

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR & TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – 30 JANUARY 2017 RENNIE LOUNGE, LARBERT OLD CHURCH

Attendance Details

Committee:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Jim Kelly (JK)
- Ted Bingham (TB)
- Colleen Hurren (CH)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

Also Present:

- Mrs Kay, Kirsty Mitchell, Gregor Monson, Larbert High School
- PC Alex Clarke and PC Susan Wetton, Police Scotland
- Greg Nicol and Andrew Lauder, Tryst Community Sports Club
- Christine Bell, CATCA
- Cllr Carleschi
- 13 members of the public

Apologies:

- Gillian Bellingham (GB)
- Jim Cowan (JC)
- Denis Shovlin (DS)
- Peter O'Rourke (PO'R)
- Community Safety Team (written report submitted)

1. Welcome and Apologies

- EA welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a happy New Year. EA also thanked CH for chairing the November meeting in his absence. Apologies were noted.
- EA also advised that a sheet would be passed round and asked those present to state their preference in relation to the name for the new path behind Stenhousemuir Football Club. EA advised that pupils from Stenhousemuir Primary School had proposed the list of names.

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/2017/01/LSTCC-Police-Report-January-2017.pdf>
- PC Clarke gave an update on the issue of paperboys cycling without Hi-Viz, lights and using their mobiles whilst cycling. He has spoken to the relevant paper shops and reiterated the importance of wearing Hi-Viz and not using phones.
- Carmill Dance Studio – The Police have been liaising with the owners and have got cones to prevent parking at the first entrance. This has made a difference and they are now seeking additional cones at the second entrance. The dance studio

has also liaised with parents.

- It was advised that there is an abandoned car on Falkirk Road opposite bus station with flat tyres. The Police will check this vehicle out.
- PC Wetton gave an update on the environmental audit they carried out at Larbert House and Woods. The Forestry Commission, Community Safety Team and CH from the Community Council all undertook the audit which will be reviewed in a few months. 8-10 new signs have been put up asking users to be mindful of litter, dogs off leashes, fishing tackle etc.
- PC Clarke advised they are going to have a 4-day period between the 7th and 10th of February where roads policing will also be highlighted in Larbert and Stenhousemuir. They will no longer issue cautions and there will be fines and enforcement. They will also target the double yellow lines on Muirhall Road because of access issues and will issue on the spot fines. They will also undertake school visits in the morning. PC Clarke offered for Community Councillors to participate and come out on those days. They will also monitor the Orchardson Road area of Foundry Loan.
- A resident raised concerns over lorries and cars parked on pavements and in disabled bays in the old parts of Stenhousemuir. PC Clarke advised he had been issuing tickets to cars parked there all day, where there is currently a 1-hour limit. The resident advised he had called 101, visited Falkirk Police Station and Michael Matheson MSP. PC Clarke assured the resident that where there are issues, tickets will be issued.
- During the month of January 2017 there were 65 recorded crime reports/offences in the Larbert and Stenhousemuir area. For the same period last year there were 103. These relate to acts of disorder, vandalism, road traffic matters and breaches of the peace.
- PC Wetton reported on recent issues/developments at Kinnaird including the underage sale of alcohol to youths. There are issues of youths gathering particularly on Friday and Saturday nights and during school holidays. The Police have requested extra patrols for the Kinnaird area and a bid has been directed for additional patrols but this has not been successful. Two weeks ago, they requested support from Special Constables as they were not able to deal with the number of youths involved. If an offence is committed, the young person is taken and charged in front of their parents. Disorder is the key issue. One young person was charged for not leaving the takeaway premises. The Police are seeking to put in place special action plans and undertaking plain clothes operations. The Police and Community Council had both received a report from a parent whose son had bought alcohol via an adult outside the Sainsbury site. The Police have spoken to the Sainsbury's Manager who advised that they do look out for suspicious purchases e.g. 2 or 3 bottles of vodka. The young people have not been willing to give the source of who is buying alcohol. The staff are now reporting issues. Last weekend, they made arrests and word on this spreads. YW advised residents had continued to raise issues of egg throwing. The Police advised that Sainsburys are no longer selling eggs to young people and have moved the display away from the door. There have been similar issues with biscuits being thrown. Through CCTV over the last 2 weeks, they have identified 5 young people and taken them home. The main issue is that there are 10-12 youths at a time in the store and hanging around normally not doing anything

wrong. In conclusion, the Police are looking at extra patrols, special constables and continuing to work with the management and staff of Sainsburys and Magic Spice to combat the ongoing issues.

- YW advised there are ongoing reports of issues on Orchardson Road off Foundry Loan. Any issues should be reported to the Police.
- TB advised he had heard gun shots near the path at the back of the cemetery. TB to report to Police if he hears it again.

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/2017/01/CST-January-2017-Report.pdf> Key points to note in the report are:
- Kinnaird Primary School – they are currently monitoring this location out of school hours due to an increase in youth disorder.
- Larbert Woods – They are continuing to monitor this location along with Police Scotland and the Ranger service and have recently installed some temporary signs to deter dog fouling. They will be monitoring the area and any offences witnessed in term of littering or dog fouling, will be dealt with by means of a Fixed Penalty Notice currently set at £80.
- Church Street area - They are currently monitoring this area for youth disorder.
- They are monitoring and patrolling a number of streets and parks in the Larbert area in relation to dog fouling.
- If anyone have any information relating to those responsible in these areas (or any other), then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the details below. All calls are confidential
 - FREEPHONE 24/7 - 0808 100 3161
 - Email: community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk

4. Youth Report – Larbert High School

- Mrs Kay, Gregor Monson and Kirsty Mitchell attended.
- Mrs Kay advised that the HMI Inspectors were in the school the week before last. It had been a supportive process and the school received very positive feedback with some areas to work on. They expect the gradings to be available mid-March. Mrs Kay advised that the school is currently the 3rd largest school in Scotland and over the next couple of years with the expected roll, it is likely to become the biggest school in Scotland. They will start moving into Carrongrange School soon.
- Gregor advised that the pupils had also been involved with discussions with the Chief HMI Inspector. They had positive feedback on the captains, prefects and club systems that are in operation.

- Gregor advised that the prelims ended today and that the primary school transitions were underway. The feedback from this has been positive.
- Kirsty advised that the “United in Purpose” video had been filmed and will be launched at the start of February.
- Kirsty advised that there will be an open evening on 8th February for the P7s for the Schools of Opportunity. There will be 8 schools in total and this year they are introducing a School of Rock and Pop. The others schools are languages, media, STEM, basketball, football, dance and rugby. The schools are voluntary but Mrs Kay advised there is an ambition to ensure all S1s in the future are engaged.
- YW raised an issue brought to the Community Council’s attention by a resident in Crownest Loan regarding litter from high school children. The resident has been liaising with Falkirk Council over bin provision.
- A resident in attendance raised the issue of children crossing the road while texting and crossing without looking. Mrs Kay advised they do assemblies in road safety. She will raise with the staff and at group assemblies and invite the Police officer based at the school to speak.

5. Tryst Community Sports Club – Greg Nicol and Andrew Lauder

- Greg advised he is the new Head of Sport at Tryst Community Sports Club (TCSC) and Andrew has been a youth hub leader since 2011. Andrew also recently won the Sports Scotland Youth Volunteer of the Year award.
- TCSC was established to meet community needs through sport. They cover nursery through to primary/secondary schools and through to adults. Most of the 20+ clubs are based at Larbert High. Through the school, they have access to 2000 pupils. They have 25 young hub leaders. They undertake training in a range of areas including first aid, social media, coaching, communication and leadership schools.
- TCSC operates a successful holiday camp programme for young people run by young people. Last year they involved 40-45 volunteer pupils working in sessions of 30-35 hours per week.
- Andrew advised that TCSC works with a number of partners in the area including Larbert High School, Cluster Primary Schools and Taylor Williams (Sponsor). They are also developing links with the Tryst Dental Practice who are working with TCSC and the British Heart Foundation to run a community CPP project seeking to create a nation of life savers.
- TCSC is seeking to develop new partnerships with businesses and local groups. They are looking to meet the needs of the community.
- Andrew asked if there were any ideas for other needs for the community. It was suggested there is a need for more adult awareness of the programme and for more adult volunteers.
- TCSC was originally funded through Sportscotland Funding in 2011 but is now self-sustaining. They still receive support for specific activities. They are held up as a model of good practice for local sports clubs.

- Gregor advised they also have the Tryst Cardio gym based in LHS which at the moment costs £5per month to join with community access from 430pm to 930pm.
- Questions were asked on how they might tie up with young people in Kinnaird and other areas and how they can positively engage to help tackle anti-social behaviour. Greg advised they will look into this. Word has been getting out about the positive benefits of volunteering and for some young people this has led to a massive change. It was also suggested that they need to look at some activities that will appeal to teenagers e.g. skateboarding. It was advised that Stenhousemuir Football Club does operate a midnight league for 11-16-year-olds on a Friday and Saturday night.
- There was a suggestion that they should approach the local housebuilders for sponsorship or advertising.
- It was concluded that LSTCC would be happy to assist with advertising of activities.

6. Kinnaird Village – Discussion on key issues

- EA advised that the Community Council had written to Mary Pitcaithly raising concerns over the issues in Kinnaird and a response dated 22 December had been received. However, from the Police report and other notifications from residents, the issues have continued through December and January.
- Councillor Carleschi advised that there had been a problem for a number of years. The anti-social behaviour had got a lot worse in the last couple of years. Damage to Kinnaird Primary School's wall had cost the Council a considerable sum of money. The Community Wardens have also prioritized the area but problems continue to exist.
- Within the Kinnaird masterplan, there were proposals for 1500 houses, the primary school and 12-15 playgrounds but there were no proposals for facilities for older children. There has also been delays in the implementation of the master plan. As a result, there are more planning applications to be submitted. Through this, there may be a possibility to get additional community benefits and to seek facilities for older children e.g. parks, tennis courts or sports pitches.
- Councillor Carleschi also advised that through the local plan process, developers are looking to change the proposed business park in Kinnaird to make it mixed use. This would enable 70 houses to be built in that area to make up the quote of 1500 houses (currently at 1430 due to more larger houses being built). This site could also be considered for a facility on a large piece of land.
- A further resident raised the North Broomage park as the possibility for a project. This area is currently under-utilised.
- Stewartfield was also mentioned which is used by the school in the summer and has a lot of dog fouling.
- Greg Nicol advised that there are a lot of facilities for young people including the new cycle park.

- YW advised that the Community Council had also been notified of a dog poisoning incident in the park in Kinnaird Village. There continue to be ongoing reports of litter issues across the area.

7. Todhill Windfarm Fund Updates.

Micro Grant Fund

- EA advised that he had been in contact with Radio Royal in relation to DS's application for a specialist chair.
- There was a discussion over the Community Council discussing private information in a public forum for the microgrants. It was agreed these discussions would take place outwith the main meeting. However, decisions would be made at the public meetings.
- Councillor Carleschi advised he had spoken to the grandparents in relation to the potential application to support an 11-year old with their go-kart training. Contact to be made to discuss what could be done to support the community through the application e.g presentations and cascades of information. This has also been discussed with Foundation Scotland. **ACTION 1**
- It was discussed that individuals can apply anytime for microgrants with the applications discussed at each meeting.
- YW advised she was seeking information on spend and progress from the 3 supported microgrant projects. **ACTION 2**
- YW agreed to send Greg Nicol information. Greg advised that the Falkirk Junior Bike Club was now operating on a Saturday morning and had benefited from the funding. **ACTION 3**
- There was some concern about the small number of applications. Further advertising would be carried out but if there was no increase in numbers, a possible solution would be to transfer the microgrant funds to the Panel to allow them to award all grants

8. Matters from the Floor

- **Car Parking, Stenhousemuir** - A resident raised issues in relation to the small Falkirk Council car park at the top of Hallam Road. The Strathcarron Hospice store is using disabled parking bays for loading and unloading of vehicles. The resident has raised this with the Manager of the store and also Falkirk Council. The manager had advised that he had special permission to park there. It was agreed that Cllr Carleschi would facilitate a meeting to take this forward. **ACTION 4**
- **Decriminalised Parking** – There was a discussion on the proposals whereby Falkirk Council will take control of parking enforcement. The proposal is for 6.5 Full-Time Equivalent wardens to cover the Falkirk Council area. It was agreed that whilst this is to be welcomed, this is unlikely to be sufficient to cover the area and it is unlikely that the Larbert/Stenhousemuir/Torwood area would benefit. YW to respond to Falkirk Council. **ACTION 5**

- **Accident Reduction Scheme, Stirling Road** – The work has led to the narrowing of the road and there were concerns raised that the scheme could potentially be dangerous.
- **Planning proposal for houses at Bungalows off Old Denny Road** – A resident was in attendance in relation to the proposal for 27 houses by the NHS. The access to this will be the new road into the Larbert House development. CH advised that the Facebook comments had been primarily negative on the development with concerns around traffic, schools, hospital and access to services including doctors. YW advised that the local plan only allowed for 15 houses on the site. The resident also raised concern that the field to be developed is elevated and the 2-storey houses proposed will overlook surrounding properties. This will impact those properties in relation to light and privacy. It was agreed to object on the basis of the ongoing development at Kinnaird and that local infrastructure can no longer cope in relation to roads, schools, hospital, medical services etc. The resident also advised there had been some issues with flooding in the area following the new houses at Larbert House which had impacted the houses opposite. It was also noted that at peak times the traffic on Stirling Road is queued all the way up, Main Street can be queued to the dip and there is considerable traffic build up on Old Denny Road. The junction at Larbert Cross is dangerous. **ACTION 6**
- **Flooding of Properties Foundry Loan/Main Street** – EA advised that the owner of Enricos had approached him in relation to the repair works proposed to be carried out by Falkirk Council. Network Rail has not accepted responsibility for the issues and the damage their contractors have made to the communal drainage pipe. In addition, Falkirk Council is no longer supplying a pump. The overall bill is £142K to be paid proportionally by the owners of each property. The matter has now been referred to the Sheriff Court. There is a need to continue pumping water to protect the fabric of the building. No further action can be taken until the result of the court action is known.
- **Proposed Houses at Elmview** – It was noted that the Community Council had objected.
- **School Crossing Patrol Cuts** – A question was asked over whether they were going to be cut. Cllr Carleschi did not believe this would be the case. The budget will be decided on 22 February. Cllr Carleschi advised the papers would be on Falkirk Council's website the week before the meeting.

9. Approval of Previous Minutes – 28 November 2016

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

10. Matters Arising

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

No.	Action	Resp	Action Taken	Outcome/Next Steps
1	Issues with emptying of dog fouling bins	YW	Photos have been forwarded to Cllr Carleschi & Cllr Coleman	Formal letter to be issued to Falkirk Council highlighting the ongoing issues across the area.

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2	Micro-grant Go-Karting enquiry – seek clarification	YW	FS responded	YW to contact grandparent. Action 1
3	Radio Royal – microgrant - application for specialised seat	EA	Contact made with Radio Royal	Awaiting feedback from Radio Royal
4	Larbert War Memorial	YW/Resident	Contact made with Harry Forster at Falkirk Council	Awaiting update from resident on application, quotes and fit with Falkirk Council's proposals.
5	Planning application to remove Section 75 obligation on land proposed for houses at Stirling Road	YW/CH	Objection to planning application submitted	Awaiting outcome
6	Foundation Scotland – Completion of annual report for windfarm funds	YW/CH	Not done	To be completed. ACTION 8
7	Planning application P/16/0387/FUL – Torwood. To check with resident on progress with issues	YW	Not done	YW to check progress with resident. ACTION 9
8	LVPS Playground – Funding for improvements	Resident	Resident has spoken to Head Teacher re funding	Cllr Carleschi advised there is a Devolved Schools Management Fund. Resident to take forward.
8a	Meeting with Inspector Mackin	YW	Still to be done	YW to arrange meeting with new Inspector. ACTION 10
9	Naming of the Path with suggestions from Stenhousemuir Primary School	LSTCC	EA circulated at meeting	Agreement to be reached and taken forward at end of meeting. ACTION 11
10	Issues over letters/parcel collection from Falkirk rather than Larbert Post Office	POR	Awaiting update	Residents at meeting thought it was solely registered mail that required a signature.
11	Concern over closure of Tryst Youth Club	YW	YW written to Falkirk Council to advise of concerns re closure on ASB.	Noted. Cllr Carleschi advised its closure was not likely.
12	Response to consultation on decriminalized parking	YW	None	Discussed under Matters from the Floor
13	Proposal for siting of a Community Defibrillator in red phone box on Lamond View	YW	None	Further information to be sought from resident. Action 12
14	Syngenta FC- proposals for football pitches etc. on land at Stirling Road opposite Falkirk Golf	CH	CH advised she had attended consultation. Club has 300 players. Plan to create 5	Positive comments on FB except concern over loss of running track. Some

	Club		pitches incl 2 astroturf which will be fenced in. One of the astroturf pitches will also be multi-use. Also 2-storey club house (no license). Plan to extend car park and have overflow at Dorrator Bridge. Not consulted with Falkirk Council yet.	concerns over parking and traffic. Overall, it was agreed that a positive response should be submitted. ACTION 13
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11.a Correspondence Report

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

Date of Item	Item	Action Taken/Required
29/11/2016	PC Wetton – confirming arrangements for environmental audit at Larbert Loch/Woods – 5 th Dec	CH attended – to be monitored
1/12/2016	Edinburgh Airport Noise Management Board – information on proposed Board and requesting comments by 31 Jan.	Noted – no response to be submitted
7&9/12/2016	CATCA –seeking letter of support for funding application	Missed deadline for response
7/12/2016	Cllr Carleschi – update from planning in relation to comments received for housing development on Stirling Road	Noted
8/12 and 5/1/2017	Resident – issues of litter on Crownest Loan with LHS pupils – raised with Falkirk Council but no response	Discussed with Mrs Kay under Youth Report
11/12/2016	Resident – raising concerns re Stirling Road planning objection, fly tipping on Hamilton Road and car park improvements at ASDA	Concerns over Stirling Road planning application noted. Fly tipping to be raised in litter letter to Falkirk Council. Car park improvements at ASDA discussed – on balance agreed this had approved the car park
13/12/2016	Falkirk Council – Community Safety Team – survey from users and CCs - https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/falkirkcommunitysafety	To be completed & highlighted
16/12/2016	Resident on FB – issues with bin at Inchlair Nursery not getting emptied	To be included in letter on litter
19/12/2016	Resident on FB – noticed an increase in waste around all the bins in the area especially round the lido	To be included in letter on litter
19/12/2016 & various	Resident – on FB – questioning issue of road users not allowed to use road leading out of Hallam Road onto James St – also post showing Co-op lorry facing wrong way	Concerns noted but unlikely that Falkirk Council would take any further action given previous correspondence
21/12/2016	Proposal of Application Notice - Land at Hill of Kinnaird, Larbert (CALA Management Ltd/Persimmon Ltd)	Awaiting date to be confirmed

22/12/2016	Falkirk Council – Response to issues raised in relation to Kinnaird Village	Separate agenda item to discuss
22/12/2016	Falkirk Council - Temporary Road Order - C3 Moss Road, Larbert – closed from 9/1 to 17/3/17	Noted
29/12/2017	JK – issues of flooding at Muirhall Road near fire station – appears it is on private land.	Letter to be sent to Falkirk Council ACTION 14
6/1/2017	JK – issue with long delays in collections from Joint Loan Equipment Service by NHS	Issue now resolved
9/1/2017	Resident by e-mail – issues and photos of litter and overflowing bins on Foundry Loan and in station car park	To be included in letter on litter
12/1/2017	Falkirk Council Notification of Public Procession: 4 March 2017/ 5pm - Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland Falkirk Orange & Purple District 36 - Likely No. of Marchers: - 70. Proposed Route: Commence at 5pm from Stewart field Park, onto the Main Street, onto McLachlan Street, onto Lamond View, onto Muirfield Road, onto Valeview onto Carronview and conclude at the Crownest Park on James Street.	Noted
13/1/2017	Consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system- https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/ - The consultation will close on 4 April 2017.	CH & LS to consider
16/1/2017	CH - Environmental audit at Larbert House and complaints about dog behaviour. Posters up but still complaints	Noted
19/1/2017	Falkirk Council – letter updating Community Council on works to be carried out to remediate flooding on building on Foundry Loan	Discussed under matters arising
19/1/2017	JK – ongoing issue with the M876 on slip sign – Amey advised it is Falkirk Council's responsibility	YW advised this is confirmed as Amey's responsibility and is in correspondence with them
19/1/2017	Falkirk Council – Licensing - Notification of application for non-minor variation - Plough Hotel Variation applied for: (a) The addition of a seasonal variation to allow the premises to open every Hogmanay; (b) the addition of televised sport to the list of approved activities within core operating hours; (c) changes to the areas children and young persons have access to; and (d) changes to the layout of the premises.	Noted – no issues
20/1/2017	NHS Forth Valley - 2017 Cycling Festival at FVRH is Sunday 3rd September 2017	Noted
21/1/2017	JK – ongoing issues of traffic lights on King St/Hallam Road – response received 29/1 advises now working on a demand basis.	Appears to now be resolved
22/1/2017	Apex Pets – Notification on Facebook re suspected poisoning of dog within park in Kinnaird Village plus follow-on message re state of park with rubbish etc.	Discussed under Kinnaird
23/1/2017	JK – Issue of deteriorating surfacing on Tryst Road and also narrowness of carriageways and pavements	Cllr Carleschi advised he had met roads on site and remedial works were to take place again
24/1/2017	Falkirk council - Request from for a letter of support for a HLF funding application for project with LHS pupils on industrial heritage and interpretation at Carron Dams	Letter issued
24/1/2017	Resident on FB asking if anything is going to be done to improve parking on Central Boulevard	YW to seek timescales from Falkirk Council – ACTION 15
25/1/2017	Vidahost – notification of domain renewal on 24 February. Invoice will be sent 3 February 2017	To be renewed – ACTION 16

25/1/2017	Resident by E-mail – concern with traffic speed and weight of traffic Main street Larbert. Making houses shake with buses and lorries and also not safe to cross	Discussed – little action that can be taken – perhaps could request vibration equipment from Falkirk Council
25/1/2017	Central Scotland Green Network – seeking letter of support for a FET funding application to support improvements to path network at Carron Dams and also for entrance features designed by LHS pupils	Agreed to issue letter of Support ACTION 17
26/1/2017	Falkirk Community Trust – update on pitch works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewartfield Park, all ground works completed just new goals to fit. • Russell Park, all ground works completed. • Lido pitch, still to be done work expected to commence within the next 2 weeks but its weather dependent. • Stenhousemuir Sports Centre, Drainage works completed small area of turfing to be completed once the ground warms up. 	Noted
26/1/2017	Resident by e-mail – raising concerns with son involved in requesting adults to purchase alcohol outside Sainburys in Kinnaird	Discussed with Police
26/1/2017	Resident on FB – more photos of issues of cars parked in Castings Estate on both sides of road and parked over drives.	Discussed with Police
27/1/2017	Falkirk Council – Update on Dorrator Bridge project	Noted
27/1/2017	2nd Larbert Company of the Boys’ Brigade – Project progress form for microgrant	Noted & discussed (still require receipts)
27/1/2017	Falkirk Council - A88 Bellsdyke Road/C116 Waterslap Road (North) - Accident Reduction Scheme – Off-peak traffic management to be in place 1 st February for 6-weeks	Noted
27/1/2017	Falkirk Council – Local Development Plan 2 – Main Issues Report - The consultation period will run from 10th February – 5th May 2017. Full information on the consultation, including all the documents, will be made available online at www.falkirk.gov.uk/ldp2 from 10th February. The MIR will also be available to inspect at libraries and one stop shops. Each community council will be provided with a hard copy plus more on request.	Preparation for consultation to be discussed at February meeting
27/28/1/2017	Resident by e-mail (Also comments by others on FB) – re objections not appearing to register to planning applications on Falkirk Council’s website	Letter to be sent to Falkirk Council. ACTION 18
27/1/2017	Resident by e-mail advising bus fares to rise to £2 and also alerting to petition https://www.change.org/p/karen-darroch-better-bus-service to get circular reinstated and awaiting info from Cllr Carleschi on organisations of a drop-in session	Discussed and noted
29/1/2017 & 2/12/2016	CCOF – advising that the SGovt consultation on unconventional gas extraction should be released soon. Also providing details of research reports undertaken - Health Impact, Climate Change, Economics, Transport Impact, Seismic Activity, Decommissioning	Noted

11.b Treasurer’s Report

- In the absence of GB, there was no Treasurer’s Report.

11.c Planning Officer’s Report

- CH circulated the planning report.

- **P/17/027/PPP – Development of Housing land to the South of the Bungalows** – Discussed under matters from the floor and agreed to submit an objection.

11.d Other Reports

- JK advised that he will be attending the taxi forum on 14 February.
- EA advised that it has been agreed that both Larbert Old Church and Larbert West Church will remain open. Larbert Old Church will be in guardianship for a period of 3-5 years. Accordingly the Community Council will continue to meet in the Rennie Lounge for the foreseeable future
- EA advised he had received a letter from Ineos yesterday in relation to the closure of Bo'Ness Road. EA advised that both Bo'Ness and Grangemouth Community Councils had voiced strong objections to this closure.

12. Any Other Competent Business

- EA advised that a number of Community Councillors had indicated that they did not intend to stand for re-election in October 2017. It was agreed that EA would write to Brian Pirie at Falkirk Council to raise this and to discuss opportunities for awareness raising, promotion etc. **ACTION 19**
- The preferred name for the path at the end of the meeting was Drovers' Loan. YW to look at how this can now be progressed. **ACTION 20**

13. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 27th February 2017