



Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

**Minute of Meeting - 14th December 2021
held at 7pm via Zoom call.
(public invited to attend)**

Welcome from Chair

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, Stuart Knowles, John Smith, Peter Burman, Keiran Allan, David Anderson, Roz Esslemont
Lauren Ballantine (minutes)

Councillors: Cllr D MacDiarmid, Cllr D Lothian, **Police:** nil **Residents:** 1

Apologies for absence: Gavin Lawson, Kenny Lumsden, Douglas Young, Cllr A Heer,

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome from chair	
2	Presentation from Matthew Price (Conservation Officer - Fife Council) on the role of Conservation Area Appraisals & Management Plans. The Falkland CAAMP is available online at Fife.gov. Copies of the presentation will be circulated to CC members.	Info
3 Declarations of new Interest	None.	
4 Minute of Previous Meeting	November minute, taken by Lauren Ballantine approved.	Approved.
5 Matters arising not on the agenda	None.	
6 Police Update	Monthly report for November - 19 calls and 1 recorded crime (driving under influence)	
7 Correspondence	i) Notification of working hours closure of High Street (West) from Vintage Quine to corner of Leslie Hill Rd – 11 th /12 th January 2022 (for BT ducting works). Proposed “Diversion’ via Leslie High Street., however access for residents and emergency services will be maintained. ii) Mail From Ms S Morrison on behalf of reduced mobility resident of Walker Trust houses – arrangement that Fife Council would put out and return bins – no longer being done. RC to forward on to Cllr MacDiarmid.	Action –Cllr MacDiarmid to investigate.



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	iii) RC noted that mail had been received regarding Scottish Parliament Act – granting pardon for actions during 84/85 Miner’s strike.	
8 Planning, Listed Buildings and Conservation	i) No new applications relating to Falkland & Newton of Falkland CC area.	
9 Falkland’s Future (Sustrans PFE projects)	i) JB noted no significant progress to report. First draft visualisations issued by consultants – a number of comments to be submitted back to consultants for revision. ii) SK noted new Active Travel initiatives in Scottish budget. Transport Scotland proposing network of ‘active freeways’ to promote alternatives to private car use. Linked to Scottish Govt target to reduce car journeys by 20%.	
10 Residents Issues	i) RC noted proposal from D Young on behalf of Gardening Group for redesign of Heather bed opposite school at the Pelican crossing. Proposal would reduce maintenance and could incorporate seating area for waiting parents/guardians. Approx cost £1500. Feedback from CC members sought including whether any form of permission would be required. JB noted this may have potential impacts on proposed future work at School junction. Elected councillors noted that planning permission and approval from FC Roads /Transportation would be required. Gardening group would also need to clarify ownership of land in question which is possibly still with developer of the adjacent houses.	
11 Community Council Issues	i) CC Vacancies – 2 positions available for Newton of Falkland, no further response on potential new candidates. CC Meeting will be held in Newton of Falkland in new year subject to COVID situation restrictions. ii) Kenny Lumsden has informed Chair that he no longer wishes to remain as a member of CC and has formally resigned. CC collectively thanks KL for his membership. Chair suggested John Smith, who at last meeting stood aside as a full member and moved to co-opted member status to facilitate inclusion of new members, should be	



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	<p>given opportunity to resume full membership. JS agreed to move back to full voting member status and this was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>iii) Bruce Fountain– PB noted that useful meeting was held with ARC architects regarding possible consultancy role for any future redevelopment of the fountain. Proposed to issue application to War Memorial Trust (WMT) for funding for further design studies.</p> <p>iv) Flood Action Group – ongoing discussions with FC and Estate. Further update will be provided at next meeting. Intervention from Bamblae resident regarding flooding issues on access track – JS noted disputed ownership issues prevent action being progressed.</p> <p>v) Falkland Palace (NTS) – RC & JB attended presentation meeting with NTS officials and consultants in November where outline of NTS plans including car parking and other Palace proposals was given. This was at preliminary stage and CC will be kept in the loop for further reviews.</p>	<p>Agreed JS to become full elected member again.</p> <p>B, PB & RC to progress application.</p>
<p>12 Elected Members Issues</p>	<p>i) Cllr MacDiarmid Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous query regarding flag flying at palace on St Andrew’s Day – confirms saltire was flown. • Road patching works have been undertaken throughout village • Cobblestones at the bakers have been repaired • Leaky barrier at Balmbrae– info on legal position will be shared when available. • Back Dykes handrail issue– still on-going. • Bridges at West Loan – seeking money for repair of Bridge decks • Cemetery benches – Cllr McD requested that someone seek funding from WMT as he considered it inappropriate for elected FC member to do this. CC members to discuss potential action to take • West Loan grass cutting dispute – email from Falkland Estate (N Stuart) contends that Estate have ‘licence agreement’ committing FC to maintain this area. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cobbles at Fayre Earth – still awaiting response from FC • A92 (Freuchie junctions) meeting did not take place • Meeting with FC Transportation – items discussed included surfacing path to Dunshalt and also footpath from East Port to Castle Shotts. • Questions raised: a) JS - questioning cost of footbridge repairs, noted that urgent action required as potential for children to be hurt. Cllr McD noted that materials could be obtained for community led repairs. Roz E suggested her husband is qualified tradesman and can assist with any repair work required. b) JS - path to Dunshalt, potential solution is for machine to remove spoil blown from fields and exiting path will be underneath. Cllr Lothian noted JS right about path, trying for some years to clear the path as it's an important social link between villages. c) A92 meeting – is Cllr MacDiarmid organising this or Transport Scotland.- confirmed BEAR for TScot 	
<p>13 A.O.C.B</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) JS raised query from GL regarding school playing field and gates being locked outwith school hours. RE clarified situation, FC have confirmed field is under school management control and decision taken to lock one access to prevent dog fouling. Other access is available. ii) Road Sign at Tennis Courts has been damaged for some time. iii) JB and JS attended AGM of Falkland Community Development Trust. If CC are in agreement, JB will act as liaison between CC and CDT and will attend CDT meetings – agreed . JS has proposed plan for using village hall as a refuge in event of major incident e.g. large scale power outage. FCDT supportive of this proposal and Query raised regarding electric outlet to support generator connection and availability of FC temporary generators. . 	<p>Cllr McD to action</p>



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Next Meeting: To be confirmed