

Larbert, Stenhousemuir & Torwood Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING – 24 February 2014 Rennie Lounge, LARBERT OLD CHURCH

Attendance Details

Committee:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Gillian Bellingham (GB)
- Ted Bingham (TB)
- Jim Cowan (JC)
- Charles Gillespie (GC)
- Colleen Hurren (CH)
- Jim Kelly (JK)
- Peter O'Rourke (POR)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

Also Present:

- PC Jim Archibald
- Cllr Carleschi
- Kevin O'Connor - Larbert High School
- 4 S5 and S6 Pupils- Larbert High School
- Gary Greenhorn and Richard Teed, Falkirk Council
- Gary Murphy and Kirsty McKay - Network Rail Scotland
- Phil Ray – Bam Nutall
- Mrs McLaughlin, Head Teacher at Larbert Village Primary School
- Mrs Hamill, Head Teacher at Ladeside Primary School
- Mrs Adamson and Mrs McIntlock, Head and Acting Head at Kinnaird Primary School
- Approx. 30 members of the public

Apologies:

- Margaret Cheyne (MCh)
- Denis Shovlin (DS)
- Cllr Coleman

1. Welcome

- EA welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. EA advised that the Community Council has set-up a new website to complement our Facebook and Twitter accounts. The new website can be found at www.lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk EA thanked CH and YW for the work they had undertaken to set-up the site.

2. Police Report

- PC Jim Archibald provided the Police Report.

Police and Communities Together (PACT) February Update:

- Larbert PACT Update – In relation to Ladeside Primary School, there has only been 1 call in February. Due to officers being on other duties, there has not been officer

- presence at the school.
- Stenhousemuir PACT Update:
 1. Parking at Larbert High School. No problems during the day but there have been issues in the evenings and at weekends with tickets issued. The Police are seeking a list of events to monitor situation.
 2. Anti-Social Behaviour in Church Street, Stenhousemuir. There had been no further issues until a window was smashed at the weekend.
 3. Lomond View Speeding – no further issues had been identified
- At the January Community Council meeting, there had been issues raised about speeding on Tryst Road. This was checked and a problem was identified with cars found to be speeding. This will be policed with hand-held radar and be a PACT priority in March.
- PC Archibald confirmed that the traffic warden service will cease from 25th February.

March PACT Priorities:

- Larbert:
 1. Ladeside Primary School
 2. Break-ins in Larbert & Stenhousemuir – there will be an operation undertaken during March given the higher levels recently
- Stenhousemuir PACT Priorities:
 1. Parking around Larbert High School & Carrongrange School
 2. ASB on Church Street – this will remain as a priority
 3. Vehicle Speeding on Lomond View (NB cannot use hand held in that location) and Tryst Road

February Statistics:

- There have been 247 calls to the Police with 192 offences recorded. There is currently an 88% detection rate. There were 9 vandalism reported.
- PC Archibald advised that PC McConnell, the community officer for Larbert area has moved on. His replacement is not due to be in post until mid-March. As a result PCs Archibald and Macrae will cover the Larbert area.
- PC Archibald advised that changes were taking place to local policing. It is likely that the community team will move to be 60% response and 40% community. Contact and reporting of issues moving forward is likely to be via Inspector Kellet and Sergeant Goldie.

Questions for PC Archibald

- A resident asked about the helicopter search for the missing man. PC Archibald advised that a body had been found.
- YW advised that residents had contacted the Community Council in relation to speeding concerns on Johnston Avenue, Church Street and Union Street. PC Archibald advised that the issues should be reported to 101.

3. Youth Report – Larbert High School

- Kevin O'Connor Deputy Head Teacher at the school introduced the 4 pupils in attendance tonight – Andrew Lawdor, Andrew Johnston, Monica Swinney and Fraser Johnston.
- **Fraser Johnston's Update**
 - Fraser provided details of the Captains Challenge to promote being active and to be a legacy of the Commonwealth Games. Pupils have been encouraged to set a sporting or cultural goal in 2014. So far there have been 1200 challenges registered. It is hoped that each year Captains will take on the challenge. The initiative has been created by pupils.
 - Fraser advised that the school is celebrating famous sportspeople and inviting them to the school. On 5th February, Lachie Stewart addressed pupils and explained how he had self-funded his sporting career due to lack of funding. Future speakers include Marina Anderson (Fastest female record holder from John O'Groats to Landsend), Fiona Oakes (7-continent marathon runner), Steve Frew (gymnast), and Keith Bunyan (Basketball).
 - Fraser was congratulated on his presentation.

Andrew Lawdor's Update

- Andrew advised it had been a busy day today. LHS has a school of sport (Football, basketball, dance and rugby). BBC Sportscotland had been recorded live from the school today with Graham Speirs. Pupils had met Kris Boyd, Derek Ferguson and Pat Bonner at Ochilview as well.
- Andrew spoke on how the school is keen to improve its image in the community and how it is looked on by members of the community. The school has a good reputation with excellent exam results and positive destinations for leavers but its image needs to be improved. In particular within Stenhousemuir Precinct where the large number of pupils can be intimidating. A number of actions are being taken to help improve the image:
 - All S6 pupils will be undertaking community volunteering in pairs e.g. to old folks homes and to help individuals.
 - There will be community litter picking
 - S6 pupils will also go into the local cluster primary schools to assist in areas currently not delivered within the schools e.g. science
- Andrew asked if there were any suggestions on how the school could improve its image in the community, they would be keen to hear and try to take forward.
- Andrew was congratulated on his presentation and questions were asked over lunchtimes and the number of pupils. It was advised that the school cannot accommodate all the pupils at lunchtime and it is a case that the pupils require to be more aware of litter and how they are perceived by the public in large groups at lunchtime which can be intimidating. A question was asked about the litter picking and the seagulls at lunchtime. Andrew advised that LHS is an eco-school and they are doing litter picks. Furthermore, pupils met with the Council's waste management team today to look at options for more recycle bins and also to get bins on the school routes. At present there is only one bin on the way in to the school which is

not sufficient.

Monica Swinney's Update

- Monica advised that supported study groups are in place to help raise attainment. The groups are focussing on what pupils find hard. For example last week the focus was on reading.
- Monica advised that the polar explorer, Craig Mathieson had visited the school to talk about his experience and the obstacles that people put up themselves to challenges.
- A group had also discussed science and talked about their careers to increase awareness of science. There will also be a maths group soon. Monica advised that there are also trips to France and Spain for language pupils.
- Monica was congratulated for her update.

Andrew Johnson's Update:

- Andrew advised that the school had recently won a sports award. However the school football team had lost 2-1 in the Forth Valley League Cup last week against Graeme High.
- Andrew spoke of the World of Work activity that had taken place in the school with companies including Amazon, Microsoft, and RBS coming to the school.
- Andrew also spoke of the need for the pupils to be more informed of the Referendum. He advised that on 25th February speakers from the Yes and No Campaigns were going to the school to give a presentation.
- Andrew was congratulated for his update.

4. Education Provision – Gary Greenhorn, Acting Director of Education and Richard Teed, Senior Forward Planning Officer

- **Larbert Village Primary School & MUGA** - Gary provided an update on the anti-social behaviour that had taken place within the MUGA when it was open outwith school hours. The school has liaised with the Police and the Parent Council. It has been agreed that following the vandalism and other anti-social behaviour, the MUGA would be closed over the winter period. Gary advised that the playground equipment was now installed including cycling proficiency markings. This had made the best use of the school playground.
- **Closure of Rail Bridge** – Falkirk Council has decided not to move the crossing patrols. Network Rail has issued letters to parents and the school was in contact with Network Rail.
- **Go Kids – Kinnaird Primary School** – Gary advised that it had been agreed that the school will accommodate Go Kids until summer 2015. Falkirk Council has made a commitment to work with the Board to look at modular accommodation and an area in the playground has been identified. Gary advised that the Council does not charge Go Kids any money.

- **Pre-School Challenges** – Gary advised that nursery provision was to increase from 475 to 600 hours for every 3-4 year old. As a result they may need to extend provision. A paper is going to Council Committee in April 2014. This will be a challenge. In addition, last month there was a Scottish Government announcement that provision would be extended to 2-year olds for those whose parents who are unemployed . They will be provided a place in mainstream nursery the term after their 2nd birthday. This will add to capacity pressures within nurseries.

- **Local School Capacity** – Richard Teed circulated a paper showing capacity within all the local primary schools and Larbet High School. He advised that the birth rate in Falkirk Council had fallen in 2010 after a peak in 2009. There is now a steady decline. The key points discussed for each school were as follows:
 - **Carron Primary School** – Higher occupancies are expected in the short term due to high demand for placing requests.
 - **Kinnaird Primary School** – The school is now full with 420 pupils. This is increasing every week with the release of new houses. In the short term occupational capacity requires to be addressed by modular units. (See further discussion on long-term options below)
 - **Ladeside Primary School** – The requirement for modular classrooms will decrease moving forward.
 - **Larbert Village Primary School** – With the recent extension there is sufficient capacity.
 - **Stenhousemuir Primary School** – There is ongoing demand for placement requests and there is pressure on capacity.
 - **St Bernadettes Primary School** – Due to the recent capping of 30 per annum, it is not expected that an extension will be required.
 - **Larbert High School** – This has been a concern for a number of years. Richard explained that numbers are easier to predict than primary provision. In 4-5 years, the school will be full. The Scottish Government and Falkirk Council have provided funding to move Carrongrange School to Grangemouth. This will enable Larbert High to move into the Carrongrange building. This will enable capacity to be met. It was noted that Larbert High School is expected to reach its peak in 2022-2023.

- Gary Greenhorn spoke further on potential solutions which are being developed for Kinnaird Primary School. He advised that in the short term there will be a further increase in modular accommodation. One new purpose built double unit has been installed already and another brand new double unit will be installed next year. In the long-term, there are 3 options which will be taken to Falkirk Council Committee for decision. The timeline for this is over the next 3-years. The 3 options are:
 - Rezone the school – It was advised this is not a preferred option given the geography of the area
 - An Extension to the School
 - Building a new School – The key question on this option is location and available land

- A question was asked about the extension of St Bernadettes – It was advised that whilst the infrastructure is there under the playground, there is not any funding. In addition there is insufficient capacity at St Mungos to increase the intakes in its feeder schools.
- A LHS pupil asked why it was not obvious that Kinnaird would not be big enough at the time given the plans to build 1500 houses. It was advised that the school had been built by planning gain with the builders who had committed to a 2-stream school with the £9m investment. In addition, the Link Housing development had not been in the pipeline at the time.
- A LHS pupil asked if there could be a purpose built school for the Thistle Wing in Kinnaird Primary School as a potential solution. It was advised that this is an integral part of the school to ensure integration and not an option.
- Richard Teed advised that there will be 2200 houses in the ultimate catchment for Kinnaird. The calculation is 1 child for every 4 houses. The housebuilding is progressing a reasonable pace and they are keeping a close eye on the progression to ensure the roll projections continue to factor in the new builds.
- The headteacher at Kinnaird Primary School was in attendance and advised that Falkirk Council had been forward in their thinking and had pre-empted the requirement for the double modular units and class conversions.
- YW advised that residents had heard rumours that pupils may be rezoned to Denny High School. Gary advised that there are no plans to rezone to Denny High School and Denny High will also require to be extended longer term due to pressures within its own catchment area.
- A resident asked about a recent article in the Falkirk Herald related to technical subjects not being taught at St Mungos. Gary advised that as there were only 4 pupils, there was not sufficient demand to run the course. The Council has consortia arrangements in place between its schools and this will enable the pupils to take the course at another school. The pupils present from Larbert High School gave examples of where they had successfully used the consortia arrangements for subjects including higher accounts and mandarin.
- A Larbert High pupil asked why there would not be a new school for Larbert Hugh. Gary advised that the Falkirk Council school estate is in the top 6 in Scotland.
- EA concluded the discussion advising that we had covered a lot of points and thanked Gary and Richard for the information they had provided. **It was agreed that Gary would provide the Community Council with information on the forthcoming options for Kinnaird Primary School once available and also information on the paper going to April 2014 Committee on nursery provision.**

5. Network Rail Update

- Network Rail provided an update on the bridge replacement works in Larbert. Gary Murphy and Kirsty McKay from Network Rail were present along with Phil Ray from Bam Nutall.

- Gary advised that unfortunately major issues had been discovered with one of the bridge abutments (i.e. the structure that holds the bridge in place). As a result, the abutment requires to be replaced. This will result in a revised programme of works and a change to the completion date of the works to December 2014.
- Gary advised that moving forward they would be happy to do a 10-minute update at each of our Community Council meetings.
- Gary also offered to take 2 or 3 Community Councillors on site to view the works and explain the situation. **Action: YW to provide names to Kirsty McKay.**
- Gary offered to e-mail the Community Council photographs and update reports. He advised they wished to be open and transparent on the works.
- The Head Teacher at Larbert Village Primary School raised concerns over children crossing the road at the footbridge. When the lights from Foundry Loan/Main Street change, cars are speeding around the corner making the crossing difficult. Network Rail will look into this.
- A local trader raised issues with the location of business as usual signs. He advised that there are 30 traders accessing their premises off Main Street. He requested that more signs should be put on place. There is a fixed sign at the Spar Shop but only a temporary sign at Larbert Cross. It was advised that permission is required for fixed signs. Kirsty McKay will take this forward with Falkirk Council. **Action: it was agreed that the Community Council would also write to Falkirk Council to request more prominent and fixed signage for the retailers.**
- The trader also enquired as to when the advertising for local businesses would be in the Falkirk Herald. Network Rail advised that they are working on this along with the changes to dates.
- Kirsty McKay advised that the first residents' newsletter was being distributed today and tomorrow. It provides an update on night time working. Kirsty will provide the Community Council with a pdf. The newsletter will be issued every 6-8 weeks. If the Community Council has any items it would like in the newsletter, there may be space available. **Action: Community Council to post the newsletter on Facebook, Twitter and our website.**
- Kirsty also advised that she will be in the Network Rail Training Centre every Tuesday until the end of March 2014 between 11am and 1pm for any residents or traders who have any queries or concerns they wish to raise.
- It was noted that the railway itself will be closed for weekends on 16/17th May and the subsequent 2 weekends. Replacement bus services will be in place. Details to follow with Scotrail.
- A resident raised that the map in the newsletter issued today still showed Muirhall Road as a diversion route despite Falkirk Council advising at the last Community council meeting that it was not a diversion route. It was advised that it is a contingency diversion route.
- The roundabout at the motorway slip roads and Stirling Road (North Broomage

Roundabout) was discussed. This is very busy at peak times with large queues of traffic and also queues on the roundabout itself.

- The issues of Carronvale Road were discussed. It is noted that it is now easier to access and exit the junction onto Main Street. However, there remain issues particularly at school time when the road is very busy. Residents have noted that cars are mounting pavements to pass and there are issues with the parked cars. YW advised that the Community Council had written to Falkirk Council, Network Rail and the Police in this regard. Responses have been received. The Police will monitor when possible. Network Rail has arranged for the signs of the pavements to be moved so that there is access for pedestrians. The Head Teacher at Ladeside Primary School was present and advised that they are working with parents in relation to parking around the school. The school had previously advocated a circular route to avoid congestion but this is not possible with the closure of South Broomage Avenue.
- JK asked why the two footbridges were not yet open. It was advised that the footbridges will open in May when the main bridge comes down.
- EA thanked Network Rail for their update.

6. Matters from the Floor

Larbert Village Primary School

- The Acting Head Teacher from Larbert Village Primary School – Mrs McLaughlin, provided an update on issues which had been previously raised with the Community Council in relation to the school. A letter was also received from Mrs McLaughlin.
- **School Playground** – Mrs McLaughlin advised that the new play equipment had been installed in the playground and a cycling proficiency trail also installed. There has been positive progress and the playground is now better equipped.
- **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** – Mrs McLaughlin advised that unfortunately there had been vandalism and other anti-social behaviour undertaken by youths. This has resulted in deep cleans being required and damage to property. As a result the playground has been closed since October. However, the school has been advised that it must re-open the playground in March. Any further instances will be reported to protect the playground and could result in it being closed again. PC Imrie and Mrs McLaughlin have visited the houses of some of the youths involved.
- **Packed Lunches** - Mrs McLaughlin confirmed that children are not eating their packed lunches from the floor. The school has recently purchased addition seating and tables, and there is enough room for all children at lunchtime.
- **Breakfast/After School Club** – Mrs McLaughlin advised that the school does not have facilities to support clubs which meet health and safety requirements. There is not suitable accommodation in the school with access to handwashing or food preparation facilities. This may be revisited in March by the Parent Council.
- EA thanked Mrs McLaughlin for her update on the issues.

- **Closure of Hamilton Road**

- Residents from the top end of Hamilton Road were in attendance and EA advised that the Community Council had received correspondence from the residents in relation to the issues they were facing following the closure of Hamilton Road and the ongoing housebuilding in the area.
- The residents advised they felt they had not been treated fairly by Falkirk Council. There are issues around lack of signage with deliveries and businesses not being able to find the houses. In addition, the road is in very poor condition with potholes. The speed of vehicles on the road is too high given the number of walkers and cyclists. The road is part of National Cycle Route 76. There are safety concerns with many areas of the road almost single track.
- Residents are also concerned over the number of trees which have been removed. YW advised that she had written to Falkirk Council in this regard and they had responded updating on the reasons for the trees being removed and that there were replacement plans.
- There are also concerns over combine harvesters and other farm vehicles travelling through Kinnaird village past the school which is very busy at entry and exit times.
- The key priorities for the residents are better signage and the re-opening of Hamilton Road. A suggestion was that perhaps there could be a one-way system introduced on Hamilton Road. Lack of communication from Falkirk Council was also a major concern.

Action: The Community Council will write to Falkirk Council to outline concerns and copy residents in to e-mail.

- **Foundry Loan Speed Cushions**

- Residents from Hendryson Crescent were in attendance. They had attempted to get vibration testing equipment in their house but had not heard anything. YW advised there had been ongoing correspondence with Falkirk Council in this regard and this was disappointing. The residents advised that they have serious cracks in their house and their neighbour's TV had fallen off the wall. The key issue is the height of the speed bumps and where they are located. A query was raised over legal distance from houses. The residents will forward photographs of the damage to their house.
- YW advised the that Community Council had written to Falkirk Council asking for the cushions to be reviewed along with the waiting restrictions. Falkirk Council has again replied advising again that there were no issues with the speed cushions and the waiting restrictions will be considered separately.
- Maintenance of the cushions was also of considerable concern and was discussed. Falkirk Council has advised there are no ongoing maintenance issues. A further resident advised that they had sent Falkirk Council photographs of the damaged speed cushions and was happy for the Community Council to use the photographs as well.

- A further resident advised that issues can be reported on the “Fix My Street” website.

Action: It was agreed to send a further letter to Falkirk Council with pictures of the damaged speed cushions and damage to property.

- **Dart Energy**

- A resident advised that the hard copies of all the documents in relation to the public inquiry were not available in the Library for viewing as advised by the DPEA. The resident advised they had gone into the Library on Friday and the librarians had advised they had no knowledge of the documents. **Action: YW to write to DPEA to advised that documents not available for the public to view.**

7. Minutes from previous meeting

- The minutes were approved subject to an alteration on page 13. The Community Council had agreed not to object to the provision of a licence in the Day to Day store in Braeview.

8. Matters Arising

- **Page 3** – YW advised that communication channels with Larbert High School now in place.
- **Page 3** – YW advised that the Constitution had been forwarded to Falkirk Council
- **Page 4** – YW advised that she had advised Falkirk Council of the new Community Councillors and representatives.
- **Page 4** – YW advised she had informed CCOF over the concerns raised with their fundraising leaflet.
- **Page 5** – YW advised that the Law of Trespass information had been passed to CCOF.
- **Page 5 – Foundry Loan Speed Cushions** – YW advised that she had written to Falkirk Council to ask for the speed cushions to be reviewed at same time as parking restrictions. Response discussed under matters from the floor.
- **Page 6 – Tryst Road** – YW advised that Falkirk Council had responded in relation to Tryst Road with proposals for a build-out at the area between the 30/40 mph. Following posting of the proposal of Facebook, concern had been raised that it would not resolve the issues of volume of traffic or the issues near the entrance to the football club and Main Street. Two residents in correspondence with the Community Council thought the build-out would help reduce speed. It was agreed that the build-out was a start but would not resolve all the issues. **Action: YW to write to Falkirk Council urging them to move forward with the proposals for the build-out.**
- **Page 8 – Old Denny Road** – YW advised she had written to NHS Forth Valley but had not received an update on dates for the works on the road or the new car park. JC advised that there may be further pressure on car parking spaces due to the FVRH

National Training Centre requiring dedicated spaces. JC also advised that the H1 & H2 buses would continue until December. **Action: YW to write to NHS Forth Valley for dates for works on Old Denny Road and new car park, and also for an update on signage in car parks.**

- **Page 8 – Old Denny Road** – YW advised she had written to Police Scotland about the parking on double yellow lines.
- **Page 8 – Kinnaird Village School Crossing** – YW advised that Falkirk Council had agreed to put in a crossing patrol at the school. This will be located at the front entrance to the school on McIntyre Avenue where the dropped kerb is currently and the “school keep clear” signs are on the road. The bus stop opposite requires to be relocated slightly towards the roundabout and a hardstanding made which will line up with the path opposite the entrance to the school. School signs will also be installed. Falkirk Council hopes to have the person in place after the Easter holiday however this will depend on successful recruitment PVG checks being in place. A resident advised that they would continue to raise concerns over speeding on Tryst Park with Cllr Carleschi.
- **Page 8 – Larbert High Cycle Track Project** – POR advised that the meeting he had attended for the project had been really good. It is likely that the project will be completed by September.
- **Page 8 – Foundry Loan Car Park Accessibility Issues** – YW advised that Network Rail had confirmed that the car park is owned by First Scotrail. **Action: YW to contact First Scotrail.**
- **Page 8 - £50 Norwegian Gift** – EA advised he is still liaising with the Forestry Commission.
- **Page 10 – Flytipping at Torwood Castle** – YW advised she had chased Falkirk Council and received a reference number but had not received a further update.
- **Page 12 – GP Provision** – YW advised that she had written to NHS Forth Valley in relation to concerns over GP and out of hours provision. We have received an acknowledgement but are still awaiting a full response.
- **Page 13 – SNH Invitation** – DS to report back on event at LHS on 18 February 2014.
- **Page 13 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Review** – EA advised that he had responded to the consultation and had invited the local Station Master along to a future meeting. Date to be confirmed.
- **Page 13 – Green Bin Collection** – YW advised she had received a response from Falkirk Council and read the response which offered to attend a CC meeting and also of advising residents would have to undertake a waste diary should they wish to apply for a larger bin. A resident advised that they had completed the waste diary but Falkirk Council had lost their diary. A further resident advised that Falkirk Council is checking the contents of bins. **Action: It was agreed that Falkirk Council would be invited to the April meeting to discuss issues further.**
- **Page 13 – Commission on Strengthening of Local Democracy** – JK will attend to represent Falkirk area Community Councils.
- TB raised concern over the parking at the Tea House restaurant in Larbert. There is a

keep clear sign on the road. However, there is not a similar sign outside the Commercial Hotel making access to the car park difficult. This will be raised with roads.

9. Correspondence Report

- YW circulated the correspondence report – the following was correspondence requiring discussion or action:

Date of Item	Item	Action Taken/Required
28/1/14	Falkirk Council – Jacquie MacArthur – copies of the text and proposals for the Lido Pond Interpretation boards	YW to respond with comments received
29/1/14	Resident on FB – Church Street – requesting how to make a request for a review for traffic calming on the road	To be discussed with roads in June 2014
29/1/14	Resident on FB - Can we ask that the parking on double yellow lines at the Station Store and surrounding area is properly policed	Raised with Police – response posted that should call 101 with vehicle details at time too.
29/1/14	Resident on FB – Concern about lack of traffic calming on Broomage Av. at top end of Foundry Loan. Concerned over dangerous parking at the shop.	To be discussed with roads in June 2014
29/1/14 *2 and 30/1/14 *4, & 16/2/14 e-mails	Resident – Hamilton Road – e-mail advising of concerns with lack of engagement with Falkirk Council over issues being faced with closure of Hamilton Road and ongoing housing developments.	Discussed under matters from the floor.
30/1/14	Resident on FB – suggestion that grass area in front of Spar Shop on Broomage Avenue could be transformed into a car park to ease congestion issues in the area.	To be discussed with roads in June 2014
30/1/14	CCOF – E-mail thanking for £1200 contribution. Details for payment. Links to new campaign video and fundraising events: 1) Airth Castle Dinner-Dance – 21 Feb: http://www.faug.org.uk/event/fundraising-dinner-dance-auction-and-raffle-airth-castle 2) Gastonbury Concert – 27 Feb: http://www.faug.org.uk/event/gastonbury-benefit-gig-ccof-legal-fighting-fund 3) Campaign video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aB0pxFH9EeU Also looking for more fundraising events to take place	Noted
30/1/14	Resident Facebook – issues re Police not attending issues at Ladeside Primary School	Response received from Police re priorities in other areas – will retain as a police priority
3/2/14	Residents – Hamilton Road – more concern over tree felling	Discussed under matters from the floor
3/2/14	NHS Forth Valley – E-mail from Mark Craske re update on new pavement/lights, rear car park to be open during summer holidays and awaiting information on Old Denny Road wall and entrance	Awaiting further information
4/2/14	Keep Scotland Beautiful -Climate Challenge Fund update: Substantial funding available for 2015, but 2013 and 2014 funding almost exhausted - http://www.keeptoscotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-challenge-fund/news/climate-challenge-fund-funding-update/	Noted and posted on FB & Twitter
4/2/14	Resident Facebook – Foundry Loan Speed cushions – also issue of flooding at Spar and parking near Main St on double yellow lines	Discussed under matters from the floor

5/2/14	Falkirk Council – Letter to local resident via Cllr Carleschi re speeding in Tryst Park and traffic calming in inches and Kinnaird	Resident to raise again with Cllr Carleschi – Falkirk Council has advised no action to be taken
7/2/14	Police Scotland – Review of Public Counter service provision – Larbert station hours to change to 9-5pm Mon-Fri with 1hr lunch 1230pm	Noted
7/2/14	Local Energy Scotland is a free and impartial service through which you can access the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). CARES provides grant and loan funding to help community groups become involved in renewables, whether taking forward a community owned scheme or engaging in a large-scale commercial project. New website at www.localenergyscotland.org – also event at Lighthouse in Glasgow 5 th March	Noted – EA to consider
7/2/14	Falkirk Council – Response re green bins- suggesting March meeting. Response posted on FB.	To be invited to April meeting
7/2/14	Police Scotland - Adjustments to policing model in Forth Valley Division	Noted
11/2/14	Police – Sgt Goldie – response re issues on Carronvale Road	Noted
11/2/14	Facebook – resident querying why there is an overflow of station car park – is it hospital parking?	To be discussed with Roads
12/2/14	Facebook – issue over knock-effect of road works esp. at Bellsdyke Road at Inches Roundabout – also raising concern that there is no pedestrian crossing facilities across this junction	To be discussed with roads
12/2/14	Falkirk Council – Response to issues of Foundry Loan Speed Cushions & Tryst Road – further vibration testing on Foundry Loan and also asking for feedback on build-out on Tryst Road	Discussed under matters from the floor
13/2/14	Falkirk Council – 3 letter relating to 3 planning applications for byways in Torwood – Planning Review has been called. CC asked to submit additional comments.	Discussed under planning report
13/2/14	Google Alert – Link to Stv.tv website with information on spate of 11 break-ins around Larbert, Stenhousemuir & Carronshore	Discussed under Police report
13/2/14	Falkirk Council – response re Carronvale Road – entering/exiting Carronvale Road easier, queues inevitable at peak times, signs on pavements to be moved, will get Network Rail to brief staff at call centre, driving on pavements is a police enforcement issue	Discussed with Network Rail and Noted
14/2/14	Resident – concern over North Broomage Roundabout (at M876 slip roads) due to volume of diverted traffic at peak times	Discussed with Network Rail to be discussed with roads
14/2/14 & 17/2/14	Resident – ongoing concerns over green bin changes and reference to savings of £95K mentioned in Falkirk Herald	Falkirk Council to be invited to April meeting
16/2/14	Resident – notification of serious accident in Torwood on A9 – resulted in road closure & property damage plus individual taken to hospital.	Discussed – update on speed reduction to be sought from Falkirk Council
18/2/14	Resident – concern over capacity issues at Kinnaird Primary & also that pupils may need to go to Denny High in future – cannot attend 24 th Feb but would like issues to be raised	Discussed
19/2/14	Resident – Tryst Road – concern over Falkirk Council's response in relation to overall issues – welcomed build-out	Response to be issued to Falkirk Council urging to proceed with build-out
19 & 20/2/14	Falkirk Council – confirmation that lollipop person will be put in place at Kinnaird Primary School – some building works required & with checks may take several weeks	Noted
20/2/14	Falkirk Council – Swing Bridge Replacement - proposed start date is 10th March with work going on for 9 weeks with a target completion date of 9th May 2014.	Noted
21/2/14	Resident – 2 queries on FB: 1) Has there been any plans to extend the path at the end of the car park at Kinnaird Primary?	To be discussed with roads in relation to

	<p>The path stops before it meets Melville Crescent, forcing children/adults to either walk over the grass (which is now a muddy track) or walk into the drop off bays/road to get round?</p> <p>2) Is there any plans for street lights to be put on the part of the back path that goes out the back of the inches and joins onto Hamilton road?</p>	Hamilton Road
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- The growing number of queries over roads was discussed. It was agreed that Falkirk Council would be invited to our June meeting to discuss all the issues and to provide a strategic overview of the roads in the area. **Action: YW to invite Falkirk Council to June meeting.**
- YW advised that Cllr Carleschi had written to the Community council in relation to the proposed closure of the Larbert registration office in the Council's budget. It was agreed that it is disappointing that there has been no alternative solutions for accommodation identifies and that there had been no community consultation especially with the growing number of houses. It was also discussed that the existing buildings should be preserved. **Action: YW to write to Falkirk Council voicing concerns.**
- YW advised that a Licensing request to vary the license for the Outside Inn had been received to permit children to access external drinking areas and a general refurbishment of the premises. There are no changes to times. It was agreed no objection would be made.

10. Treasurers Report

- GB advised there had been no movement in the balances. YW confirmed that the website which was purchased today had cost £77.64 for 3-years hosting with Vidahost and to buy the domain name for 3-years. YW to provide receipts and also further expenses.

11. Planning Officers Report

- LS circulated the planning officer's report. The key proposals discussed for further action were:
- **P/14/0063/PPP – Development of Land for residential purposes – Land to the north of Elmview, Larbert.** This is a proposal to build 4 houses on land on Glenbervie Golf course with access to the A9 in the layby. It was agreed that an objections would be raised as this lies outwith the local plan.
- **P/14/0066/FUL – Extension to existing yard/storage compound – Land to South of Adman Crescent** – It was agreed that LS would seek further information on this proposal.
- **Forthcoming Planning Review – Land to the South East of Byways, Glen Road, Torwood** – YW advised we had to submit further comments in advance of the review for the 3 houses. It was agreed our existing objection was extant and YW was to write to Falkirk Council to add concern over the further felling of trees which we understand is illegal.

12. Other Reports

- JC advised that there were possible changes to hospital visiting times to make them open. This could solve all the parking issues at the hospital.

13. Fundraising Ceilidh

- EA outlined the possibility of holding a ceilidh in the Plough Hotel or Dobbie Hall on 26 April 2014 to raise funds for the legal costs of the Dart Energy public inquiry. He had liaised with CCOF and whilst the Inquiry will have ended, they remain keen for further fundraising to take place. The band would play for expenses only. Options for ticket prices, buffet etc all to be considered. It was agreed that the CC would go ahead and organise the Ceilidh to raise funds for CCOF.

14. AOCB

- JK raised the following 4 issues:
 - Monumental bench at entrance to Carronvale Road is in very poor condition./ Agreed YW to write to Falkirk Council to ascertain maintenance liability.
 - Elastic bands left by postmen – Agreed YW to write to Royal Mail about the problem of littering
 - Street Signs – It was discussed that there is a shortage of street signs in the local area. It was agreed this would be raised with roads in June.
 - Poor Quality and non-replacement of Cats Eyes – It was agreed this would be raised with roads in June.

15. Date of Next Meeting – 31 March 2014.