



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting – 9th January 2024
held at 7pm online
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair, Happy New Year wishes.

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, Doug Young, Jack Reekie, Gavin Lawson, Roz Esslemont, Stuart Knowles.
Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

Councillors: Cllr McDiarmid, Cllr Holt **Police:** nil **Residents:** 4

Apologies for absence: Cllr Lothian, Tara O’Leary, David Anderson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
3 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	Agreed as true record.	Approved.
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	None	
6 Flood Action Group	<p>John Brown of FAG gave overview of flooding impact on the 27th of December.</p> <p>River Track monitoring system indicated probability of flooding in the morning. Residents used their flood gates where fitted. Phone call to Fife Council who sent out sandbags. Paul Laidlaw of Scottish Flood Forum brought drying equipment. 2 houses had minor flooding.</p> <p>Damage to the Balmbrae path/track - very badly eroded and dangerous for walkers etc. Fife Council responded with barriers and cones.</p> <p>Residents cars trapped in place at West end. There have been reassurances that temporary repairs will be made quickly.</p> <p>Estate Gates – This event saw a huge amount of water coming down the estate road, the pond is now even more silted. Area around the lodge flooded with water flowing directly across the road and down banking to Maspie Burn. Call for the bed of the stream from the lodge to the tunnel to be cleared out – this would keep it confined to the stream.</p> <p>A surface water drain in the Estate has been covered over from when the road was re-surfaced. J Smith will contact the estate about this.</p> <p>Surface water drains are choked, FC need to fix this. Cllr McD will report.</p>	

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<p>7 National Trust Update</p>	<p>No update was received this month.</p>	
<p>8 Police Update</p>	<p>Police Report circulated to CC members.</p> <p>Appeal for community members to volunteer for the Community Speed Watch Campaign.</p> <p>14 calls. 2 recorded crimes – dishonesty and a road traffic offence.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>9 Correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Invitation from Fife Community Climate Network, holding a workshop on 14th February in the Arts Centre in Newport about how to take climate action in your community. ii) Annual grant form has been submitted and acknowledged. iii) Correspondence processing for David Anderson to be added as a signatory to the bank account. 	<p>RC will attend.</p>
<p>10 Falklands Future Development</p>	<p>Sustrans projects still on hold waiting on information of Scotch Whisky development.</p> <p>SK not that some outstanding survey work needs to be carried out at the bottom of the hill road before the end of March (financial year) otherwise we will lose funding..</p>	
<p>11 Planning, Listed Building, Conservation Issues</p>	<p>Whinstone, Short Term Let Licensing have been made aware of the number restrictions on the planning approval</p> <p>CLlr McD stated FC have said that all is in order, not much that can be done.</p>	
<p>12 Residents Issues</p>	<p>Resident in Southfield has reported that parking at school pick up times is causing visibility issues after the road resurfacing and the double yellow lines not being clear.</p>	<p>CLlr McD will report to FC.</p>
<p>13 Community Council Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Scotch Whisky International and playpark update. Little to report Access issues for the playpark field currently in discussion with FC. ii. Community newsletter, JR has spoken to a few business owners. Hoping to have a meeting with RE and DA in the next few weeks. iii. Nursery play equipment, FC have asked for further information, about the play hut which was given, waiting fr confirmation before re-ordering. iv. Christmas Light, it has been the least problematic of recent years year. New lights performed well. Future planning;lights on Brunton Green kept tripping out. Suspect a problem in the distribution box, socket outlets currently too close to the ground, need to be upgraded and reinstalled. An electrician will have to do this. Lights also need to be removed so the trees can be checked 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">v. Falkland Development Group, no further meeting scheduled. RC and JB will meet separately with G Mole of Fife Council and with SWI.vi. Community Council Action Plan, JB distributed to CC members a list of priorities and a recap the main points from the charette. A separate workshop will be held with Community Councillors to review in detail.	
14 Elected Cllr Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Street Lighting on the Pleasance at Nursing Home, Scottish Power will have to dig a cable up to fix.ii. New defibrillator is waiting to be installed at the pharmacy, hopefully by the end of this week.iii. 20 mph speed limit and build out; have been promised to be in place by the end of January.iv. Horsemarket up to Back Dykes Terrace will be closed to clear blockages in the Fibre ducts.v. Bridge at the bottom of Mill Wynd has been reported.vi. Bollards outside Seaton House needs straightened out. <p>Reporting from tonight's meeting, double yellow lines at Southfield and container to be removed from the car park.</p> <p>Cllr Holt noted Willie Rennie has organised a landowners and land managers and interested parties meeting on 12th Feb in St Andrews to discuss the River Eden Catchment issues including flooding. If anyone has specific issues, they are asked get in touch.</p>	
A.O.C.B	None	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th February, 7pm online.