

Fintray Community Council

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday 2nd August 2022, Fintray Village Hall

Present - Rod MacInnes (Chair), Katherine Gerrard (Secretary), Cllr J, Gifford, Cllr Trevor Mason, Evelyn Morrice, Gina Ford, Ian Thomson, Ilene Fyfe, Laura Simpson (Minutes)

Apologies - Richard Taylor (Treasurer)

Welcome - Roddy welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a very warm welcome to Cllr Jim Gifford who joined the meeting for the first time since his appointment.

Declaration of Interest – None

Approval of the Minutes of last meeting - Approved by Evelyn Morrice, Seconded by Gina Ford

Matters arising from Minutes -

Tollbooth - Council are actively trying to discover who owns the land. They now have to engage in a more detailed search through Land Registry, which will incur costs. This is very much a work in progress.

Trough - Roddy is awaiting quotes for the lettering on this. One company has suggested it will cost in the region of £70 (£1 per letter). This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Old Church Yard - The Council is aware of the trees and hope to have work in the area done in the Autumn.

Sign at Old Church Yard - This is 'in hand' with the Council but is not a high priority. The Council is very busy and while bearing that in mind, we will keep chasing this up.

Police Report - Is not through yet. Roddy did ask for it last week. He will now contact the Area Inspector to ensure all dates are noted with the Police so that reports are available going forward.

Treasurer's Report - Richard informed that the balance at the last meeting was £3317.08 and Minutes will be amended to reflect this - with agreement from everyone present. Having paid £500 to the Community Association for the Defibrillator battery and pads, the balance now stands at £2817.08
The audited accounts from last year, along with the June 2022 AGM Minutes will now be sent to the Area Office.

Planning – LDP 2022 is going to full Council for approval on 23rd September.

Growing Living Greenspaces Initiative - Ian made everyone aware of the Council cutbacks resulting in areas of the village being cared for by volunteers (entrance to Hatton Court being one example). The Council will supply plants etc if there are other areas the volunteers are willing to take over.

Ian suggested the grassy area on Lairds Park where the notice board is situated may be another area the community could take over. This would need to be discussed with residents. Roddy proposed that we ask the wider community if this would be something they

would be willing to do. He will do this via Fintray Fowk. The Gardening Club are in discussion with the residents of Hatton Court already to see how they could make the area there more maintainable. Gina is keen to have areas that would provide good habitats for birds and insects and suggested Martin Ford might have some ideas given his extensive knowledge.

Cycling Tour of Britain - Sunday 4th September- There has been talk about a number of events taking place in the village over the weekend. The Community Association are hosting a Quiz on the Friday Night. Ilene had approached the Council about the Bike Track but it is not available.

There may be a Soup and Sweet on the Sunday but the Community Association has not had a meeting to finalise any details.

Roddy will speak to the Council to clarify details of the road closing and reopening. Cllr Gifford thinks it will close approximately 15 minutes before the cyclists arrive and will reopen within minutes of the last rider passing through.

Ilene has spoken to the school and they may be able to make some flags, but as they are currently on holiday, this has not been confirmed.

Community Association Update - Rewiring for Generator is complete and there is a very simple switch to be engaged when the generator is running. The job was simpler than expected. The generator will power the kitchen, meeting room, ante-room and toilet lights. It will not power the heater or hand dryer in the toilets and only one heater in the ante-room because of the load it will be running. The generator will hopefully be with Hiretech by November. Going forward, building something to store the generator may be considered.

The Airport Fund bid was not successful.

The Application to the Garioch Fund is still active, with £5,000 being sought for LED lights.

The applications will go before Councillors at their meeting at the end of September.

Gina advised there will soon be another fund available to make bids for Environmental projects and more details will be available at the next meeting.

The success of the Garden Open Day was touched upon again as a really successful whole community event.

Councillor Update -

Councillor Trevor Mason - Advised that the Ready to Go Bus will now come to Fintray. Roddy expressed unhappiness at the Community Council not being involved in the discussion about the validity of the service after the trial period.

After further discussion, it is thought it is an additional shopping bus that has been added rather than the Ready to Go bus - Roddy has asked for further clarity on this.

Planning Applications - if applicants can demonstrate how their proposals will directly benefit the community, fees can be waived.

Ian wondered if a storage shed for the generator could be covered by this.

Cllr Jim Gifford - highlighted the importance of the Community Council involving the wider community and encouraged their involvement regarding plans. Ian informed him that there are open meetings/viewings in the Village Hall when the occasion calls for it.

Both Councillors advised that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on September 23rd to sign off on the Local Development Plan. This will be made available to Councillors the week prior. It will not be available to the community before it is approved.

Correspondence - has all been circulated.

Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 4th October, 7.30pm, Fintray Village Hall