



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting - 11th January 2021
held at 7pm via Zoom call.
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, Stuart Knowles, John Smith, Peter Burman, Kieran Allan, David Anderson, Doug Young p/t.

Councillors: Cllr D MacDiarmid, **Police:** nil **Residents:** 1

Apologies for absence: Gavin Lawson, , Cllr D Lothian, Douglas Young will be late.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome from chair	
2 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
3 Minute of Previous Meeting	December minute, taken by Lauren Ballantine approved.	
4 Matters arising not on the agenda	i) Queen's Jubilee celebrations, PB to take lead and coordinate with other village organisations	
5 Police Update	Monthly report for December circulated – 16 calls and no recorded crime.	
7 Correspondence	i) Submitted CC annual grant application and accounts ii) Email from Mike Tudor – enquiring about any planned commemorations of Falklands War. Nothing is planned locally but details of national level plans are on British Legion website. iii) Andy Jones (Heids & Hearts Fife) – local community arts charity with objective to improve community wellbeing. They are planning to promote workshops for photography, painting, pottery etc. in N E Fife communities . They will attend to give presentation at next CC meeting in February.	
8 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation	i) No new applications relating to Falkland & Newton of Falkland CC area.	



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9 Falkland's Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) RC – propose to restart stakeholders meeting before next CC meeting to bring everyone up to speed regarding the current status of Sustrans proposals. ii) JB noted that we have a number of comments on the visualisations produced by OPEN, will have –Zoom meeting on Thursday to discuss. No further update at this time iii) Next CC meeting Tuesday 8th February, next Falkland Future Stakeholder meeting scheduled for 7pm Wednesday 2nd (zoom) – important for all Community Councillors and elected members to attend if possible. 	
10 Residents Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Town clock – no lighting for some time. JB to email Keith Rennie to check status ii) A South Street resident has spread a yellow substance to deter dogs which potentially encroaches on pavement and could be harmful. Raise with Fife Council through Cllr McDiarmid if action needs to be taken. 	Action – RC to raise with with Cllr McDiarmid to investigate.
11 Community Council Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Fountain Renovation proposals – RC, JS, PB & JB – to meet to complete application for funding from WMT for next stage of ARC Architects work. ii) Flood Action – meeting to take place at Factory Site with SW and FC , to be reported back to CC at next meeting. iii) Christmas Lights review – feedback. Generally considered no significant issues: National trust had agreed lights on hedge at Palace, unfortunately this didn't take place. RC to email National Trust rep to seek feedback. JS – review lights in advance for 2022 & get in touch with gardening group about possibility of planting a living Christmas tree. Lights at Brunton Green will need to be taken down, inspected , tested and put back up in Autumn. JB – power boxes at Brunton Green also to be reviewed and checked. CC express appreciation to Tony Maxwell (StoveCo) for assisting with lights on Fountain – this has been communicated through social media. CC need to purchase new storage box(es) for Christmas lights as existing damaged.. 	<p>Action – RC, JS, PB & JB, arrange meeting to fill out WMT application.</p> <p>Action – RC to email NTS re hedge lights. RC/JS to investigate with gardening group re planting of living Christmas tree.</p>



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<p>12 Elected Members Issues</p>	<p>i) Cllr MacDiarmid Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back Dykes safety handrail – FC have agreed to delay action so the occupant can move forward with planning application for car port and electric charger. • Assisted bin collection for Walker Trust House resident. Ken Gourlay of FC will look into this. • Road Sign at tennis court reported damaged . • Leaky barrier on Maspie Burn – meeting held within last couple of weeks with FAG and FC . Asking Rick Haynes of FC for updated statement of position. • Cemetery benches – there could be money in locality budget to fund new benches but request may be required from CC. considering Recycled plastic/flameproof benches should be considered to minimise maintenance. • Transport Scotland meeting (to discuss A92 improvements at Freuchie junction) has still not taken place. S Knowles will attend for CC if possible. 	<p>Cllr McD to coordinate with Transport Scotland.</p>
<p>13 A.O.C.B</p>	<p>i) JS – bridges over stream at Balmblae repaired with Craig Esslemont’s help.</p> <p>ii) JS noted Bamblae road is currently in awful state – not sure if FC will do anything. No disabled /buggy access – should look at proposing something to make good to footpath standard and also accommodate vehicle access. JB/JS to initiate & invite elected Cllrs to consider & support proposals. Cllr McDiarmid queried if excess hardcore from Smith Anderson site could be used. JS noted that this is of poor quality and would not be suitable. Post Meeting Note; Cllr McD has contacted FC officer to request support for upgrade of unadopted track due to public access requirements to playpark.</p>	<p>Action – JB/JS to initiate proposals..</p>

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th February 2022, Venue T.B.C.