



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting – 8th February 2022
held at 7pm via Zoom call.
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair

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

Councillors: nil **Police:** nil **Residents:** 1

Apologies for absence: Cllr D MacDiarmid, Gavin Lawson, Roz Esslemont, Cllr D Lothian, Wendy Purvis

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome from chair	
2 Presentation – Heids & Herts	Presentation from Andy Jones, Heids & Herts Charitable Organisation. CC supportive of Heids & Herts work and happy to support efforts in local area.	
3 Presentation – National Trust for Scotland	Presentation with National Trust for Scotland – postponed.	
4 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
5 Minute of Previous Meeting	January minute, taken by Lauren Ballantine approved. Clarification from PB to take lead on Queens Jubilee Celebrations rather than separate sub-group to be established. Peter has been making contact with other organisations in Falkland and across Fife.	Approved.
6 Matters arising not on the agenda	None.	
7 Police Update	Monthly report for January circulated. Police arranged visits to engage with children. Potential for face to face meeting in April. There had been 9 calls to police from Falkland. These included road traffic incidents and assistance to a member of the public. There had been no recorded crime.	
8 Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) JB: National Planning Framework 4 publication and associated consultation. Forthcoming seminars available if anyone is interested. ii) RC: Local Place Plans discussion – links to previous Charette exercise in the village. JB – session to look at previous reports & identify relevant elements for progressing action. All relevant reports to be 	JB – to circulate relevant reports for previous Charette exercise to all CC members.



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	<p>circulated to CC members.</p> <p>iii) Discussion around request from Fife Council to use one generic email address for CC matters. Agreed to set up single generic email address with access for all CC office bearers. Potential for physical filing cabinet at the library. Items from hall (now deli), query around where to store items.</p>	<p>Generic CC email address to be set up with access provided to CC office bearers.</p> <p>JB – investigate potential for physical filing cabinet for storing CC records/files at the library.</p>
<p>8 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation</p>	<p>i) No applications relating to Falkland & Newton of Falkland CC area.</p> <p>Number of issues raised:</p> <p>ii) Replacement boiler at the stables.</p> <p>iii) Notification Falkland Estate were refused permission to relax visibility standards at the new forest car park.</p> <p>iv) RC - toilet block at stables require planning permission? Clarification from JS – toilets to be connected to mains sewer, which should eliminate any odour, issues.</p>	
<p>9 Falkland's Future</p>	<p>i) JB – finalising Sustrans visualisation. New contact at Sustrans, no direct contact made yet. Sustrans tightened up policies, greater level of commitment by local authority including formal participation agreement by Fife Council. JB investigating format to take forward. SK – representation needed at correct level. SK has contact and will investigate.</p> <p>ii) RC – hoping education evening will bring community up to speed. Agreed to reschedule meeting before next CC meeting. Special Stakeholders meeting 2/3/22 with JB/SK leading and FC councillors to attend. Formal buy in from Fife Council and CC required. Agreed to progress online meeting (7pm).</p>	<p>Action – arrange next Stakeholders meeting & circulate details.</p>
<p>10 Residents Issues</p>	<p>i) Resident query – Lomond Crescent bench in need of repair and agreed (JS) to pass on to Cllr MacDiarmid to investigate.</p> <p>ii) DY – public litterbins need emptied.</p> <p>iii) Previous query in relation to dog repellent discussed at previous meeting – Cllr MacDiarmid to chase up and provide response.</p>	<p>Action – raise with Cllr MacDiarmid to investigate.</p>



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<p>11 Community Council Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Fountain. PB – 2 meetings since last CC meeting. KA & DA joined. Constructive meeting with Scottish Water – to receive minutes & progress once reviewed options. Application to War Memorial Trust to be paused until outcomes known of future options appraisal by Scottish Water. JB – warned about costs of cleaning, maintenance, testing. RC – still hopeful of options being available & await outcome of options appraisal and further discussions. ii) Flood Action. JS – to report at next CC meeting. iii) JB – meeting with Scottish Water and Fife Council on East Loan. Need to establish ownership of land at water culvert at play park. Fife Council and Falkland Estate claim this is not within their ownership. RC – raise issue with historic records for wells, etc., in the area. iv) Hall generator. JS provided update on the position on having access to/purchasing hall generator for back-up power in case of emergency. JS to explore further options available. v) Christmas lights feedback. Issue with lack of lights on palace hedge – new contact. Discussion of placement of tree in church grounds. Explore options for 2022, including liaison with Session Committee of Church. Since last meeting various emails in relation to selling off lights. Ladybank to explore and report back to RC/JB. vi) Fife Transport Strategy (feedback). Lead officer involved, RC & SK attended meeting 20/30 people with various sub-groups. Generally constructive engagement. Bike Strategy report due soon – to create highway network between towns in NE Fife to promote safer cycling. BEAR Scotland meeting – construction of cycle path from Balfarg to New Inn roundabout led by Transport Scotland/BEAR and not Fife Council. RC – lack of access to integrated transport to/from Falkland highlighted as issue. BEAR Scotland meeting – discussed various traffic measures considered for Freuchie. Costings being explored to implement this year or next. vii) Queens Jubilee celebrations. PB leading & provided updated on current suggestions including liaising 	<p>Action – continue to investigate options for fountain.</p> <p>Action – JS to continue to investigate options for back-up generator at hall.</p> <p>Action – PB to continue leading on Queens Jubilee celebration options.</p>
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	with organisations in local area who could contribute to celebrations e.g. sports clubs in village. PB to follow up with various suggestions.	
12 Elected Members Issues	None.	
13 A.O.C.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) GL and JS did walk through at Newton. To raise to Cllrs. ii) Issues raised with various flooding incidents & ongoing issues e.g. Football field, Jubilee Crescent. Vegetation removed which blocked gullies. Investigating rights of way, which are being blocked. iii) Noticeboard needing revamped. iv) PB – encourage CC minutes to be circulated timeously. 	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th March 2022