



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

**Minute of Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
held at 7pm at Falkland Community Hall  
(public invited to attend)**

**Welcome from Chair,**

**Present:** Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, David Anderson, Stuart Knowles, Doug Young, Kieran Allan, Jack Reekie  
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

**Councillors:** Cllr Holt, Cllr McDiarmid (arrived late)

**Police:** nil

**Residents:** nil

**Apologies for absence:** Gavin Lawson, Roz Esslemont

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
3 Declarations of new Interest	It was noted that Stuart Knowles is not a board member / Trustee of Falkland Community Development Trust. The previous declaration was due to a misunderstanding.	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	Agreed	Approved
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	(i) Litter picking for Coronation community volunteering activity. (ii) Dog fouling at cemetery.	
6 Police Update	Report circulated toCC members . 12 Calls – 4 Crimes – all dishonesty Cllr Holt – community needs to be alert to a few incidents where doors have been tried in several Howe villages including Falkland. Community Police officers have indicated that would like to attend a Community Council meeting in the near future.	
7 Correspondence	(i) Mail from Sustrans – attaching updated legal agreement to be signed by CC, extending unused funding to next financial year. (ii) Papers for North East Fife Local Committee Meeting, interesting to see how Fife Cllr’s handle local area business. Some CC’s request councillors to take specific issues to committee but elected members noted this was difficult to arrange as agenda drawn up by Council officers.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Response from FC Democratic services regarding timing of CC elections – date has not been fixed. Current council will run until September.</li> <li>(iv) Official notice regarding community provisions for the Coronation</li> <li>(v) Fife council – insurance for Community Council, questionnaire to be completed</li> <li>(vi) Cemetery – implications for Falkland.</li> <li>(vii) Mail regarding possible support for CC Website development – FNFCC already have one so probably not appropriate for us– future discussion required for who takes it on and develops it.</li> <li>(viii) Mail from FC regarding support for development of Local Place Plans by Communities</li> </ul>	RC will circulate
8 Falklands Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Development group feedback – Meeting held on 31/1. Discussion centred on NTS proposals. Representatives from Estate, NTS and SWI present. CC emphasised strong community opposition to any adverse effects on Bowling and Football clubs</li> <li>(ii) Falkland Estates future transition, moving from Estate Trust to Stewardship Trust – Feedback from people who attended event. RC noted ‘Community ownership’ proposal have been around for many years. Document available on Estate website also answering FAQ’s, – worth reading for what it could mean for the community.</li> <li>(iii) Sustrans – work ongoing to rebuild contact with new Sustrans contact. Possible site visit by new rep in coming months, some administration formalities to be dealt with.</li> </ul>	RC, JB, SK sit down to discuss.
9 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation.	Scottish Water top up tap – Planning application by Scottish water for location adjacent to planters and seat at Fayre Earth. If successful, Falkland will be the smallest community in Scotland to receive one. RC has responded for CC in support.	
10 Residents Issues	N.T.R.	
11 Community Council Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Parking restrictions - request from FC for comments – JB has been in contact with Roads and Transportation. Still working on final response, issue with area in front of the palace.</li> <li>ii. Scotch Whisky playpark consultation – community meeting scheduled on 9/2 for revamping of Back Dykes Terrace top park. RE will lead this activity for CC. Will look at what children and community wants, meeting with primary and High school children with the aim to make facilities available for wider age group. SWI are offering to fund revamp and are working in conjunction with FC. Community Council involvement in leading Play park consultation does not confirm CC</li> </ul>	

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	<p>backing for Scotch Whisky Factory site proposals. This issue has to be considered separately when Planning application is submitted</p> <p>iii. Additional Defibrillator – 2-month delay</p> <p>iv. Christmas lights – Hugely positive response to keeping lights on until 14/2. Wires need to be changed, leave the lights until Springtime.</p> <p>v. Coronation planning – DY – Gardening group, litter picking to make the village look better. Working with school? Could be the volunteer day.</p> <p>vi. Internal Business meeting – for community councillors to discuss what their roles are and how to improve communication etc.– proposed date for 28/2</p>	<p>RC will contact Tony Maxwell to take lights down.</p> <p>LB to contact school.</p>
<p>12 Cllr McDiarmid Report</p>	<p>Apologies for being late.</p> <p>i. Roger Honeyman of FC will action billing of £4,000 to CC for benches.</p> <p>ii. 30 mph speed limit extension to Tennis Courts, should be agreed 15/2 at area committee meeting.</p> <p>iii. Back Dykes Terrace – Skid Resistance results – its ok.</p> <p>iv. Asked for dog fouling signage to be put back at the Cemetery.</p> <p>v. Car Park lights – Scottish Power fault now. Initial FC work failed, so it is a supply fault.</p> <p>vi. A912 resurfacing/Pleasance – thanked FC.</p> <p>vii. Spoken with Scotch Whisky/RE – New playpark, should be thinking big.</p> <p>viii. Ian Robertson FC ‘gully guru’ – will recontact for Falkland actions .</p> <p>ix. Build out at The Riggs – pencilled in for end of March</p> <p>x. Updating FC on potholes as they come across.</p>	
<p>13 Elected Members Issues</p>	<p>N.T.R.</p>	
<p>14 A.O.C.B</p>	<p>N.T.R.</p>	

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm Falkand.**