



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting – 13th February
held at 7pm online
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair,

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, David Anderson, Tara O’Leary, Doug Young, Gavin Lawson, Stuart Knowles,
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

Councillors: Cllr McDiarmid, Cllr Holt

Police: nil

Residents: 2

Apologies for absence: Roz Esslemont, Jack Reekie, Cllr Lothian

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
3 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	Agreed as true record.	Approved.
5 Police update	Police Report circulated to CC members. 13 calls. 1 recorded crime - disorder	Noted.
6 National Trust Update	No update received this month	
7 Falkland Flood Action Group	J Smith and John Brown of FFAG attending; FFAG meeting held on 23/1/24 and was well attended by local Councillors, FC officers and SFF reps. Last inspection of storm drain from east Loan to Cross Wynd by FC found obstacles, debris, cracked pipework. Unable to jet section at bottom of Cross Wynd due to poor condition. FC Roads and Drainage will do further video inspection and determine necessary remedial work, New brash screen (Leaky barrier) at West Loan still being progressed ,will be located further up towards Estate. Playpark equipment will need to be moved around to allow better access for plant and vehicles. FFAG 27/4/24 will hold drop in event Stables Hub – Display of products for home flood defence from Scottish Flood Forum and talks regarding property protection and insurance. Hoping to invite neighbouring communities. FFAG will carry out walk round with Cllr Mcd on 16 th inspecting blocked drains etc and reporting to Fife Council	JB will forward email invitation to neighbouring CC’s

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<p>8 Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. CC office bearer training, RC and JB attended some relevant to them. ii. FC Active Travel Strategy Strategy/ Consultants Jacobs – invitation to online briefing and drop-in sessions, SK attended in Cupar, SK and JB attended online briefing. iii. Request to provide a complaints panel to review a complaint against Lochgelly CC. iv. Sustrans, basis of funding changing for Non- Local Authority partners. 	
<p>9 Matters arising not on the agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Complaint investigation request from Lochgelly. Approached by Lochgelly CC to provide a review panel regarding a formal complaint against the full CC and office bearers from new community councillor. Falkland CC recommended by Fife Council. Involved 35-40 pages of complaints from new councillor. After review, Falkland CC declined request due to extent of resources required. ii. Noted that Community Council had approved (by WhatsApp), a donation of £150 towards Church Lunch Club 30th anniversary lunch in the Covenanter. iii. Proposed meeting re Church future. CC invited, RC will be attending, anyone else interested get in touch with RC. It will be held at 1.30pm on Friday 16th in the Church. iv. Proposal for formation of a Fife wide Community Councils Association. There is a meeting being held at the same time as our meeting tonight, we have asked for details and will discuss at the next meeting. v. Change in agenda, this item (matters arising) is intended to cover items which have already arisen since last meeting . Any completely new items or proposals any councillor wants to introduce at the time of meeting should be raised at A.O.C.B 	
<p>10 Residents Issues</p>	<p>No issues raised</p>	
<p>11 Planning, Listed Building, Conservation Issues</p>	<p>Only one planning application listed since previous meeting which was for new windows. No CC Action required</p>	
<p>12 Falklands Future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Sustrans Projects. Scottish Government are changing funding basis for Places for Everyone scheme. Unlikely that community organisations e.g. CC's or Development Trusts will be allowed to apply for funding for detailed engineering and construction work in the future . It means a closer involvement with Fife Council required going forward.. 	

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<p>12 Falklands Future Cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) Charette report outcomes/Local Place Plan review. Workshop for CC to sit down and go through the executive summary report from the charette and discuss whether to take a LPP forward. iii) Falkland Development Group feedback. Email from NS, Estate is not 'pushing' for carpark at 'Wee Bank' but is willing to consider proposals from others for use of the land. iv) Meeting scheduled for Monday 26th at 4pm in Fife House with Gordon Mole of Fife Council. RC and JB – informal to discuss community involvement in development issues. v) SWI development update. Brief discussion with Keith Rennie today (13th), reassured that project is still progressing but just not as quickly as forecast due to unforeseen factors ('Net zero' compliance etc) SWI will consider issuing project update briefing to Community 	<p>Date to be confirmed.</p>
<p>13 Community Council Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Backdykes Playpark revamp. Nothing happening as SWI are waiting for FC to respond about access issues to fields behind to playpark. ii) Nursery Playhouse status. CC ordered a new playhouse for Falkland PS nursery, this has had to be cancelled as confirmation has not been received from FC to allow it to be installed due to fire risk issues. Investigating Fire resistant materials. iii) Proposed Community Newsletter. NTR. iv) Community Council Training Feedback. RC Governance– good session, a lot of information discussed and worth attending. JB – slide presentation was excellent. Disappointed in Planning training session. Slide presentations will be available to all councillors 	
<p>14 Elected Members Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Defibrillator – in the process of getting paid for. ii) Build out on A92, 20mph. Work isn't complete yet. Few adverse comments on social media. iii) Lights outside the nursing home have been repaired. iv) Fibre broadband installation is under way in the village. v) Village Hall has its 40th Anniversary this year, will the CC be getting involved? 	
<p>A.O.C.B</p>	<p>Moving back to in-person meetings, the pipe band have booked the whole hall, and so CC meetings have been moved to the library for March, April, May and June. Noise levels must be checked before the next meeting and it might have to be held in the church.</p>	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th March – location T.B.C