

**FINTRAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 17 October 2023 Fintray Village Hall**

**Present:** Richard Taylor (Treasurer), Cllr Trevor Masson, Cllr Dominic Lonchay, Gina Ford, Roddy MacInnes (Chair), Katherine Gerrard (Secretary), Belinda Miller, Ian Thompson, Kat Lancaster

**Apologies:** Cllr Jim Gifford, Sarah Hashim, Cllr Glen Reid, Laura Simpson

**Welcome:** Roddy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Approval of minutes:** Ian proposed and Evelyn seconded

**Matters Arising:**

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Issues re bin collections and dog bins - Roddy had e-mailed the Council three times and has had no reply. It was agreed that having had no reply was not acceptable. Roddy will e-mail again re the issue of having not received a reply and ask for an update in respect of dog waste.

Evelyn also said the orange lid bin at the cemetery needs to be collected as people were using it for general waste.

**Police Report:**

Two assaults within this period. Both within a family/domestic setting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

£3432.01 Balance

Since the last meeting the administrative grant from the Council of £877.43 had been received.

£45 paid to Community Association for hall fees.

**Co-opted Member:**

Laura Simpson happy to be a co-opted to Fintray Community Council

Carried unanimously by the Community Council members to accept Laura

**War Memorial - State of Disrepair:**

There is a Bronze Age cairn under the war memorial so this makes repair more complex.

Aberdeenshire Council with HES looking at options for repair in this financial year.

Wall at rear is crumbling and steps need stabilisation and realigned.

Roddy will contact the Council Planning Service to follow up but it won't be done in time for Remembrance Day. Roddy will arrange for a community call out on 'Fintray Fowk' for volunteers to help get the site tidied prior to Remembrance.

**Car Park Surface Lairds Park:**

A request was made earlier this year to Landscape Services who agreed to resurface it with stones and fill in large holes. This has not happened yet. Roddy will chase this up and cc the Area Manager.

**Refuse Bin Collection:**

Mill of Fintray had a 6-week delay to collect general waste bins. Lack of response is the main issue to the request.

Others at the Boat had a 4-week delay and when collected it was combined and so undermined the process of segregation.

It appears this is not a situation solely experienced by Fintray residents.

**Pathways/Road Obstruction:**

EM Site lines being obstructed and need to be trimmed back by relevant households or Council.

Roddy will contact the Council to ask what the process is to deal with these obstructions, both on roads and footpaths.

**Emergency Planning:**

Roddy and the Emergency Planning Team went to the school with regards to developing Resilience Planning. Pupils will do a short video to show how to prepare for an emergency. School will have a box of resources to use in an emergency.

It was agreed that Storm 'Babet' may bring significant disruption to the Community Council Area and that we would ensure that appropriate messaging and updates were circulated via 'Fintray Fowk'. Agreed at this stage that the generator would not be transported to the hall.

Arrangements will be made, hopefully via Ian Gerrard, to uplift sandbags and leave at hall for local use.

**Proposed Newsletter:**

Roddy and Kat have not had a chance to meet regarding this, but Roddy has spoken to ex-Council colleagues regarding the challenges and benefits. Agreed after discussion that there would be merit in a newsletter being mainly online but a limited number of hard copies also being made available.

Kat and Roddy will meet to look at potential for a Winter edition with 'Resilience' information alongside other seasonal topics.

**Planning:** Nothing to report

**Meetings Attended:**

Evelyn attended the Garioch CC Forum in September. Input from H&SCP and discussion about patient groups (point made that Fintray area split between Inverurie and Dyce). Longer discussion around wider spread challenges in respect of new refuse service.

Sarah attended induction training and recording of training is available (see correspondence)

**Community Association Update:**

Heaters are shortly to be replaced in hall to an infra-red system which should bring major cost benefits with current tariff ending March 2024.

Family Ceilidh in hall 26 November and Christmas Tree lights switch on 3 December.

Still no update as to the proposed works at the entrance to Hatton Court.

It was agreed that the Community Council would fund the Village Christmas Tree as per previous years.

**Aberdeenshire Councillors Update:**

Cllr Mason highlighted that pavement parking will move from Police to Council and that to expect high media coverage in respect of this.

Cllr Lonchay underlined the budget deficit and encouraged all to take part in the online budget engagement exercise (Roddy to post on Fintray Fowk). He also emphasised the need for communities to involve themselves in the future LDP, that training will be available at an event on 4 November and that there are summarised documents on the Planning website.

Cllr Lonchay also explained in respect of grass cutting that there are simply not enough staff in the service to deal with the weight of work.

**Correspondence Received:**

List passed previously to CC members – Roddy highlighted a couple of points.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 5 December 7.30pm Fintray Village Hall