



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

**Minute of Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
held at 7pm at Falkland Community Hall  
(public invited to attend)**

**Welcome from Chair**

**Present:** Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, John Smith, Roz Esslemont, David Anderson, Kieran Allan, Stuart Knowles, former Cllr Andy Heer, Lauren Ballantine (minutes)

**Councillors:** nil      **Police:** nil      **Residents:** two

**Apologies for absence:** Peter Burman, Douglas Young, Gavin Lawson, Cllr Donald Lothian, Cllr David McDiarmid

| Agenda Item                            | Discussion  | Action   |
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| 1                                      | Welcome from chair  |  |
| 2<br>Declarations of new Interest      | None.   |  |
| 3<br>Minute of Previous Meeting        | April minute, taken by Lauren Ballantine. Approved.   |  |
| 4<br>Matters arising not on the agenda | <p>(i) Chair thanked former Cllr Andy Heer for his work as an elected Fife Council member subsequent to his unsuccessful re-election bid. AH – thanked CC for all their work and rising to challenges and wished the CC all success for the future..</p> <p>(ii) Jubilee Celebrations – Margo Brunton confirmed that a Jubilee Picnic event is taking place at the Palace on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June organised by herself and John Smith and requested helpers to assist with celebrations on day of event and prior to. Wet weather strategy to be developed. RE agreed to liaise with primary school headteacher over potential assistance for celebrations. Potential for gardening group &amp; Falkland House students to assist. JB will investigate if Arnold Clark community fund is potential funding source. RC – disabled toilet requirements, CC could potentially provide a contribution. CC noted that Falkland Festival team are hosting a separate major community event at Tyndall Bruce park later in June.</p> | <p>RE - liaise with primary school headteacher</p> <p>RC/JB – to confirm CC contribution for temporary disabled toilet costs .</p> |
| 5<br>Police Update                     | Monthly report for April circulated. 11 calls. 1 recorded crime, communications offence   |  |

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| 6<br>Correspondence                              | N.T.R.   |        |
| 7<br>Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation | i) JS noted his own application for garden building, CC confirmed no comment comment.<br>ii) Moncrief House (High Street) – noted Falkland Stewardship Trust have submitted LBC for internal alterations, no comment required.   |        |
| 8<br>Falkland's Future/<br>Sustrans PfE Project  | i) Follow up meeting held with Sustrans on 10/05. Noted that our temporary replacement Project Officer at Sustrans has already been replaced but this may also be an interim position for number of weeks only. Difficult to maintain and continuity /momentum in circumstances. Requirement for senior level meeting with Fife Council remains but proving difficult to organise. Also need meeting will all FC elected Ward members to confirm support prior to public consultations.  |        |
| 9<br>Residents Issues                            | i) Resident (BG) raised concerns regarding situation at Auchtermuchty Medical Practice and also lack of dentist locally and requested if CC could raise matter with Fife Council. RC noted this is not necessarily a FC issue, more for NHS Fife. CC to make contact with Auchtermuchty/Strathmiglo CC to propose follow up on previous meeting held with Medical Practice before COVID.   | RC     |
| 10<br>Community Council Issues                   | i) Bruce Fountain. Following previous meeting with Scott McComb of Scottish Water – waiting for response before moving on any further action with with ARC Architects. Adam Warner (Corporate Affairs Manager, Scottish Water) confirmed they are still reviewing potential for installation of new type water fountain. Scottish Water have confirmed that the Bruce Fountain was not suitable to have for drinking water fountain. Any restoration of Bruce Fountain water flow would have to be on recycling basis (non potable) and would need to be an independently funded project by the Community.<br>ii) Flooding. No update. Meeting in Perth scheduled.<br>iii) Community Hall generator. This has returned after being overhauled.<br>iv) Queens Jubilee. See update above.<br>v) Public seating Benches. 8 to be repaired/replaced and funding secured through FC to replace. Benches at Victoria Place/Castle Park will be |        |

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|                                 | included in scope . Also potential for bench at green space in Newton. Noted that PB has raised concern about plastic bench design.   |               |
| 11<br>Cllr McDiarmid<br>Report  | i) No update – Cllr McDiarmid not in attendance.  |               |
| 12<br>Elected Members<br>Issues | None.   |               |
| 13<br>A.O.C.B                   | i) JS is proposing a new information board at Fayre Earth to be double sided , with one side available for community notices .<br>ii) SK noted Art Club has moved back to Falkland Community Hall – good news & concession rate to use facilities negotiated. |               |

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**