



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

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

**Welcome from Chair,**

**Present:** Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, David Anderson, Stuart Knowles, Kieran Allan, Doug Young (until 8pm)  
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

**Councillors:** Cllr Holt, Cllr McDiarmid      **Police:** nil      **Residents:** 2

**Apologies for absence:** Gavin Lawson, Roz Esslemont, Jack Reekie, Cllr Lothian

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
3 Declarations of new Interest	None	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	Agreed	Approved
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	(i) CC issues –DY proposed to discuss litter picking as Community voluntary event under Coronation planning. (ii) Local Place Plans – JB noted Fife Council schedule for inclusion of these in next 'Fifeplan' (iii) KA – Future planning Remembrance Day and contact from Polish community	
6 Police Update	Report circulated to CC members. 10 calls. 1 recorded crime – disorder Police still seeking volunteers for Community Speed Watch. RC will extend invitation for Community Officers to attend future meeting.	
7 Correspondence	(i) Email received regarding 'Creative Community Spaces', an initiative of 'Heids and Hearts', on 26/4/23 there will be a conference at the Stables. They are inviting representatives of community trusts and community councils, up to 2 members each. Issues coming up in communities are local transport, fundraising, energy efficiency etc. Will review challenges across 16 Community Halls in Howe of Fife. Peter McCaughey from 'Wave Particle' who was involved in Charrette will facilitate . RC JB will attend. SK as back up.  (ii) Email from School Nursery parent to JB and RE, concern that some nursery outside play equipment has been condemned and removed with no arrangements to	

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	<p>replace. RE will discuss needs and funding with Head Teacher.</p> <p>(iii) FC Consultation on local transport needs, survey to be completed by 3/4/23, access on FC website.</p> <p>(iv) Query from Howe resident about whether CC were consulted about introduction of parking charges in the Lomond's car parks. CC were not consulted. Robbie Blyth of FCDT is willing to come to CC's to talk about why introduced. CC will extend invitation.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>RC</p>
<p align="center">8 Falklands Future</p>	<p>(i) Falkland Development group (CC, NTS, SWI and Estate)–, JB and RE attended recent meeting . Not a lot discussed. SWI hoping to have the planning application for their proposed development submitted by the beginning of May. NTS and Estate noted they have not received letters from Bowling Club or Football Club giving any agreement to move from current locations. This situation appears to be very confusing as clubs have been told separately that nothing firm has been decided Back Dykes Play Park redevelopment, SWI intend to fund. Cllr McD raised concerns lack of sports equipment in presentations e.g. 'MUGA' and felt consultation is being aimed at too young a cohort. RE acknowledged equipment supplier had focussed presentations on younger kids, this had been pointed out at consultation and sports facilities and outdoor gym equipment were also covered in the company's brochures. CC are pushing for inclusion of sports and gym equipment for an older user group as well. RC, encouraged Cllr McD to contact K Rennie with concerns.</p> <p>(ii) Sustrans PfE Project – N.T.R.</p>	
<p align="center">9 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation.</p>	<p>(i) Planning application for 'Top up tap' has been approved by Planning.</p> <p>(ii) Scaled down application for extensions at 'Kerkyra' at Factory Brae. This is amendment to current planning permission, now for single storey and basement extension only . JB noted there no specific planning grounds for objection to the amended scheme although CC strongly opposed to faulty way in which original application was decided. No further action.</p>	
<p align="center">10 Residents Issues</p>	<p>(i) Resident noted from Flood Action Group that agreement seemed to have been reached over new brash screen' leaky barrier in the Estate. Estate have agreed and FC agreed to provide and install. Concerns about flooding and who takes responsibility for barrier. Resident also queried who is responsible for the West Loan playpark re - insurance if there is an accident? Understanding is that FC have adopted that playpark and are responsible to be confirmed.</p>	

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	<p>RC will Invite the Flood Action Group to next meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Resident expressed concerns over the pedestrian crossing at the school junction, very bad – not just for children.</p> <p>Cllr McD has discussed recent incident with police, read email aloud that he sent to Ken Gourlay of FC and others, over incidents.</p> <p>JB proposed that CC request a joint meeting with Fife Council Roads and Transportation involving representatives from all stakeholders, School and parent council, elected Fife councillors and Community Council. Agreed and fully supported by elected members</p> <p>(iii) DY proposed community Litter picking involving children from the school and the Gardening group as volunteer activity as part of Coronation activities. RE will raise at next PC meeting and get feedback</p>	<p>RC to send letter</p>
<p align="center">11 Community Council Issues</p>	<p>(i) Defibrillator – Cllr McD has been told that it would be in at the end of March.</p> <p>(ii) Local Place Plans – new part of Scottish planning legislation. Fife Council are calling for LPP 's to be prepared and submitted by Communities by early 2024 for inclusion in the Local Area Plan process. Falkland has so many things going on, e.g .SWI development and NTS proposals etc.that it is hard to work up a coherent LPP until other information becomes clearer . Hope to consolidate previous ideas. (School – likely population in coming years, new early years building etc) All strongly agree to get involved. JB will contact Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) to get traing and mentoring for LPP preparation,</p> <p>(iii) Remembrance Sunday and other activities, The Polish Consulate are organising activities in Scotland to commemorate the presence of Free Polish Forces in Scotland during WW2 and in particular the anniversary of Operation Market Garden where Polish Airborne troops were involved. They would like Falkland to be involved as the forces were based here and in recognition of the welcome they received at last years Remembrance Activities.</p> <p>RC – supportive of approach, asked for Cllr McD and KA to liaise with each other to arrange.</p>	
<p align="center">12 Cllr McDiarmid Report</p>	<p>(i) Back Wynd car park lighting, Scottish power will be on site from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March to effect repairs.</p> <p>(ii) Dog fouling signage in the cemetery received complaint from resident as unsightly and unnecessary FC Bereavement Services took signs down from fences, Cllr McD sent photo evidence of fouling and signs were reinstated. Complaint was made again, BS have been in touch with complainant with photographic evidence noting that signs will be staying in place.</p>	

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	(iii) Youth Club will begin Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March. Express good luck and success. It's needed for the children in the village.	RC, CC endorse well wishes
13 Elected Members Issues	Clit Holt, reiterated comments about input to Transportation survey for local bus services.	
14 A.O.C.B	None	

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm Falkland Community Hall .**

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