

Royal Burgh of Falkland & Newton of Falkland Community Council

Minute of Meeting – Monday 13th May 2024 held at 7pm in The Craig Room, Falkland Church (public invited to attend)

Welcome from Chair,

Present: Rod Crawford, Jim Brown, Roz Esslemont, Tara O'Leary, Doug Young, Jack Reekie

Minutes – Lauren Ballantine

Councillors: Cllr McDiarmid (arrived late) Police: nil Residents: 2

Apologies for absence: Cllr Lothian, Stuart Knowles, Cllr Holt (post mtg due to urgent work matter)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action			
3	None				
Declarations of					
new Interest					
4	Agreed as true record.	Approved.			
Minute of Previous					
Meeting					
5	Police Report circulated to CC members.				
Police update	Police Report from April 25 calls, 3 recorded crimes.				
6	Update – Exhibition for home flood protection held at the Stables in				
Falkland Flood	conjunction the Scottish Flood forum. Successful event, attended by				
Action Group	residents from surrounding area including Strathmiglo, Dunshalt,				
Feedback	Freuchie, Cardenden, useful tips for residents liable to flooding. News of				
	a new grant in Fife for Property Level Protection, £500 available for				
	properties which have been affected by flooding. Next meeting will be on				
	9/7/24 online.				
7	Addition of the Product of the Indian and the Indian				
7 Correspondence	i) Whinstone application will be looked at again.				
correspondence	ii) Email regarding an action group following cuts to Elmwood				
	college.				
	iii) Notice of planning appeals training, will look at				
	environmental appeals which could be interesting. CC's				
	invited to online training.				

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card reader on the public toilet doesn't work, and they are being inundated with people asking for change. Resident also brought to attention two very big potholes in the village.	
No significant applications since last meeting.	
 i) Sustrans Project update – waiting for feedback from Sustrans contact re carry over of funding she is currently on holiday. ii) Local Place Plan discussion, most of other local communities have produced a LPP, at the time Falkland decided not to take one forward as there was consultations with the National Trust and Scotch Whisky. RC suggests forming smaller groups to take forward ideas. Starting with one for the playpark. iii) SWI Development update was shared on their social media pages 	
i) Community Council Action Plan will link to the LPP. CC members are keen to take this forward and will use documents from a previous meeting with PAS and hopefully inspiration from other local communities, notably Auchtermuchty and Lower Largo.	
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	ii)	Nursery playhouse, struggling to source a fire-retardant	
		option. CC might look at donating money towards new smart boards for the school instead.	
	iii)	Proposed Community newsletter will benefit from a small	
		group to take it forward. JR will make a 'mock-up' for the	
		next meeting.	
	iv)	Custody of Common Good items, RC has written to Antonia	
		Laurence Allen of The National Trust asking for clarification	
		about the transfer document which was to signed, she	
		replied to say that to her knowledge it had been signed at the time.	
	v)	New CC website from Digital Fife. RC, JB, DY and TO'L joined	
	•,	the online training. Self-explanatory, not too technical. DY	
		will start with the first mock up page and then show others.	
14	i)	Trees on South Field – owner has said that he will take the	
Elected Members		work forward after the birds have finished nesting.	
Issues	ii)	Commemoration of Falkland based Polish Paratroop	
		involvement in Operation Market Garden (Arnhem), 80 th	
		anniversary celebrations will be between 23 – 25 th August	
	iii)	and the community want to be involved. Old Back Dykes potholes, residents are happy to pay for the	
	"",	repair if FC will not.	
	iv)	Mike Watson memorial bench, family want to add a QR code	
	,	of him singing. CC have no objections.	
	v)	Walker Trust are re-roofing two properties so might cause	
		congestion.	
	vi)	Bridges are badly damaged near West Loan (Balmblae) play	
		park, will ask community pay back team to repair.	
A.O.C.B	DV report	ted that the Gardening Group volunteers are refurbishing the	
A.O.C.D		ped across from the primary school, The group have paid for a	
		e provided and will install a seating bench.	

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th June – Venue T.B.C