



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting – 13th September 2022
held at 7pm at Falkland Community Hall
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, Roz Esslemont, John Smith, David Anderson, Stuart Knowles, Kieran Allan, Doug Young.

Minutes – RE.

Councillors: Cllr D. McDiarmid, Cllr D. Lothian **Police:** nil **Residents:** 1

Apologies for absence: Gavin Lawson, Gary Holt, Lauren Ballantine

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome from chair	
2 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
3 Minute of Previous Meeting	Approved	Approved
4 Matters arising not on the agenda	None.	
5 Police Update	Monthly report circulated - 34 calls, 3 recorded crimes for Falkland and Newton of Falkland	RE to revisit Community Speed Check issue with Parent Council.
6 Correspondence	(i) From Auchtermuchty CC – summary of meeting with Auchtermuchty Medical Surgery. (ii) Public notice regarding Scottish Whisky 2 nd PAN consultation, now deferred to 9 th Nov. to allow for more time to consider issues/concerns from first consultation.	
7 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation	(i) No significant new planning applications over the last 6 weeks. (ii) Whinstone (former childrens Foster Home) applied for certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for an AirBnB for 10 guests, this was refused. Full planning application is required.	

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<p>8 Falkland's Future</p>	<p>i) Falkland Development Group consisting of Community Council, Falkland Estate, National Trust for Scotland, Scotch Whisky Investments and Falkland Community Development Trust held initial meeting. The forming of the group was initiated by CC to ensure adequate information is shared with Community about proposed upcoming major developments affecting Falkland. Note - Community consultation event (exhibition) now provisionally planned for 26th October</p> <p>ii) Sustrans Places for Everyone project – Awaiting clarification regarding effects of other proposed developments before proceeding to public consultation on this. Meeting planned with Fife Council Roads and Transportation managers to present proposals to establish FC 'buy-in'.</p>	
<p>10 Residents Issues</p>	<p>Betty Gilchrist enquired if remembrance Poppy display on lampposts, similar to Milnathort and Kinross, could be done in Falkland.</p>	<p>JS to investigate if this can be arranged.</p>
<p>11 Community Council Issues</p>	<p>i) Bruce Fountain –some discussion has taken place regarding possibility to bring supply pipe down from hill springs through the existing culvert from East Port to the Square. Scotch Whisky International will consider supporting this if feasible. This would not qualify as drinking water fountain and would be ornamental only. Recent surveys have however discovered weak culvert section at Cross Wynd that may require remedial work. Recap that CC had met previously with reps from Scottish Water (SW) regarding provision of an additional modern 'top up tap' drinking water fountain FoC by SW. They had initial reservations due to the size of Falkland but this was explored and details were shared about the tourism footfall in Falkland. CC still awaiting a response from SW but there are 1600 applications for 200 water fountains available under the programme.</p> <p>ii) Flood Action Group. A new Brash Screen will be provided at West Loan to replace existing 'leaky barrier'. FAG are investigating affiliation to Community Development Trust</p> <p>iii) Benches – 7 new benches have been installed and some other exiting benches have been refurbished by Community Payback team. 8th bench to be installed in Newton..</p> <p>iv) Defibrillator – Rusty Fox happy for it to remain if the unit electricity consumption is tested as satisfactory. Lomond Pharmacy have offered to install another defib unit and will pay for half. CC have ring fenced</p>	<p>JB/JS to investigate further</p> <p>Cllr McD to discuss with Raymond.</p>

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	<p>funds to support installation of second defibrillator at Pharmacy and all agreed this way forward.</p> <p>v) Christmas Lights – Current lights need to be PAT tested and a decision made on what lights will be displayed this year and requirement for additional lights / cables. NTS had offered to install lights on the hedge last year although this was not done as their lights could not be tested in time. NTS to be contacted for this years display</p> <p>vi) Remembrance Sunday – Kieran Allen has offered to take on JS’ role at the War Memorial event.</p> <p>vii) School playing field – Mrs Munro (headteacher) has asked for the CC support in her decision to lock the field gate on Newton Road outside of school hours, children can still access field through the school entrance.</p>	<p>JB to investigate contractor for testing and NTS status</p> <p>CC and Cllr McD support the school’s decision.</p>
<p>12 Cllr McDiarmid Report</p>	<p>i) Benches – All benches now installed by FC.</p> <p>ii) Newton playpark – All equipment has been painted by Community Payback team, decayed wood panels on the roundabout have been repaired by Craig Esslemont – a big thank you to all involved.</p> <p>iii) West Port – FC have said they will repair subsidence damage to the road at the ‘Wee Hoose’.</p> <p>iv) Back Dykes – Road resurfacing is now complete. Very professional job, completed within 4½ days. Still waiting for white lines to be painted.</p> <p>v) Castle Park – working with DY/Garden Group to source and price planters, Quote for 3 planters to be submitted to WMT for funding.</p> <p>vi) Westport – Hedge from ‘Hidden Place’ sign to Estate gates has been cut back by FC on a ‘one-off’ basis after reporting that people were having to walk on a busy road. FC maintain this is Estate responsibility.</p> <p>vii) West Loan / Balmbrae bridges – will not be repaired by the estate as it disputes ownership. Will ask community payback team again to repair.</p> <p>viii) Castle Park – No water supply yet for planters, will chase it up.</p> <p>ix) West Loan/Balmbrae playpark – FC will repair fences.</p> <p>x) Newton – Overhanging bushes at west end of village to be addressed.</p> <p>xi) Walkabout – A ‘vacuum boomer’ (gully sucker) will visit the village shortly to empty gullies and identify blockages to be dealt with. Have been promised that they will fix every blocked gully reported.</p> <p>xii) Mill Wynd – Bridge damage has been reported.</p> <p>xiii) Duck Pond – have been approached by residents about draining the pond. Will speak to Ninian.</p>	

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	<p>xiv) Falkland Public Toilets – now reopened and refurbished. Asked about payment by card.</p> <p>xv) Hill Road – Reported hazardous state of road, particularly to Craigmead.</p> <p>xvi) Bench outside Bank – have been told by payback team that base of legs are rotten beyond repair. Quote to replace it is £1,100, FC happy to procure and install. Approach WMT for funding or locality budget again?</p> <p>xvii) Cllr McD has been approached by persons interested in starting a youth club for the village. CC expressed full support for this initiative. RE to raise at parent council meeting.</p>	
13 Other Elected Members Issues	None	
14 A.O.C.B	None.	

Next Meeting: 11th October 2022 – Newton of Falkland Hall at 7:00 pm