



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting – 11th October 2022
held at 7pm at Newton Community Hall
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, Roz Esslemont, John Smith, David Anderson, Stuart Knowles,
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

Councillors: Cllr D. McDiarmid (arrived late), Cllr D. Lothian, Cllr G. Holt **Police:** nil **Residents:** 5

Apologies for absence: Gavin Lawson, Kieran Allan, Doug Young, Peter Burnam

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
2	Welcome from chair	
3 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	All agree accurate.	Approved
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	None.	
6 Police Update	Monthly report circulated - 16 calls, 3 recorded crimes Speeding Campaign – going to be looking for local volunteers	RE to circulate with parent group who previously volunteered before Covid
7 Correspondence	(i) Campaign for Children’s Panel member recruitment (ii) Planning regulations update from Scottish Government, planning procedures will be going back to pre-covid basis. (iii) Falkland Stewardship Trust, sewage connection to the stables. Request letter for funding support. (iv) Living well locally survey (v) Fife council annual grant application (vi) RC, personal email from Ninian Stuart. Estate are working with independent film maker Alex Genova, asking if Rod Crawford would like to take part as a resident and as chair of Community Council.	Posted to social media CC replied with support Posted to social media JB to submit after AGM CC agreed RC should be open to meeting.
7 Falklands Future	(i) Feedback Development Group (Community Council, Falkland Estate, National Trust Scotland, Scotch Whisky Investments) Proposing a consultation	

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	<p>meeting/exhibition in Falkland Community Hall on 26th October 2-7pm.</p> <p>(ii) Scotch Whisky Investments will hold second formal planning PAC consultation on Tuesday 29th November in Falkland Community Hall 2-7pm</p> <p>(iii) Sustrans Places for Everyone project– contact made with new Sustrans contact. Meeting on Wednesday 12th October with Fife Roads and Transportation to seek formal FC buy-in for Project. Community Council would also like meeting with elected members to review proposed schemes.</p>	
<p>8 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation.</p>	<p>No significant new issues.</p>	
<p>10 Residents Issues</p>	<p>Residents raised concerns regarding social media comments about NTS and potential impact on the bowling club/football club to make way for Palace car and coach parking.</p> <p>NTS had been invited to attend CC meeting but were not available. NTS did provide following statement regarding the Bowling Club. <i>“No letters have been issued to the club terminating their lease or serving notice in any way. There are no confirmed plans from the NTS as to the future of the club and we look forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary with them next year.”</i></p> <p>Community Council have not seen current NTS plans for the site. The event on 26th October will hopefully provide clarification.</p>	<p>CC noted that their responsibility is to clarify and represent the views of the Community.</p>
<p>11 Community Council Issues</p>	<p>i) Fountain – Nothing new to report</p> <p>ii) Flood Action Group - Moving slowly re Brash Screen, site identified but waiting on Falkland Estate and Fife Council to agree ownership/responsibility</p> <p>iii) Falkland Community Development Trust – Concerns over its continuity going forward due to forthcoming departure of its Chair and possibly other office bearers. CC expressed strong support for FCDT as Hall and Library essential elements of Community life. Suggestion to compile a list of all associations and clubs in Falkland and their scope/details.</p> <p>iv) Defibrillator – Cllr McD has spoken to Raymond Kelly who has indicated willingness to contribute to additional defibrillator at Pharmacy. Waiting to hear back from Kirsty Drummond of ‘First Responders’ with costings. Electricity charges for current defibrillator at Rusty Fox are being checked</p>	<p>2 residents happy to organise with JS / JB.</p>

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	<p>and owner is willing to continue if these are not excessive.</p> <p>v) Christmas Lights – JB has contacted NTS about provision of lights on the Holly hedge outside Palace, still waiting response. This was offered last year but NTS were unable to get lights PAT tested. Proposal from Winter Festival – Would like to borrow Community Council lights for car park and have the village Christmas light switch on the same day as the festival (December 3rd) Would also like to offer help with the Christmas tree and other lights.</p> <p>vi) Remembrance Sunday – KA agreed taking on JS role at ceremony, meeting with the minister has been set up to coordinate. JS will collect CC wreath from Rollos in Cupar.</p> <p>vii) November CC meeting will also be the AGM. Tuesday 8th, 7pm in Falkland Hall.</p>	<p>CC welcomed festival proposal. Agree to target having lights organised the week before 3rd December.</p>
<p>12 Cllr McDiarmid Report</p>	<p>i) Irfan has experienced some harassment from Fife Council over the public litter bin outside his shop. Accused of filling with shop rubbish. CC expressed concern over this as Irfan an important member of Falkland community who has provided exceptional service particularly during Covid.</p> <p>ii) Newton bench has now been replaced</p> <p>iii) Community Hall generator: site visit will take place Monday 17th at 9am</p> <p>iv) Tap for new Castle Park planters has been re-applied for. Gardening Group have confirmed unlikely to have new tubs planted until Spring so not urgent.</p> <p>v) Back Dykes Terrace – White lining to be finished</p> <p>vi) New contractor for A92 maintenance works has been appointed– Amey replacing BEAR– Cllr McD looking at a date for a meeting re Freuchie junction upgrade.</p> <p>vii) Youth Club proposed to commence Mondays in November, 6-8pm in Falkland Community Hall. Will be for Primary School age.</p> <p>JS raised issue about public toilet signage and cleaning/repair of Falkland gateway signs.</p>	<p>Cllr McD raising matter with FC</p>
<p>13 Elected Members Issues</p>	<p>(i) Cllr DL – Footpath between Falkland and Dunshalt should be cleared and repaired by the end of the year.</p> <p>(ii) Cllr GH – Noted proposal that Stagecoach Number 36 bus is being cancelled on Sundays. Affects mostly Newburgh. Raising issue with Fife Council</p>	

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	and Moffat and Williamson for alternative proposals.	
14 A.O.C.B	None.	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th November, 7pm Falkland Community Hall.

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