



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

**Minute of Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
held at 7pm in the Falkland Community Hall  
(public invited to attend)**

**Welcome from Chair**

**Present:** Rod Crawford, John Smith, Jim Brown, Douglas Young, Stuart Knowles, Peter Burman, Lauren Ballantine (minutes)

**Councillors:** Cllr D MacDiarmid, Cllr A Heer, Cllr D Lothian

**Police:** nil

**Residents:** 2

**Apologies for online absence:** Roz Esslemont, Gavin Lawson, Kenny Lumsden

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
3 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	September minute, taken by Lauren Ballantine approved.	Approved.
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	i) Correspondence from John Brown regarding CC ownership of the War Memorial	Add to CC issues
6 Police Update	Monthly report for September - 12 calls relating to Falkland and 2 offences (1 assault, 1 failing to report an accident) Chair intending to invite Community officers to future meetings since they can again attend in-person.	
7 Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Reminder from FC for the annual grant application.</li> <li>ii) Email from Cllr D McD about the proposed roadworks at Westport by Openreach. They were abandoned due to unsuitable means of traffic management.</li> <li>iii) Fife Council, Flood Risk Management consultation for Forth and Tay areas, no reference to Falkland in reports.</li> <li>iv) Resident, Ann Barclay, objecting to the idea of opening the footpath from Car Park / Sugar Acre to the Pleasance.</li> <li>v) Fife Council, re availability of Community Resilience Planning funding. Of possible interest for the Flood Action Group and Hall Committee, JS noted that discussion had been held with CDT on the hall being set as the place of safety in case there is a village emergency.</li> </ul>	



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8 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation	<p>Planning application at Pillars of Hercules for new staff accommodation to replace existing. No comment required</p> <p>PB noted that he is still waiting to hear back from Matthew Price of FC about possible review of the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management plan.</p>	
9 Falkland's Future.	<p>JB, - Sustrans Places for Everyone Project, no significant update. Hoping to have materials prepared for public consultations in November but this is dependent on other workload of consultants.</p> <p>CC intend to have a Tree survey and a topographical survey performed for the area at the bottom of the Leslie hill road in the near future. This is for concept design purposes only and nothing will be implemented without community consultation and agreement .</p>	
10 Residents Issues	None.	
11 Community Council Issues	<p>i) Council Vacancies. John Green who had expressed interest in joining the Community Council for one of the two Newton of Falkland vacancies has withdrawn his application due to other commitments.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding proposals to broaden the make up of the council and in particular the inclusion of new younger members who have notified their interest in the vacant Falkland council position. It was proposed that Peter Burman (currently a co-opted member) should become a 'Nominated Member' (non voting) in his capacity as Chair of the Falkland Society to continue to advise the council on conservation and heritage issues. This proposal has been discussed and approved by the Falkland Society committee. JS has also indicated his willingness to stand down as full council member due to personal commitments to allow the inclusion of new members. Chairman requested JS to remain in a Co-opted role (non voting) to provide support and continuity due to his long standing involvement and also his interest in flood risk and resilience issues which JS agreed. Both of the above proposals were unanimously approved by the council.</p>	Repost vacancies on Newton FB page



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	<p>This means that there are potentially two full council positions available for Falkland residents and would allow both of applicants for the Falkland vacancy to join the Council. David Anderson was in attendance at the meeting and was proposed and unanimously agreed as an elected Council member. Keiran Allan, who was not in attendance at the meeting was unanimously agreed in principle as an elected member subject to confirmation of his acceptance of the position.</p> <p>ii) Bruce Fountain renovation Proposals. PB has discussed a possible study of alternatives with Paul Higginson from ARC Architects, CC officers will meet with him on 12/11 at 12pm to discuss the brief. There will be a charge of £120 for this initial meeting. This expenditure was approved.</p> <p>Brief summary of previous discussions regarding the water situation with the fountain to bring inform new members and residents of the issues.</p> <p>iii) Flood Action Group. No update.</p> <p>iv) Edge of Village car park, no further update.</p> <p>v) Facebook/Website. FB page is still in progress. Community Council Web site, DY would like to step back from webmaster role and is looking to help someone else take on this activity.</p> <p>vi) Lomond Tavern nuisance issues. Cllr D McD gave update. Met with the FC Environmental Control officers and Scott Patrowski, the proprietor of Bruce Taverns Ltd, who own the premises. Major issue was the foul smell and infestation, Owner given a time limit to remove rubbish and clean up. If not then FC will do it and charge the owners.</p> <p>The bins for the owners accommodation above the Lomond have been removed by FC.</p>	



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<p>12 Elected Members Issues  Cllr MacDiarmid's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The footway resurfacing on South Street has been completed.</li> <li>ii) Additional 20 mph reminder signs have been erected in various locations in the village</li> <li>iii) Cross Wynd streetlight has been fixed</li> <li>iv) Give way lines at minor road junctions have been refreshed where required.</li> <li>v) Bollards at Cross Wynd / High St have been reinstated by Gas Networks but workmanship is poor. Cllr. Mcd will ask for it to be redone</li> <li>vi) Patching made to service covers at East Port junction.</li> <li>vii) Moffat and Williamson have confirmed that School bus will continue to pick up/drop off outside the Covenanter and are not willing to move location.</li> <li>viii) Cllr. McD will speak with War Memorial Trust about potential funding for benches at the Cemetery.</li> <li>ix) Dog fouling signs at the cemetery have not been put up yet as Cllr.McD concerned over appearance. CC confirmed design was satisfactory.</li> <li>x) Negotiating to have grass cut at West Loan as not FC land but FC have always cut it before.</li> <li>xi) Getting quotes for the repairs to broken bridges</li> <li>xii) Kerb at shop/bakers still to be fixed</li> <li>xiii) Sent grass current cutting agreement to RC, JB, JS</li> <li>xiv) Royal Terrace and Cameron Drive are to be assessed for pothole and footway repairs.</li> </ul> <p>Comments for Cllr. McD:- DY again requested cobbles at Fayre Earth to be repaired. JS noted drainage in Pleasance north of Lomond Crescent is still very unsatisfactory. Emptying of gullies has not resolved problem and further investigation is required.</p>	
<p>13 A.O.C.B</p>	<p>DY noted that Gardening group are thinking of proposing benches for the planted area on the west side of the Pleasance adjacent to the Pelican crossing. JB commented that the PFE project proposals may involve widening the footway at this location.</p>	

**Next Meeting: - 9<sup>th</sup> November 7pm (to include AGM)**