

Larbert, Stenhousemuir & Torwood Community Council

MINUTES OF MEETING – 31 March 2014 Rennie Lounge, LARBERT OLD CHURCH

Attendance Details

Committee:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Gillian Bellingham (GB)
- Ted Bingham (TB)
- Margaret Cheyne (MCh)
- Jim Cowan (JC)
- Charles Gillespie (CG)
- Jim Kelly (JK)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

Also Present:

- PC Scott Noble, PC Donna Connell & PC Crawford
- Cllr Carleschi
- Cllr Coleman
- Jon Reid (Rector), Kirsty McGowan (Teacher), Fraser Johnston, Andrew Lauder - Larbert High School
- Gary Murphy and Kirsty McKay - Network Rail Scotland
- Keith Gaines (Capital Dynamics), Gregor Bryce (GB Energy Ltd) and Rachel Searle-Mbullu (Foundation Scotland)
- Alistair Mitchell & Mary-Jane Armstrong, Falkirk Town Centre Management
- Approx. 18 members of the public

Apologies:

- Denis Shovlin (DS)
- Peter O'Rourke (POR)

1. Welcome

- EA welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Police Report

- PC Donna Connell gave the Police report.
- In relation to March PACTs:
 1. Theft and break –ins: Only 3 reported in March. There has been a heavy police presence in the area.
 2. Speeding Complaints – Lamond View & Tryst Road. Drivers have received warnings and the police will continue to monitor into April
- Larbert Village Primary School – Concerns were raised at the meeting about ongoing issues with parked cars. Parents had received a letter from the head teacher advising that pupils would no longer monitor the parked cars as the children had been verbally abused. PC Connell asked YW to forward a copy of the letter to the Police and would look into this further.

- Kinnaird Primary School – There have been issues of children playing on the school roof at night. The Police advised if any children are seen on the roof, members of the public should call 101.
- Ladeside Primary School – There are ongoing problems with parking at the school.
- YW raised the issue of cars parked on Foundry Loan and in particular on junctions. Photographs had been sent in to the Police. It was advised that the Police have been monitoring but unless the cars are completely blocking a junction, there is no action that they are able to take.
- A member of the public raised the issue of cars parked on the North Broomage roundabout at the M876 slips. The cars and advertising vans are blocking access to the pavements. The Police advised they would review the situation there. A member of the public advised that they have made reports about this to 101 but nothing has happened. It was advised that this may depend on how the call is graded.
- The issue of roadwork signage blocking the pavement on Carronvale Road was raised. It was advised that a child was almost hit by a car as a result. The Police will also check this out.
- YW raised the issues of cars parked illegally on double yellow lines on Muirhall Road. Again the Police advised they would check this out. They advised that all issues should be reported to 101.
- The general advice was that members of the public should report all parking issues to 101 and to keep reporting issues. It was also advised that members of the public can call or e-mail the community constables. Details are on the Police Scotland website. This will give the officers personal ownership of the calls.

PACTS for April

1. Continue to review thefts in the area.
2. Children playing on the Kinnaird Primary School roof
3. Target parking at schools and will speak to other constables about the issues raised at Larbert Village Primary School

3. Larbert High School Report

- Fraser Johnston (FJ) and Andrew Lauder (AL) delivered the March report.
- FJ advised that the school's wider achievement programme was going well. It is focussing on softer skills and areas such as media, enterprise, eco and sports coaching. There is also a musical theatre programme. FJ advised that within the media programme there are wider achievement opportunities and that there has been a film festival at Falkirk Town Hall. There will also be a performance of Fame in the 2nd last week in June. FJ advised that the U14 team won the Forth Valley League Cup. FJ also advised that there were 50 pints of blood donated on Blood Donation Day.
- AL advised that the new national exams for S3 & S4 will commence on 28th April. On Wednesday, the school is having a charities day and is raising money for the Maggie's Centre. AL advised that the Captains Challenge had been going from strength to strength. There have been some keynote guests to the school include Murray Elliot

(Paralympian archer), Steve Frew (gymnast), Mimi Anderson (Jogged from Lands End to John O'Groats), Shona Thomson (Ran marathons over 7 continents) and on 23rd April the school was welcoming Sir Chris Hoy to talk to pupils.

- FJ advised the school had received its 4th Eco Schools Flag and that the orphan Land project at the Plough Hotel will be finished in the next 2 weeks. FJ advised the project has been nominated for a national Carnegie Trust award.
- EA congratulated the school on its achievements and thanked FJ & AL for their contribution.

Bike Pump Track Project Update

- Jon Reid, Rector at LHS and Kirsty McGowan, PE Teacher, gave an update on the bike pump track project. JR advised that the funding was now all in place and the plans had been submitted to Falkirk Council for consideration. The school is expecting a decision within the next couple of weeks. The project is being managed by Central Scotland Forest Trust on behalf of LHS. JR advised that there had been a number of changes made to the original designs since the consultation especially with respect to drainage.
- A question was raised by a member of the public over why a drainage assessment had not been undertaken. JR advised that additional work had been done and it was for the planners to now look at and consider the information submitted. JR advised that the tracks would all be made out of natural materials and not concrete. A further condition of one of the grants is that there will be more planting done which will further assist in drainage. It was advised that the planners did not think an EIA was necessary.
- The resident advised that the site is damp with no waterways or soak-aways for water to go and enquired if there had been a feasibility study. JR advised the plans will allow the water to run off into the SUDS pond and that there is only one small area of concrete in the overall plan. JR advised that this is an environmental project using £250K to improve a piece of barren land.
- JR advised that following concerns raised, the teen shelter was no longer in the plans at this time. This may be revisited to consider an outdoor classroom in the future. EA advised that concerns had been raised over the viewing platform at Larbert Loch over potential vandalism but that this had never materialised.
- JR advised that a lot of the work will follow the natural contours of the land with the inclusion of extra tracks and paths. He advised it will not be floodlit.
- There was also discussion over the plans which appear contradictory in relation to trees being cut down and additional planting. It was agreed to seek clarification on this.
- EA acknowledged that the Community Council has always supported the project but there remained unresolved issues with surrounding residents. **It was agreed that the Community Council would write to Falkirk Council remaining in support of the project but advising there were 2 areas of concern raised by residents that the Community Council had not been able to resolve: drainage and trees.**
- EA thanked JR & KMcG for their contribution to the meeting and for the ongoing excellent work being undertaken by the school.

4. Network Rail Update

- Gary Murphy (GM) and Kirsty McKay (KM) gave a brief update on the bridgeworks. GM advised that piling was to take place with 15 to be drilled. They were planning to do 2-3 per day. They are planning to demolish the existing bridge on 16th May with the pedestrian bridges opening in May.
- EA advised there were rumours circulating that the project would be extended into February 2014. GM advised that this was not the case and that the road would be re-opened as per the revised plan before Christmas.
- A resident advised that there is a rumour that the Tesco store in Redding is receiving £1m compensation for the bridgeworks there. GM advised categorically that there is no compensation being paid to anyone. Under the legislation there are no compensation funds available for these types of works. However, GM advised that there is a land deal with Tesco which is covered under a confidentiality agreement.
- Mary-Jane Armstrong (MJA) from Town Centre Management Ltd advised that Falkirk Council operated a Hardship Relief Fund for non-domestic rates which traders can apply for.
- It was agreed that 4 members of the Community Council would undertake a site visit on Thursday 3rd April 2014. EA, CH, GB & JK will attend. KM advised that the Community Council would get a column to report back on from the site visit in the next newsletter which would be issued in the next 3 weeks.
- Traders present advised that a leaflet was being produced in conjunction with Network Rail to promote the local businesses to local households and that advertising was going into the Falkirk Herald.
- YW advised that residents had raised concerns over vehicle movements along Muirhall Road and Foundry Loan early in the morning and during the night carrying rubble etc. KM asked that residents be provided with her contact details and she would look into the issues directly.
- CH advised there have been issues with delivery vehicles and other vehicles using SatNav getting lost.
- KM advised that changes to the temporary signage for the local businesses was being looked into and that they were working with Falkirk Council on areas for fixed signage. YW advised she had written to Falkirk Council to advise that the Community Council supported this to be done as soon as possible.
- Issues were raised over the 3 signs blocking the pavement on Carronvale Road. KM advised that she would look into resolving this.
- It was agreed that GM & KM would attend the April meeting to provide a further update. EA thanked them for their contribution.

5. Todhill Wind Farm Update

- Keith Gaines (KG) advised that they were finalising the outstanding planning conditions with Falkirk Council. The wind turbines had been ordered before Christmas. Raymond Brown will be the main contractors undertaking the works. Gregor Bryce (GB) will be

responsible for the construction works and vehicle movements. KG advised they expect to start work in the next week or so.

- KG advised that the scheme will generate £4K per megawatt which will be split between our Community Council area and Denny and District Community Council area. This will amount to £24K per annum over 25-years which equates to £600K for Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood over the project's lifetime. The Fund will be administered by Foundation Scotland who will agree the management and distribution of the Fund with the Community Council. It was agreed that there was no conflict of interest with the Community Council being involved in the Fund given the objection to the project made by the Community Council.
- KG advised that the civil engineering contractor is ready to go subject to final clearance with Falkirk Council. The existing road networks will be used with only 1km of new road required. The road construction will take place over an 8-week period up to the end of July. There will be 300 m² concrete foundations laid for the 4 turbines. When they are being poured there will be a number of vehicle movements over a period of 8-days. It was advised that a traffic management plan will be in place with a new entrance opposite Glenbervie Golf Club.
- A member of the public advised of the traffic deadlock at the present time on the A9. KG & GB advised that they will make the contractor aware of all the road diversions.
- KG advised that a sub-station will be constructed at the bottom of the site in June. This will take 14-16 weeks to construct. The connection to the power grid is likely to be made at the end of October. The wind turbines will be installed early October over a 2-week period. They will be commissioned at the end of October to coincide with a Scottish Power outage taking place at that time.
- KG advised he would e-mail the presentation circulated in the meeting for the Community Council website. (Post meeting note – the document can be found at: <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Todhill-Wind-Farm-Presentation-to-LSTCC-31-March-2014-meeting.pdf>)
- Rachel Searle-Mbullu (RSM) from Foundation Scotland provided an update on the Community Fund. She advised that if power is generated in October/November, then the Community Fund will receive its first payment at that time to. RSM advised that a group requires to be established and timescales set working backwards from the first payment date. It is likely this group will include members of the Community Council and the wider community. The Fund needs to be established with specifics to suit the local community. It is normally recommended that the community has a plan that they wish to achieve. RSM advised that Denny & District Community Council has set-up a development group. It may be possible to work with Denny jointly on the Fund. The Fund is also index-linked so will not go down in value.
- A contract will be established between Capital Dynamics and Foundation Scotland. The principles would then be reflected in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Council.
- **It was agreed that a meeting would be set-up with Foundation Scotland to discuss further. YW to arrange meeting with RSM.**
- A question was asked about using some of the demolition materials from the bridgeworks to construct the turbine site. The contractor will look into this.

6. Stenhousemuir Town Centre - Alistair Mitchell – Town Centre Management Ltd

- Alistair Mitchell (AM) and Mary-Jane Armstrong (MJA) from Town Centre Management Ltd were present to discuss Stenhousemuir Town Centre. AM advised that town centres are changing with full occupancy now a thing of the past. AM advised that MJA had worked on a number of projects in Stenhousemuir and had liaised with businesses and residents during the regeneration works.
- AM advised that the main message getting promoted is to “Shop Local” and the new logo “Place for Us” will be used. They will be advertising this and will have a 4th July supplement in the Falkirk Herald. There was also be a “Local” booklet will be circulated around the houses. AM advised that new signage for the boards in Stenhousemuir would be in place soon.
- In relation to markets, AM advised they had operated one continental market in Stenhousemuir and discussions were underway for a seasonal farmers market. In addition, they operate the Christmas lights switch on every year. There is also the Sparkle Christmas magazine produced. Town Centre Management also organised local events in the Dobbie Hall as part of the Funny in Falkirk Festival.
- On April 26th, from 10am-4pm there will be a Charities Day operated in conjunction with Vale OF Carron Rotary. There are still stalls available. YW to promote via social media.
- AM advised that Stenhousemuir was also part of the Visit Falkirk Tourism Marketing Campaign. Falkirk Council are also providing free world host training courses.
- AM advised that this year the Falkirk Business Improvement District (BID) will bring cost-saving services to businesses in Stenhousemuir e.g. utility, telephone & postage savings packages. There is also the launch of the Mi Falkirk Smartphone App. Falkirk BID will also have new signage focussing on Shop, Eat & Play local activity.
- Some of the ongoing concerns about Stenhousemuir were discussed including that it had become a car park and not a town centre, empty units and rates. AM advised that there were a number of key events that were bringing numbers in to the town centre and that the vacancies were not as bad as some other areas.
- The key action agreed was that if the Community Council or any resident or trader sees an idea in another town which is working well, they should let the Town Centre Management Team know so that it can be considered for Stenhousemuir. The important message is to encourage more people to shop local and come into the town centre.
- EA thanked AM and MJA for their contribution to the meeting.

7. Matters from the Floor

- **Burnhead Road** – Concern was raised over the increase in vehicles using it to get onto Bellsdyke Road with cars travelling on the wrong side of the road. It was agreed this is likely to be due to the road works. It was noted that this is a school route. It will be raised with Greg Pender from Falkirk Council at the May Community Council meeting.
- **Hamilton Road to Pleanhill Tower** – It was discussed that this is now much busier with Kinnaird traffic and has become dangerous with little room on the road to pass. With passing taking place on verges, these are likely to collapse. It was advised this is part of

bike route 76 and representation has been made by residents to Falkirk Council and Sustrans. It was noted that they cannot change the speed limit of a 60mph country road. It was also noted that the Sustrans did not object to the closure of Hamilton Road or the stretch from the Moss Road. The route has also not been re-signposted. It was agreed that the issues raised would be discussed with Greg Pender from Falkirk Council at the May Community Council meeting.

8. Minutes from the Last Meeting – 24 February 2014

- YW advised that the headteacher at Kinnaird Primary School had requested an alteration to the minutes which stated on page 5 that the school is now full which is not the case. The head teacher confirmed that the roll is rising fairly rapidly but the school is not yet at capacity. It is still accepting pupils at all stages and currently have three empty classrooms. It was agreed that the minutes would be amended to read: “The School has 420 pupils....”
- The minutes were then approved.

9. Matters Arising

- **Page 6 – Education** – Cllr Carleschi advised that the Education Committee meeting to discuss nursery provision had been rearranged for the end of April 2014. Gary Greenhorn to forward information on Kinnaird Primary School options and copy of nursery committee report.
- **Page 9 – Closure of Hamilton Road** – A number of residents from the top end of Hamilton Road were present at the meeting to discuss the ongoing issues with Falkirk Council. YW advised she had written to Falkirk Council and had forwarded the response to the residents. One of the residents had forwarded comments on the response back to the Community Council. The residents present raised concerns that the meetings they had with Falkirk Council had not been minuted and that they had been held during the working day preventing some residents from attending. It was agreed that the Community Council would convene and facilitate a meeting between the residents and Falkirk Council and appoint a minute taker. It was agreed that the 4 local Councillors would also be invited and that 2 or 3 members of the Community Council would also be in attendance. **YW to write to Allan Finlayson at Falkirk Council to arrange accordingly.**
- **Page 9 – Foundry Loan Speed Cushions** – YW advised that a letter had been sent to Falkirk Council with copies of the photographs of the damaged speed cushions. A response was received advising that the maintenance issues would be looked into but no further action is planned to review the cushions or alternative options. A resident advised he had also been in contact with Falkirk Council over the state of the speed cushions. They had provided him with details of maintenance arrangements and had advised that they will be replaced with tarmac speed bumps. In the interim, there are ongoing issues with parked cars and vibrations from vehicles going over the cushions causing damage to vehicles and house. The resident advised that the legislation states they should not be within 8m of a junction but most of them are within 8m. Cllr Coleman advised they were supposed to be pads similar to those in the Inches originally. In Bonnybridge, Cllr Coleman advised that similar cushions had eventually been removed and there had been no impact on speeding. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Falkirk Council advising that there continues to be real concerns and to make a request for the removal of the speed cushions given the ongoing issues and their state of repair, and requesting that alternative means of controlling the speed such as build-outs or tables should be

considered.

- **Page 14 – Larbert Registration Office** – YW advised that correspondence had taken place between the Community Council voicing concerns over the lack of community consultation over the closure and from Falkirk Council explaining the closure. This had been posted on the website and Facebook. In addition, Falkirk Council had advised that there would be consultation on the preferred option for the proposals for housing at the site which could include retaining the façade, refurbishing or new-build. It was agreed that there was still disappointment over the lack of consultation over the closure and that this would be conveyed to Falkirk Council.
- **Page 10 – Dart Energy Public Inquiry** – EA provided feedback from the Inquiry where he had been a CCOF witness for Cultural Heritage. It was noted that the Falkirk Herald had misinterpreted the number of people attending the public consultations Dart Energy had held advising 43% rather than 43 people. It was also noted that Dart Energy had submitted a further planning application for an exploration borehole near Skinflats (P/14/0038/FUL). It was agreed that given the ongoing public inquiry an objection should be made to this with no further approvals until the outcome of the Inquiry. A resident raised concern that the audiotapes were not in the public domain and only available to the Community Councils. They asked if the Community Council could raise this with the reporter or MSPs. EA advised he had already raised this with the reporter who had ruled that they should not be made publically available. YW advised that she had written to the DPEA and all the information was available in disc at the library in advance of the Inquiry or hard copies at Falkirk Council's offices in Davids' Loan.
- **Page 10 – Tryst Road** – YW advised she had written to Falkirk Council asking them to move forward with the proposals for the build-out.
- **No 59 Bus** – Cllr Carleschi advised that a new timetable would be issued from 7th April 2014 with the route no longer including the Falkirk Community Hospital. It will still include the Inches. Cllr Carleschi will forward the final version. YW to post information on the Community Council website and social media.
- **Page 11 – Old Denny Road** – YW advised that she had again written to NHS Forth Valley on 17 March 2014 in relation to the works on Old Denny Road, the new car park and for an update on signage in the car park. No response has been received. **It was agreed EA would contact Tom Steele.**
- **Page 11 – Foundry Loan Car Park Accessibility Issues** – YW advised she had received a response from First Scotrail advising they have undertaken a comprehensive study of parking facilities throughout the network. Following on from that study, they are now in the process of prioritising locations in need of improvement. Agreed to note and to keep a watching brief on any improvements.
- **Page 11 – Flytipping at Torwood Castle** – TB advised this has now been resolved. YW has been in correspondence with Falkirk Council on the issues and will confirm no further issues.
- **Page 11 – GP Provision** – YW to forward the response from NHS Forth Valley to Community Councillors for further discussion at April meeting.
- **Page 11 – Green Bin Collection** – YW advised that Falkirk Council has agreed to attend the April meeting to discuss the changes to the green bins. EA advised that the Community Council had also met Falkirk Council to hear about the changes as part of a

Community Council briefing event. Information on events being held for residents would be circulated. Falkirk Council has also agreed to meet residents who have concerns.

- **Page 11 – Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy** – JK attended this meeting on behalf of all Falkirk Council area community councils. JK reported that many Community Councils feel that they are not listened to, are used by Councils to suit their needs and many felt they had a lack of power. A draft report has now been produced and the final version will be circulated once available.
- **Page 12 – Lido Pond signage** – YW advised she had sent back the signage comments. Signs still to be put in place by Falkirk Council.
- **Page 12 – Community and Renewables Energy Scheme** – EA has reviewed and it is in line with the actions we are taking for Todhill Wind Farm.
- **Page 13 – A9 Speed Limit** – YW advised that Falkirk Council had responded with details of forthcoming proposed changes to the speed limit – from 60mph to 50mph from the Stirling/Falkirk boundary to Torwood. 40mph through the urban section of Torwood and then 50mph to the existing 40mph limit into Larbert. YW advised that the Community Council had been criticised on Facebook for proposing to Falkirk Council a 40mph limit into Larbert from Torwood from a number of residents when reductions in speed limits had also been opposed by many residents. It was discussed and agreed that there are a number of different views on this making it very difficult for the Community Council to reach a consensus view which represents the overall community. This will be conveyed to Falkirk Council when the proposals are made available for consultation.
- **Page 14 – P/14/0063/PPP** – YW advised that an objection had been lodged to the proposal for 4 houses in land to the north of Elmview in Larbert as it is outwith the agreed urban limits.
- **Page 14 - P/14/0066/FUL** - Extension to existing yard/storage compound, land to south of Adam Crescent. LS advised that she had visited the site which will be used by Horizon Canes. It was noted that some trees had been removed. There did not appear to be any further issues to consider and no representations had been received from local residents to the Community Council.
- A resident commented on the smells coming from the **West Carron Landfill site**. YW advised that she had written to Falkirk Council who had advised it was local farmers spreading on their fields. Falkirk Council had provided SEPA's contact details. The resident advised that they have been in touch with SEPA but had not yet received a response. It was agreed that if there is no resolution and the odours continue that the Community Council will get involved further.
- **Page 14 - Planning Review – Land to South East of Byways, Glen Road, Torwood** – YW advised that concern had been raised with Falkirk Council over the further felling of trees.
- **Page 15 – Monumental Bench – Carronvale Road**. YW advised that Falkirk Council had confirmed that the bench cannot be repaired and should be removed. They had also advised that the family who placed the bench have responsibility for its maintenance. LS will speak to one of the family members. If they are satisfied, a letter will be written to Falkirk Council requesting its immediate removal given safety concerns.
- **Page 15 – Elastic Bands left by post personnel** – YW advised that Royal Mail had

responded advising that they would re-advise their staff not to drop them but also that they are biodegradable and will not cause any long-term environmental damage.

10. Correspondence Report

- YW circulated the correspondence report. The following was discussed which was not covered elsewhere on the agenda:

Date of Item	Item	Action Taken/Required
24 February 2014	Rotary Club of Vale of Carron – Notification of Charities Day on 26 th April and opportunity to take a stall	Agreed not to take a stall this year but will look to take a stall in the future
24 February 2014	Falkirk Council – Local Planning Review - P/13/0038/FUL – Installation of wind turbine at Kersebrock Farm – Copy of environmental statement requesting comments by 24 th March	Objection withheld no further comment
25 February 2014	Website – 1 st Comment – resident re getting speed limit on Bellsdyke Road reduced to 30mph – issues crossing at Inches Roundabout	Agreed to be added to agenda with roads in May 2014
25 & 27 February 2014	Resident – Copied in to an e-mail re Concern that more portacabins will be built at Ladeside Primary and parking at the school	Resident advised that the new cabins are shelters for outdoor classrooms
26 February 2014	Resident – concern over lack of action to address traffic issues in the local area – particularly pressure on North Broomage Avenue	To be discussed with roads at May meeting
28 February 2014	Falkirk Council – Notice of Public Procession – Apprentice Boys of Derry – 24 th May 2014 – 230pm – 100 marchers	Agreed to comment on concerns over impact of road works
3 March 2014	Resident – Issues on Muirhall Road with parked cars and the waiting restrictions	Raised with Police and to be discussed with roads at May meeting
4 & 6 March 2014	CCOF – request to LSTCC to ask if we are OK for other community councils to be added to the Community Charter. Plus copy of Dart Energy rebuttal to CC recognition	Response sent OK
5 March 2014	Falkirk Council – Local Development Plan – Progress Update and Consultation on Supplementary Guidance – Response by 14 April 2014	No response to be issued
5, 8 & 21 March 2014	Falkirk Council – information on LEADER funding and invitations to respond to consultation – events, questionnaire & invite to speak	JK to review information
7 & 22 March 2014	Falkirk Council – Invitation to CC Welcome and Training Event – 25 th March 530 for 6pm Council Chambers	EA, YW, GB, DS, JK, MCH, CG & LS attended
10 March 2014	Local Trader – advising that new FB Page established to support Larbert traders	Promoted via LSTCC FB, Web & Twitter
12 March 2014	CCOF – request for comments on Draft Schedule of Conditions and also copy of CCOF hearing statement – comments due back by 14 March	To be noted – insufficient time to respond
12 March 2014	Falkirk Council – response from roads re Tryst Road, Foundry Loan, A9 speed and agreeing to come to May meeting to discuss other issues	Discussed
13 March 2014	Falkirk Council – Local Development Plan – Advice that Mrs Jill Moody appointed as reporter by Scottish Govt. Examination of issues raised in representations will start at earliest 21 March – may write to LSTCC for further information.	To be noted.
13 March 2014 (rec'd)	Michael Matheson MSP & Angus MacDonald MSP – Invitation to a Big Lottery Fund Information seminar on 10 April 2014 at 930am at Falkirk Stadium	JK to consider attending
20 March 2014	CVS Falkirk and District Annual Review – online survey	No volunteer to complete

24 March 2014	Forestry Commission – Easter Event in Larbert Woods- Friday 18 th April 11am at Larbert House - £1 per child	To be advertised
25 March 2014	Sgt Goldie – advising new Larbert PC – Chris Goodwin to work with PC Donna Connell & advising hat PC Connell will attend March meeting	Noted
25 March 2014	CH – Issues of height of water & rubbish in Lade, ongoing issues of dog poo bags and lack of sound at pedestrian crossing at Larbert Cross	To be discussed with roads in May meeting and with CSFT
26 March 2014	Falkirk Council – Guidance for neighbours on high hedge disputes with neighbours	Circulated & noted
26 March 2014	The Falkirk Council (Main Street, Larbert)(Temporary Prohibition of Waiting)(No.TTRO/515) Order 2014 – Late notification to temporarily prohibit waiting in Main Street, Larbert from 07:00hrs on 20/03/14 – 18:00hrs on 27/03/14. The prohibition is to allow Openreach (BT) to construct a footpath chamber ahead of their diversion works in association with rail bridge improvements.	Insufficient notice to advertise in advance of road works.
27 March 2014	Comments on FB re roads in Kinnaird: Flooding next to all the speed bumps. Persimmon sign at the junction near the proposed pub which is obstructing visibility at what is now a busy junction and the junction at the end of Melville crescent also has poor visibility due to parked cars.	To be discussed with roads and planners in relation to Hamilton Road
28 & 30 March 2014	Resident raising concerns over passenger facilities at Larbert station before it opens in morning	Letter to be sent to First Scotrail requesting review
30 March 2014	JK – Question over naming of King St & Main St and also over lights in Stenhousemuir being at red when no cars waiting to enter Main Street	To be discussed with roads at May meeting

11. Treasurer's Report

- GB left a written report. Two cheques for administration and website expenses had been written – EA: £13.97 and YW: £146.43. Falkirk Council had been paid £79.18 for insurance. The balance after the cheques are cashed is £2,908.32 which will also be the end of year balance.

12. Planning Report

- LS circulated the planning report. There were no further comments on any of the applications other than those already agreed for the cycle project (P/14/0108/FUL).

13. Other Reports

- There were no other reports

14. AOCB

- Fundraising Ceilidh – EA advised that plans were progressing well for the ceilidh. The Plough Hotel has been booked for 26th April at 7:30pm. The “Houseband” will provide entertainment for expenses only. Tickets are £10 per adult and £25 per family. Children are very welcome and there will be a buffet provided. There will be a raffle on the night and everyone was asked to assist with raffle prizes. All are asked to promote the event.

15. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Monday 28 April 2014.

