

## LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR & TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING – 28 November 2016 LOWER HALL, LARBERT OLD CHURCH

#### Attendance Details

##### Committee:

- Gillian Bellingham (GB)
- Ted Bingham (TB)
- Colleen Hurren (CH)
- Peter O'Rourke (PO'R)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Denis Shovlin (DS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

##### Also Present:

- Mrs Kay, Kirsty Mitchell, Gregor Monson, Larbert High School
- PC Alex Clarke and PC Susan Wetton, Police Scotland
- Christine Bell, CATCA
- Cllr Carleschi
- Alasdair McNiven, First Midland Bluebird
- 10 members of the public

##### Apologies:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Jim Cowan (JC)
- Jim Kelly (JK)
- Community Safety Team (written report submitted)

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

- CH welcomed everyone to the November meeting of the Community Council and advised she would be chairing in the absence of EA. Apologies were noted.

#### 2. Police Report – PC Clarke and PC Susan Wetton, Police Scotland

- The Police report was submitted and can be viewed at:  
<http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/LSTCC-Police-Report-November-2016.pdf>
- PC Wetton reminded all to take care with property over Christmas. You should not leave Christmas lights on when out of the house or leave presents under the tree.
- PC Wetton advised that residents concerned about their home security can contact the police who will undertake a crime prevention survey. The survey makes recommendations on how home security can be improved.
- PC Wetton commented on parking issues on Muirhall Road at the train station with cars parking on double yellow lines.
- PC Wetton also advised that there were parking issues on Central Boulevard.

- For any drivers found parking illegally the Police will normally educate the first time and issue a ticket the second time.
- In relation to speeding on Foundry Loan, PC Wetton advised that there has been no-one speeding enough over the limit to charge on Foundry Loan. There remain issues with parking with drivers stopping for a couple of minutes to go into the shops.
- CH enquired about a disturbance on 21<sup>st</sup> November at a house in Miller Place. There was no information provided on this.
- A resident raised an issue with fireworks last week with sustained loud banging at about 830-9pm. PC Wetton advised that there are not any rules for fireworks at any time of the year. There is an issue if they are used late at night. If they are causing a disturbance in the neighbourhood, the Police will come out and speak to people involved.
- A resident raised concerns over the volume of traffic on Stirling Road between 4-6pm. Stirling Road is gridlock at that time. TB advised that the traffic is queued from 8am too from the M876 T-junction to Larbert cross. Parking remains an issue on Stirling Road. The Police advised that congestion is not an issue for them to deal with.
- The issue of speed of traffic on Tryst Road was also raised particularly with a school nearby and parking on double yellow lines at the school . It was acknowledged that there is a massive problem at all schools with inconsiderate parking. PC Wetton advised that at Larbert Village Primary School, parents have established a Facebook page to highlight the issue. PC Wetton advised that in Sweden, there is a scheme whereby there are volunteers to assist the police in their local community. They wear a tabard and receive guidance from the police. They are there to help and speak to drivers and attend to other issues a community needs to know about.
- DS advised he had attended the CVS AGM. A children and community safety forum has been established and there could potentially be links made to the various forums that are in place. The next meeting of the Community Safety Forum is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- A local resident raised an issue with local young people delivering papers in the morning without lights on their bikes, riding on pavements and using their mobile phones. YW advised she had forwarded the issue to Sgt Goldie for consideration and was awaiting a response.
- Inconsiderate parking on Orchardson Road and in Central Boulevard was discussed. In relation to Central Boulevard, Falkirk Council are considering putting lines in place to enable access.
- YW asked if there had been any further progress with cones at Carmill Dance Studio. The Police will speak officially to the Studio, and cones to improve safety will be considered.
- The concerns raised over littering etc at Larbert Woods was discussed. PC Wetton advised she would be happy to assist with an environmental audit. This is easy to undertake and would look at all issues. There would then be a review in

3-6 months to ascertain if there had been any improvements.

- YW advised that the Community Council had been notified that Inspector Kellet was moving on. The new Inspector Graham Mackin has been appointed to replace him.

### 3. Community Safety Team Report

- Apologies were received from the team. A written report was submitted and can be viewed at: <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/CST-November-2016-Report.pdf>
- Key points to note in the report:
  - Larbert High School – Having re-situated one of the litter bins on Main Street, the team have seen a dramatic drop in litter levels in this area. They continue to patrol this area at lunchtimes and are currently in touch with PC Imrie to arrange some joint patrols.
  - Kinnaird Primary School – They are currently monitoring this location out of school hours due to an increase in youth disorder.
  - Larbert Woods- Following a report via this group, of litter affecting this location, the team has visited the site and found this to be the case. They have spoken with the site agent for the contractual work taking place here and provided posters about littering to be placed in communal break areas for his teams. They have also advised that we will be monitoring the area and any offences witnessed in terms of littering, will be dealt with by means of a Fixed Penalty Notice currently set at £80.
- A resident raised an issue about dog bins not being emptied in Kinnaird. It was noted that there are other issues with bins in Torwood Avenue and other areas. It was agreed to write to Falkirk Council re issues with dog fouling bins across area not being emptied. **(ACTION 1)**

### 4. Youth Report – Larbert High School

- Mrs Kay, Gregor Monson and Kirsty Mitchell attended.
- Kirsty advised that all the Leadership academies were now established and each has at least 15 members undertaking various tasks in the school. The recent Parent evenings were successful. The STEM leadership academy is undertaking a Stem-December to promote STEM as a subject choice.
- Gregor advised that the leadership academies are pupil run, with pupil opinion and input. The Christmas dance will be run by the inclusion team. The uptake has been good
- The various specialist schools are all running well. In the New Year, notices will go to primary schools to enable P7s to apply for next year
- A resident and Mrs Kay advised the recent trip to India had been thoroughly enjoyed it. This took place at the same time as the 7<sup>th</sup> Cape Town trip.
- Gregor advised that the Dragons Glen was going well. Within this project, pupils

set up a small business to raise money for Children First. The Charity gives the team £500 to turn into £5000 for the charity. This year pupils are selling scarves at Bay City Rollers concerts to raise funds.

- Preparations are underway for Christmas dances. The S1/S2 will take place during the day, the S3/4 at night & the senior phase at Airth Castle.
- Preparation is underway for Prelims in January. The Health and Well Being group are organising a MESP day (mental, emotional, social and physical) for S5s to help them prepare. This will include workshops, dietary advice for a healthy mind and physical activities including yoga and meditation.
- A resident advised that former pupil Kate McLaughlin will perform on STV next week Wednesday 9pm in a show about Peter Manual.
- Kirsty advised this year's school musical is 13. The show will be in June and tickets available to the wider public.
- YW advised that concerns had been raised about children's behaviour and road safety around the school following the Community Council posting Jon Reid's letter on parking and safety around the school. Mrs Kay advised work is being undertaken to monitor roads and hot spots.
- Mrs Kay concluded the report by advised that Larbert High was #39 in the Sunday Times Top 50 list of state secondary schools in Scotland yesterday.

#### **Christine Bell - CATCA Update**

- Christine Bell gave an update from CATCA. Christine advised they have been working with groups from the school including S2 on climate change. They are designing a community garden for the new 60 bed nursing home in Glenbervie Business Park. The nursing home wanted a community space and the Royal Horticultural Society is assisting to design the garden. They will be going on 15<sup>th</sup> December to the Botanic Garden to showcase the project.
- Christine advised that they are seeking 2017-18 Climate Challenge Funding to continue to work with a series of projects including community garden activities and the further roll-out of the Cycling Without Age project.
- The Cycling Without Age rickshaw project has continued to deliver presentations to local groups with very positive receptions. Fraser Johnston also presented to a cross party group at the Scottish Government and to the Scottish Older Peoples assembly in the Scottish Parliament. They are looking to launch the project March. The project will also visit Carrondale Nursing Home along with Round Table's Santa Sleigh in December.
- Christine advised that the CATCA office will move from the Camelon Community Education Centre to the Tryst Community Centre in Stenhousemuir 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- Christine advised that the Plough notice board is now on the wall and will be decorated with Christmas lights. The Community Council continue to put information on the notice board.

#### **5. Alasdair McNiven, First Midland Bluebird– Discussion on Local Bus Service**

## Provision

- Alisdair advised he was a Larbert resident and had worked for the company for 25 years. Rather than give a formal presentation, he suggested that the floor be opened to questions about the local service provision.
- It was noted that there had been severe cuts to services and there had been lack of notice of this and that the removal of services had been immediate. Alisdair advised that between 2004-2015, they had been limited as to what they could do and changes that could be made. With the service provider change, they could remove routes that were inefficient. He advised there had been consultation with Councillors. He advised that in this area the S6 usage had peaked and the S7 was going to be withdrawn in its entirety. They run with 1 bus and minimum cost. He advised they are keen to listen to feedback and that consultation needs to improve. Some usage figures for services however are poor.
- The issues of the cut to services to Lamond View which are used by elderly residents was discussed. Alasdair advised this had been primarily a safety issue for the big 12m buses that are used and the volume of parked cars on the route. They had wanted to consider an option to utilise Valeview and turn at McLachlan Street. However, there is an issue because of where shop is located and the tight turn at the top of McLachlan Street. He advised they are unlikely to reinstate this service. A question was asked over whether a smaller bus could be used. It was advised that there is not a preference for the use of mini buses.
- The reliability of the No 7 service over the Christmas period when there will be busier traffic for example on Grahams Road and Hallam Road, and the Antonshill route was discussed. Alasdair advised that there is a need to look at this service again particularly now that FVRH has become a bus hub for services. There requires to be a business case in place for services and this will be looked at. They hope to have services and drivers to resource services moving forward.
- A query was raised about issues with driver retention. Alasdair advised this had been an issue about 12 months ago, but they now had a number of people at the driver academy. He advised that for some recruits, the shift work can be exhausting and is not suitable
- A query was raised about consistency of fares with a resident advising that on occasion the short trip from Stenhousemuir Main Street to FVRH was £1.50 and at other times £1.90. The query was whether there is still a £1.50 fare for short journeys. Alasdair advised he would require to get more information about fares.
- A question was asked if the 99 service to Falkirk Stadium would be reinstated. It was advised this would not be reinstated.
- There was a question over the 59 service stopping and the new F11's route. It was noted that there had been issues with incorrect direction of travel in Kinnaird. It was likely that there would be tweaks done to the F11 service.
- It was advised that the UK Government regulates bus services.
- It was noted that there are no bus shelters in all areas. And in some areas the bus shelter provision is insufficient e.g. Asda in Newmarket Street. It was put forward by a resident that more people would travel by bus, if it was more

attractive to do so with shelters and other passenger facilities. It was noted that bus shelters are provided by Falkirk Council.

- CH thanked Alasdair for attending.

## 6. Todhill Windfarm Fund Updates.

### Main Fund

- Decisions on Round 2 have been publicised. They can be viewed at: <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Round-2-Announcement-poster-revised.pdf>

### Micro Grant Fund

- YW advised there was 1 enquiry and 1 application.
- The enquiry was in relation to an 11-year old boy seeking support with his go-karting training. CH advised she has contacted Foundation Scotland to query this request. YW will issue a holding e-mail in the interim. **(ACTION 2)**.
- The full application was received from Community Councillor Denis Shovlin. DS is a volunteer with Radio Royal airing a one hour classical music show each week. DS spends around 8-15 hours per week in the studio preparing the show for the benefit of the wider community and those listening to Radio Royal. DS is seeking a grant of £250 to purchase a special ergonomic chair to support him in this volunteer role. The chair would be kept at Radio Royal. It was agreed that further advice would be sought from Foundation Scotland given that DS is a Community Councillor and the Community Council administer the fund. Confirmation will also be sought from Radio Royal over the requirement for a chair, to ensure that a proper Occupational Health referral has been undertaken and to ascertain why Radio Royal cannot supply DS with an appropriate chair. **(ACTION 3)**

## 7. Matters from the Floor

- **Larbert War Memorial** - A local resident Allana Hughes attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of a local project to undertake repairs and improvements required to the War Memorial at the Dobbie Hall. Allana works for the War Memorial Trust and has expertise in this area working with groups to educate them and assisting them to access funding to make improvements to memorials. Allana is currently on maternity leave is keen to assist the local community to apply for funding to improve the memorial which is now in poor condition. She has received approval from the trustees at the War Memorial Trust to support the project while she is on leave. Allana advised that there is £1m available in Scotland. Grants up to 75% of project costs are available. Allana would be able to assist with specifications for the works which she estimates could be in the region of £15K. Allana advised that repointing is required, the stone needs to be cleaned properly with a light steam, and the bronze plaques need to be cleaned with tinted wax applied to protect them, security marked and bolts replaced. Allana would assist in specifying the works, obtaining quotes and making a funding application. It was agreed that the project would need approval from Falkirk Council. Match funding was also discussed with the possibility of windfarm funds being used. Potential organisations to make the grant application was also discussed and would need to be further considered. It was agreed that the Community Council

would speak to Foundation Scotland about a potential application for windfarm funds. It was noted that Harry Forster at Falkirk Council was also looking at potential works to be carried out. Cllr Carleschi will speak to Harry Forster to check this. In the interim, it was agreed that Allana would also seek quotes for the work. **(ACTION 4)**.

- **Proposed Housing at Stirling Road** – A number of residents were in attendance to discuss their concerns over the proposed housing development at Stirling Road. It was noted that there is a current planning application to modify the existing Section 75 agreement condition which is in place specifying the use of the land. It was advised that since posting about the planning application on the Community Council Facebook page, over 60 comments had been received. Whilst there had been a couple of comments in relation to the need for more social housing and parking for the hospital, the vast majority of comments the Community Council had received were negative. Concerns were in relation to a range of issues including the capacity of the local road network, parking on Stirling Road, capacity of schools, and lack of local health facilities. Residents in attendance advised that roads cannot cope with more traffic and there is gridlock at key times. Residents advised there are ongoing issues with parking on Stirling Road and there is no clear access for ambulances, fire engines, and lorries. It was agreed to send comments on the planning application to Falkirk Council reflecting the views received and discussed, and to include the Facebook comments received. **(ACTION 5)**

## 8. Approval of Previous Minutes – 31 October 2016

- The minutes were proposed by GB and seconded by TB.

## 9. Matters Arising

- The following actions from the October 2016 meeting were discussed:

No.	Action	Resp	Action Taken	Outcome/Next Steps
1	Contact Foundation Scotland to discuss next tranche of windfarm funds	JK	Done – form received	LSTCC to complete report for first year of fund and submit to Foundation Scotland. YW/CH to complete. <b>ACTION 6</b>
2	Planning Application – P/16/0387/FUL – contact to be made with Brent Vivian at Falkirk Council to ascertain if residents' concerns being addressed	YW	E-mail sent to Brent Vivian – response received 21/11	Response received. YW to forward to resident for comment. <b>ACTION 7</b>
3	Planning Application – P/16/0387/FUL – YW to provide resident with Councillor contact details	YW	Done	Resident been liaising with Cllr Coleman
4	Larbert Village Primary School – letter to be sent to Falkirk Council re state of playground and to ask if scheduled for repairs	YW	Done – response received 22/11	Falkirk Council is operating under severe Financial Constraints both in terms of revenue and capital budgets. There are no immediate plans to resurface the

				<p>school playground however, next year's works programme has not yet been confirmed, and this is unlikely to be finalised until the 2017/18 budgets are confirmed in February 2017. The proposed five year investment summary for each school is not a definitive list of what they are going to do at the school, rather a list of what they hope to do within the resources available. The demands of the school estate will continue to outweigh the level of resources available to the council over the next 5 years. Therefore, priorities and investments needs will inevitably change over a period of time</p> <p>YW has forward response to Parent Council. It was suggested the head teacher is contacted to ascertain if the funding can be sought through the Devolved schools management budget. <b>(ACTION 8)</b></p>
5	Chase PC Clarke in relation to speaking to the owners of Carmill Studio about putting cones in place to improve visibility at exit to car park	YW/PC Clarke	Done and response received 21/11	Falkirk Council will not supply cones – consideration to be given to LSTCC purchasing cones.
6	Meeting to be arranged with LSTCC and Inspector Kellett	YW	Done	Insp Kellett has new position in response policing team with effect from 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – meeting to be set-up with Sgt Goldie and new Inspector once in place.
7	PC Wetton to continue to review speeding on Foundry Loan – update to be sought	JK	E-mailed PC Wetton	PC Wetton provided update
8	Information on waste collection services to go	YW	Done	Done

	on Facebook page			
9	Leaflet to be produced on microgrant fund	YW/CH	Still to be done	Still to be done
10	Cllr Carleschi to discuss issues with First Bus	Cllr Carleschi	Meeting took place	Feedback - No.6 Service is now profitable and so no alterations will be made to this service what so ever. The No.7 service needs a 5% increase in passenger numbers to get into a position to be viable to continue. First Bus to provide usage figures to Cllr Carleschi and seeking to have a community drop in early in new year.
11	Contact to be made with Scottish Ambulance Service in relation to Gladman development	YW	Online message sent 20/11/2016	Awaiting response
12	LSTCC to publicise the consultation on Springfield Properties development in Durieshill	YW	Contacted Springfield re timescales for consultation	Response received 23 Nov - no date formally set for the community consultation, but it is likely to be in January next year. They are at the early stages of the process and design thinking, but will advise LSTCC of the community consultation in due course.
13	CHAS information to be promoted on social media	YW	E-mailed 20 Nov asking for more detail on what we can post	Awaiting response
14	Naming of Path – YW to circulate naming of path around Community Councillors for all to select a favourite and to create poll	YW/ALL	Response received from small number. Not all responded.	To be recirculated. <b>(ACTION 9)</b>
15	Contact NHS Forth Valley re the litter around Larbert Woods and Loch	YW	E-mail sent to NHS Forth Valley, Forestry Commission, Police and Falkirk Council to discuss multi-agency approach	Police, CST and Forestry Commission are seeking to meet on site to discuss. NHS suggested more bins dispersed.  Agreed CH to attend.
16	Contact to be made with Falkirk Council re cleansing of the dog fouling bin on Burns Avenue	YW	E-mail sent on 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov – enquiry passed to Street Cleansing reference number	Awaiting response

			is WMS16840288.	
17	Contact to be made with Mary Pitcaithly at Falkirk Council on ongoing ASB issues in Kinnaird Village	YW	Email sent on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov – holding e-mails received	Awaiting response
18	Contact to be made with Bryan Douglas at Falkirk Council re JK representing LSTCC on Taxi Forum	YW	E-mail sent and contact made. JK to join group.	Bryan Douglas to liaise with JK on attendance at future meeting and minutes.
19	Cheque to be issued to ICO for data protection registration	YW	Cheque sent	Awaiting confirmation (NB Chaser sent 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov from them)
20	LSTCC Christmas tree for Larbert Old Church to be bought and decorated	TB	Tree bought and decorated	TB claimed expenses.
21	Contact to be made with Falkirk Council on accumulated for several months on the spare ground at the bottom of Campbell Drive and Foundry Loan, Larbert.	YW	Done	Response received - forwarded request for a 'clean up' to our Street cleansing department. Will also task members of the Community Safety Team with monitoring this area going forward. Any witnessed littering offences incur a Fixed penalty of £80. Response forwarded to resident.
22	Info on fireworks from Police Scotland to be posted on FB and sent to resident	YW	Done	Done
23	Contact to be made with Sgt Goldie over concerns raised re paperboys using phones while cycling and not having lights on bikes	YW	Done 20 Nov	Awaiting response
24	Attendance at McCowan's factory site visit for planning applications	CH	CH Attended	HGV Gladstone Road – 1 truck per day. Other junction 4-way. Other B&M store will close. 15 Residents attended and local license holders and football club. CH attended. Both applications approved by subsequent planning committee. PPP for pub restaurant. Retail impact assessment on basis other store closed.
25	Larbert War Memorial – contact resident re assistance to take forward and also forward previous	YW	Contact made with resident and info forwarded on 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov and invited to	Discussed per above.

	correspondence from Falkirk Council		Nov meeting	
26	Planning application P/16/0609/FUL – for fuel tank at Gulf Station – objection to be submitted on grounds of safety and loss of amenity	CH	Objection submitted 1/11/2016	Application now been approved.
27	Update to be sought from Transport Scotland over damaged signpost at the on-slip Edinburgh bound of the M876 has still not been removed/repaired.	YW	Request sent 20/11/16	Awaiting response
28	Contact CATCA re weeds at Plough Hotel	YW	E-mail sent and received	New notice board in place on wall. LSTCC to send info to Christine to put in. No single organisation responsible for weeding. CACTA does some, Plough and others. LSTCC asked if we can also assist and keep an eye on it.

## 10. Correspondence Report

- YW updated on correspondence not covered elsewhere during the meeting requiring actions to be taken.

Date of Item	Item	Action Taken/Required
3/11/2016	FB – ongoing issues with parking on Orchardson Road off Foundry Loan	Raised with Police Scotland. Will continue to monitor.
5/11/2016	Resident on FB – all registered letters/parcels to be collected from Falkirk and not from Larbert	POR to go in and ask at post office. <b>(ACTION 10)</b>
8/11/2016	CVS Falkirk - AGM on Wednesday 23rd November 2016, from 1.30pm, St Francis Xavier's Church Hall.	DS to provide report
8/11/2016	Falkirk Council – response re Falkirk Council Budget Options 2017/2018 and proposals to close Tryst Youth Club	Write back on basis of ASB increases. Cut but spend more on ASB. <b>(ACTION 11)</b>
9/11/2016	Falkirk Council – Proposals for Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in the Falkirk Council Area – response by 6 February 2017	GB will consider <b>(ACTION 12)</b>
9/11/2016	LHS – letter outlining safety concerns over parking around the school	Discussed with Mrs Kay under youth report.
15/11/2016	Insp Kellett - following a review into the management roles in Falkirk Area Command will be moving to a new role, in Response Policing, from Monday 28th November. Thanked LSTCC for good working relationships with Police	Response sent thanking him and passing on best wishes
15/11/2016	Resident on FB – concerned over issues with traffic parked around Central Boulevard	Discussed under Police Report

16&17/11/2016	Resident – issues with the overflowing and non-emptying of the communal waste bin on Torwood Avenue	Ongoing issues – to write to Falkirk Council
25/11/2016	Resident – request to support grandson through windfarm funds for go-carting	Discussed under windfarm fund
25/11/2016	Resident – seeking to consider Adopt a Phonebox for red box on Lamond View for a community defibrillator	Agreed to look into further. YW to contact resident for more information <b>(ACTION 13)</b>
25/11/2016	Falkirk Council - Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Principles Consultation <a href="http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/council-democracy/consultations-surveys/">http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/council-democracy/consultations-surveys/</a> Responses due by Friday 20th January 2017.	Noted.
25/11/2016	Proposed Development of Existing Sports Facility at Stirling Road, Camelon, Falkirk For Syngenta Juveniles F.C. – public meeting 21th Jan at Falkirk Golf Club	CH & POR to attend <b>(ACTION 14)</b>
25/11/2016	Edinburgh Airport Initial Consultation Findings Report - <a href="https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/edinburghairport/files/2016/11/2016_1124_Findings_Report.pdf">https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/edinburghairport/files/2016/11/2016_1124_Findings_Report.pdf</a>	Noted and awaiting next stage of consultation

## 11. Treasurer's Report

- GB advised that the Community Council had applied for £1250 but only received £459 from Falkirk Council. It was noted that all Community Council grants have been cut.
- GB advised the balance was £4,603.19 of which £920 relates to the windfarm fund leaving a balance of £3683.17.

## 12. Planning Officer's Report

- CH advised that the Inches Farm site meeting to discuss 2 houses on the site has been continued on 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- Ch advised that there were also 2 applications for houses in the Kinnaird area (P/16/0667/FUL and P/16/0673/FUL) which were part of the original masterplan for the site.

## 13. Other Reports

- DS attended a Scottish Civic Trust event and provided feedback from the meeting. DS advised that Pollockshields Community Council had delivered a useful presentation on a local Charette they had undertaken to identify local issues and solutions.
- DS advised he had attended the CVS AGM. DS provided positive feedback from the event.

## 14. Any Other Competent Business

- It was noted that the proposed Network Rail meeting had been postponed due to sickness.

## 15. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- Our proposed 2017 monthly meeting dates are as follows:
  - Monday 30th January
  - Monday 27th February
  - Monday 27th March
  - Monday 24th April
  - Monday 29th May
  - Monday 26th June
  - No meeting in July
  - Monday 28th August
  - Monday 25th September (AGM)
  
- The term of the current Community Council ends in September 2017. It is anticipated that there will be Community Council elections around October 2017. We will post further information on the process for this during 2017 when we are advised by Falkirk Council.