

Minutes From Fintray Community Council Meeting

Wednesday 4th December 2019

Welcome: Ian welcomed everyone, introduced himself and explained that he was chairing the meeting as Roddy was on holiday.

Apologies: Roddy MacInnes and Fergus Hood

Declaration of interest: None.

Present: R Taylor (Treasurer), J Smart (Secretary), I Thompson, G Ford, B Miller, K Gerrard, Councillors M Ford and D Lonchay

Approval of last minutes: Approved, J Smart Seconded, G Ford.

Matters arising from minutes: None

Police Report: No Police report received but Ian had attended the Garioch Area Community Council Forum meeting in Inverurie the previous night and shared the following information. There would be more visual policing put in place in the Garioch in future.

Calls to the Police in Garioch last month re speeding were 3, which would appear to suggest that there is not a speeding issue in the area. Martin stated that the Council received many more calls. In the last 6 months the Police had issued 8 speeding penalties for 30mph areas, 10 for 60mph areas and 6 for 70mph areas. There had been 1 fatal accident in 2019. The Police advised that all speeding issues should be reported to them and the registration number noted if possible. Action may not always be taken but it will be noted and if reoccurrences become apparent, they will investigate.

Martin advised that raised bumps near the school were planned and should be in place soon (Q1 2020). He also said that this was the very last means available to the Village. Richard's views were that a blanket attack of the village by the Police would be the way forward with penalty points issued for speeding offences.

Treasurers Report: R Taylor reported that the balance was £2702.84 but there was an invoice for hall hire of £40 still to be paid. The Christmas Tree was paid for by the Community Association but Richard will arrange to have the amount of £50 reimbursed to them.

Planning Applications: None.

Developer Obligation: The Council is holding DO funding on behalf of the Fintray community until requests are received for community projects. The DO has a 5-year expiry date and Fintray's expires in November 2020. The Community Council and the Community Association are fully aware of the situation and will come up with suggestions for using this money next year. Ian Thompson to update Susan Adams (Garioch Area Project Officer) on our way forward.

Flooding of burn at Laird's Park: Jeanette issued a photograph of the pipe which restricts the flow of water in the burn adjacent to Laird's Park. Discussion took place about the ownership of pipe vs Council ownership of the burn. Cllr Martin Ford to speak to Flooding Services to seek advice and Jeanette to send a video (via Belinda Miller) to Lee Watson (Council Flooding Officer). The aim is to remove the pipe from the burn to allow water to flow more freely toward the river.

Fintray Garage concerns: New tenants in the garage seem to be breaking up and salvaging parts from old vehicles. This, on at least one occasion, has resulted in oil running down the side of the road and into the drain. After discussion, Belinda Miller offered to contact Planning Enforcement Services on behalf of Fintray Community Council to report the potential for an unauthorised change of use whilst Jeanette Smart will contact SEPA regarding the discharge of the oil.

Christmas Tree Funding: It was agreed that the Community Council would pay for the tree this year, see details under Treasurer's Report.

Community Council dates of future meetings: Dates were confirmed as Tuesdays 4 February, 7 April, 2 June, 4 August, 6 October and 1 December 2020. Katherine to email Fiona Garden accordingly.

Correspondence: All relevant correspondence had been forwarded to the Community Council members. Ian asked if attendance at future relevant meetings could be shared between the Community Council members as he had attended the last few. The next Community Council Forum meeting was scheduled for March 2020 and entitled "Introduction to the Council".

Councillor's Update:

School House - The School Association had asked if part of the schoolhouse garden could be given back to the school before the house went on the market again. Property Services looked at this request, but the decision was no and, therefore, the schoolhouse will go back on the market as per the last time.

Local Development Plan – was not discussed at the Council meeting in November and this is now expected to be put on the Agenda for the January meeting. Thereafter there will be formal public consultations on the proposed plan (likely Q2/Q3 2020)

Council Tax and Budget - decisions on setting the budget have been disrupted with the announcement of the General Election and, now, are likely to be postponed until March 2020.

All present at the meeting asked if their best wishes for a speedy recovery could be passed on to Fergus.

Ian hoped everyone would have a Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7:30pm.