

# Minutes From Fintray Community Council Meeting

Tuesday 6th August 2019

**Welcome :** Roddy welcomed everyone, introduced himself and explained how meetings would work going forward.

**Apologies:** No apologies.

**Declaration of interest:** None.

**Present:** R MacInnes, K Gerrard, R Taylor, J Smart, A Donaldson, B Miller, I Thomson, M Ford, G Ford, S Glazier, S Fyfe, M Roberts, R Lyons, (S McDonald and O Higgins representing Network Rail)

**Approval of last minutes:** Approved, J Smart Seconded, I Thomson.

**Matters arising from minutes:** Money from Bogriefie development. Councillor Ford explained what money can be used for or not. K Gerrard to contact Susan Adam at Council for clarification. No update on schoolhouse.

**Police Report:** Nothing in Fintray area.

**Treasurers Report:** R Taylor reported that £1735.02 was in bank account. Draft minutes of last AGM required for release of cash from Council. New signatories are required, Roddy and Richard are to be the signatories.

**S McDonald, Network Rail:** Roddy explained that several issues had been raised about the work carried out to upgrade the railway line. Stacey explained that the work was virtually finished and would be handed back to Scotrail on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August. There were to be 3 days of driver training and a new timetable to be in action in December. She then said that the level crossing would be open on 19h August with new safety features, radar operated and watched by signalman in Inverness. She then explained that roads and walls and fences damaged would be returned to state they were in before work commenced as they had filmed the area before work started, but couldn't put a timescale on this. Network Rail to pay for restorations. Kintore station to be open in May 2020.

She answered questions from residents of the area about various concerns:

Damaged cars. Finished look of railway banks. Value of houses due to the work. Planning permission required.

She agreed that any feedback from discussion with BAM would be fed back to Community Council.

**Planning Applications:** None.

**Community Council Network Event:** Supporting communities event, Kemnay 28<sup>th</sup> September. Roddy and Jeanette to attend.

**Warning Signage – Lairds Park:** After discussion it was agreed that no farther signage was required but M Ford to approach Aberdeenshire Council for guidance.

**Office Bearers:** Chairperson, Roddy MacInnes.  
Secretary, Katherine Gerrard and Jeanette Smart.  
Treasurer, Richard Taylor.  
Minutes Secretary, Laura Simpson.

A discussion was held about paying for a secretary if no one from the Community Council was willing to take the post. Katherine was asked if she would consider holding the post temporarily. Katherine is willing to be secretary, and will work with Jeannette, albeit she will only do so on a temporary basis.

**Correspondence:** Road closures.

C62c From the junction with B993 to The Blairs.

Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for 2 Weeks.

C68c Between Balcraig Farm and Hogholm Farm

Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> September for 5 days (between 08:00 and 16:30)

BT consultation on removal of phone box outside Village Hall: Community Council to object to removal.

**Council Update:** No update from the Council as Councillor Ford has been on holiday and not been to any Council meetings since the last Community Council Meeting.

The Local Development Plan consultation has been completed. The Officers have prepared responses to all the feedback. The next meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September) will be for Councillors to judge between the public view and the Officer's proposals. A week ahead of this meeting the Officer's responses will be published on the Council website. The final result will be the 'Proposed Development Plan' which will be the Councillor's view and so the Council's view. Then there will be another round of consultations with the public, which will likely be early 2020. Any further objections will be considered by an independent Reporter.

At the next Community Council Meeting, the views of the Councillors will be public and can be discussed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7:30pm.