint. viii. Falkland Development Group – (CC , SWI, NTS and Estate) Gordon Mole of Fife Council invited to meeting, group looking to get feedback about how FC sees the future of Falkland. NTS confirmed that they will not lead on taking car park forward. 	<p>JB</p> <p>RC will take forward to FC</p>
<p>15 Elected Cllr Issues</p>	<p>Local community planning budget – could be good for Christmas lights. Cllr Holt will forward details.</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p>	<p>None.</p>	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th October, 7pm Falkland.