

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR & TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AGM – 25th September 2017

RENNIE LOUNGE, LARBERT OLD CHURCH

Attendance Details

Committee:

- Eric Appelbe (EA)
- Ted Bingham (TB)
- Jim Cowan (JC)
- Jim Kelly (JK)
- Lauralin Scott (LS)
- Denis Shovlin (DS)
- Yvonne Weir (YW)

Also Present:

- Jack Cunningham, Andy Auld, and Aiden Campbell - Larbert High School
- Cllr David Grant, Cllr Laura Murtagh and Cllr Gary Bouse
- Kevin Hughes and Bradley Turner, Virgin Media and Ian Judge, McNicolas
- Andrew Lauder, Tryst Community Sports Club (TCSC)
- 16 members of the public
- PC Alan Imrie

Apologies:

- Community Safety Team (written report submitted)
- Colleen Hurren (CH)
- Peter O'Rourke (POR)
- Greg Nicol, Tryst Community Sports Club (TCSC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

- EA welcomed everyone to the September meeting and AGM of the Community Council. Apologies were noted.

2. Police Report

- PC Alan Imrie was in attendance at the meeting and gave the Police Report.

Statistics

- Between August 21st 2017 and September 25th 2017 there was a total of 32 crimes/offences recorded for the Larbert and Torwood area. These relate to theft, vandalism and crimes of disorder. A large proportion of those recorded are for Road Traffic Act offences including a drink driving offence. 20 crimes have been detected, 9 enquiries are still on-going and only 3 are recorded as undetected. These relate to 2 vandalisms and a disorder offence.

- During the same period for Stenhousemuir there were a total of 35 crimes/offences recorded. These relate to theft, vandalism and crimes of disorder. 15 of these enquiries are detected, whilst 20 enquiries remain on-going. Currently only 3 are undetected. These relate to 2 thefts and vandalism.

Crimes of note:

- Stenhousemuir Primary school was broken into and damaged by youths over the weekend of the 15th of September. Police have names of two youths and enquiries are continuing to trace them.

Antisocial Behaviour

- There have been reports of youths congregating in the field at the bottom of Carronvale Road in Larbert causing a noise and litter problem. This area is back on the local patrol plan for extra attention.
- There have been reports of damage to the outbuildings behind Gilmour's bar. Youths have gained entry to the buildings and have been using them on a regular basis as a place to congregate, causing noise for residents and is evidence of alcohol consumption. This location has been added to the local patrol plan. Residents have been encouraged to report anyone loitering to the Police.
- There were reports of empty bottles and litter at the bike track at Larbert High School at the end of August. This area has been added to the local patrol plan; however no one has yet been traced. There has been no recent evidence of alcohol being consumed.
- The garage site at Gerard terrace has also been highlighted as an area where youths are congregating and causing a general nuisance. This area also features on the local patrol plan.
- There have been almost no reports of any antisocial behaviour in the Kinnaird area over the last month compared to the volume experienced before the summer. Youths at Hamilton Road on one occasion and youths climbing on the school roof on another occasion appears to be the only two calls.
- There has been only one call for the golf course over the last month and the youths were traced by Police and removed.

Speeding complaints / Road Traffic issues

- Hand-held radar is routinely carried out in a variety of locations which have been highlighted previously for speeding complaints.

Additional information

- PC Imrie remains in Larbert High School until his replacement starts.

Question for PC Imrie

- A question was asked whether speed checks had been done on Muirhall Road and Main Street to King Street. PC Imrie advised he did not know.
- A resident advised that speeding vehicles had been bad at night on Denny Road particularly late at night with loud exhausts.
- A resident complained of noise from motorbikes which have their silencers removed. The resident was advised that they need to phone in to Police with issues and places.
- YW advised that a resident had heard this would be the last year of the Tryst Fairground. PC Imrie advised he had not heard this.
- PC Imrie advised that the local police e-mail goes to the Community Sergeant. YW to put out with the minutes:
 - BonnybridgeLarbertCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk
 - CarseKinnairdTrystCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk
- A resident raised the ongoing concern of speed of traffic at McIntyre Avenue and Tryst Park which is especially dangerous when the children are travelling to and from the school. PC Imrie advised they could look into getting speed strips put down.
- A concern was raised over disabled parking spaces at Kinnaird and whether they would be patrolled. It was advised that if the spaces are not plated, the Police cannot act. It would be up to the owners at the site to monitor this. PC Imrie will look into this at Sainsburys.

3. Community Safety Team Report

- YW gave a brief overview of the Community Safety Team report from 1st to 31st August 2017 which can be viewed in full at: <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/LSTCC-CST-September-2017.pdf> Key points of note:
- Torwood Castle – The team continue to monitor the Castle and surrounding area for anti-social behaviour. A large gate has been put at the top of the road preventing access to the top car park/turning area. Hopefully this will prevent a lot of the problems that have been encountered. They have also, after a conversation with some mountain bikers, found a quantity of asbestos sheeting dumped in the ferns at the side of the road. This has now been passed to Environmental Health, who will oversee its removal.
- Kinnaird – Anti social behaviour patrols are ongoing in the area along with the cricket club and golf club. Any youths encountered are engaged with and, where appropriate, Police are contacted.
- Larbert High School – With the new term started, the team has resumed their lunch time patrols for litter along all of the school routes.
- Library – The team has received complaints about younger, primary school age children causing disturbances in the library, especially on late night opening.

- The team is monitoring and patrolling a number of streets and parks in the Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood area in relation to dog fouling. If you have any information relating to those responsible in these areas (or any other), then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team via the details below. All calls are confidential.
 - Phone: 0808 100 3161 FREEPHONE 24/7
 - Email: community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk
 - Online Falkirk Council Website: www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today

4. Youth Report – Larbert High School

- The youth report was presented by senior pupils Jack and Aiden along with Acting Depute Rector, Andy Auld.
- Aiden provided an update on the positive destination figures and exam results. For 2015/16 40% of pupils went into further education with 97% achieving a positive destination. They expect the statistics for the most recent leavers in 2 weeks and envisage it to be higher than 97%FE. In relation to exam results in S4, 48% achieved 5 or more Nat5s, and 22% achieved 5 or more highers. Everyone who leaves has at least 5 Nat3s. The exam results are either on par or increased on previous years.
- Jack provided an update on the school's extra-curricular clubs. A showcase event for S1, S2 and S3 resulted in 1000s of participants going along. There are 1460 sessions available for S1 alone this term. The S1 intake of 357 is the biggest ever. 226 attended table tennis and 160 attended dance. There were also massive intakes at volleyball, darts, cardio, and parkour. The school has 26 sports clubs which run on a weekly basis. There are also 16 nonsporting extra curriculum clubs. The range of activities is huge. 110 pupils attended the breakfast club on Wednesday. In total there are currently 1730 pupils on the school census.
- The school also moves into the Carronrange facilities after the October break. The school is not taking over all of the Carronrange facilities. Some of the assisted support needs pupils from Kinnaird Primary will remain in Carronrange in conjunction with pupils from the new autistic unit within the Council.
- Mr Auld advised that there is a positive pathways evening on Thursday to engage with as many pupils and families in S4 to S6 in conjunction with Denny High School. There are a total of 21 workshops and there are also 14 stalls from industry, Further Education, Higher Education, etc.
- EA noted that LHS is becoming a benchmark for other schools and is at the forefront of a lot of activities in the area.
- Cllr Bouse advised that the transition from P7 to S1 has been excellent this year. YW agreed with this from her personal experience of a child moving into S1 this year.
- EA advised that the Community Council will let the school know about the next meeting.

5. Virgin Media – Update on Kinnaird Installation Works

- Two representatives from Virgin Media were in attendance along with a representative from McNicholas who are the main contractors. Kevin Hughes from Virgin Media advised that he was the Community Liaison officer at Virgin Media and that it is his role to liaise with the community and contractors.
- EA opened it to the floor for residents to raise any questions.
- A resident raised concern over the speed of construction traffic and parking especially outside school. The contractor advised that all the vehicles should be keeping to the speed limit and would look into this.
- A resident who had initially raised concerns leading up to the meeting voiced strong concern over the quality of the work, the rutting left by mini-diggers and the quality of the reinstatement. Virgin Media advised there would be walk throughs with Falkirk Council to identify any issues and anything spotted would be remedied. The resident advised that Muirhall Road which had been a different contractor was now dangerous and falling apart and would cost Council tax payers to reinstate. The resident was concerned that Kinnaird would be left with infrastructure that has the equivalent of 20-30 year's damage inflicted.
- A question was raised over why Virgin Media did not go in at the start of the development. A resident advised that consortium wanted £200K.
- A further resident advised Kinnaird needs close scrutiny by Falkirk Council. It was noted that Councillor Bouse had been out a lot to view the works and issues. The resident was concerned the estate had been scarred for life and that whilst the reinstatement of the trenches was largely acceptable, the pavements had been scarred by the machines.
- The resident also noted that there was graffiti everywhere – red/yellow/white marks. The contractor advised that it was not graffiti, and the marks were a legal requirement to mark areas to identify underground apparatus. The material used to make the marking is biodegradable and should vanish within a few months.
- It was raised that this meeting was 3-months too late and that there should have been more formal notices given to residents and ongoing communication. It was advised that they only require to give 7-days notice of works. A contact phone number for issues is on the back of the trucks.
- The contractor advised that they were hoping to conclude the works by the end of the year. Virgin Media advised there had been a substantial investment in the infrastructure. As a number of the footpaths have not yet been adopted by Council they had been required to get the go-ahead to complete the rest of work. There are still around a further 300 or so houses to be completed.
- An issue was raised in Rowantree Walk where a temporary surface has been in place and they have now come back to complete the works. The contractor explained that a temporary surface is put in place and the final reinstatement works take place when they have bigger areas to complete.
- Virgin Media advised that they get back wherever possible to residents raising issues.
- It was recognised by the contractor that this is invasive work and they understand there will be a number of complaints as a result.
- A further resident provided photographic evidence of damage to pavements which he believed had been caused by machines where the rubber treads had worn away and scarred the pavements. The contractor advised this had not been due to the rubber treads but could be for lots of reasons including where they have tried to scrape up spoil into piles.
- A question was raised over whether risk assessments and method statements had been undertaken.

- The contractor advised they have walked the area 3 times with roads and have agreed certain areas that will be done. They recognise some areas of deep gouging that will be redone. It was noted that there is scarring in Galbraith Crescent. It was advised that the footpaths will go back to a specification that is acceptable to Falkirk Council.
- Residents raised the issue that Falkirk Council is not enforcing this and it was acknowledged that some of the resident's concerns and issues lie with Falkirk Council. Councillor Bouse advised that he is involved and has done a walkarounds with roads and Virgin Media, and gave assurances that the work would be done.
- EA advised the Community Council had received an e-mail from roads at Falkirk Council who had advised:

Virgin Media is a statutory undertaker and, as such have a right to execute works on or in these roads. Statutory Undertakers are bodies that have been given statutory powers in relation to functions that are of a 'public' character. Statutory undertakers have rights to carry out certain works such as the supply of utilities, Section 107 of the New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991 (NRSWA) details the definition of a statutory undertaker.

Based on the above, Falkirk Council, as roads authority, cannot prohibit the work at the Kinnaird Estate, however, we have a general duty under Section 118 of the above Act to co-ordinate these works in the interests of safety and to protect the structure of the road.

Subsequently, our Inspectors carry out sample inspections as part of their duties and report on their findings and whether or not the site is acceptable as well as meet with the undertaker on site to discuss live issues. We have already had site walkovers with the undertaker and their contractors in relation to various complaints at this site, where it was agreed that some remedial works were required. Please be assured, Falkirk Council will not accept substandard reinstatement work. A final site walkover will take place and any defects identified on completion of the works will require to be addressed by the contractor to our satisfaction. Falkirk Council will also inspect towards the end of the 2 year maintenance period and the contractor will again be required to address any outstanding defects or settlements within tracks etc.

- It was advised that at the end of the job, there would be an inspection and that McNicholas would be responsible for a 2-year defect period. It was suggested that one of the residents also goes round with Roads Dept in the walk through.
- YW advised the Community Council had received a number of issues from residents who could not attend tonight. YW provided a summary of the points raised and gave the list and photographs to the contractor. The issues can be summarised as follows:
 1. One comment on intimidation to residents by contractors
 2. Concern from residents whose gardens have been dug up that the grass will need further attention in the spring. The contractor advised they will look into this.
 3. There are many areas of tarmac that have been cut around but not filled in which may cause frost damage.
 4. Concern over the contractor's approach to road safety eg blocking roads with vans leaving traffic on main thoroughfares such as Burns Avenue to bump up onto a pavement to get past. Resident seeking reassurance that appropriate safety regulations will be met especially regarding pavements around the routes that children are walking to and from school. Resident also advised that holes that have been dug up with no guards around them.
 5. Temporary pavements have been too narrow to get prams/Wheelchairs/mobility scooters through resulting in residents having to go on the roads to get past.

6. Issues with closing off paths on both sides of the road directly opposite each other and not cordoning off work properly leaving jagged concrete exposed on parts of the main school route. The uncordoned work was Bryson Place end of June /start of July. Paths on each side of the road directly opposite each other were closed on Burns Avenue after Lawrence Court but before the roundabout and on McIntyre Avenue near to Ewing Way.
 7. The pavements look awful, patchwork city out there.
 8. Query over why the installation was not at the outset arguing that fibre optic is a basic utility in the 21st century
 9. Concern over the state grass was left in and that the monoblock has sunk all round the street pretty much from when it was put back down. There are also huge gaps between the bricks which weren't there before. (Drovers Round)
 10. Query over whether Virgin Media plans to put cable into the properties in Gowkhill Place facing the park/wooded area. (This was confirmed)
 11. Photographic examples of the work in Lawrence Court with concern it won't last many winters
 12. Resident noting that contractors are starting work at 7am including loud drilling. Resident was given no notice whatsoever or any information on what is happening and how this may affect them.
 13. Issues and photos from Stance Place- issues with monoblock and mini-digger damage to the pavements causing extensive surface damage where they have worked.
 14. Issues and photos with damage to pavements in Galbraith Crescent.
 15. (NB this comment may not be related) – Concern that the main road as you approach Rankin Drive has previously been excavated in 3 places and for whatever reason and the replacement tarmac has sunk and is need off immediate repair before it starts causing damage to cars suspension etc.
 16. Issue with construction vehicles parking opposite drives
- NEXT STEPS – The following areas were agreed to be taken forward:
 - It was agreed that expressions of concerns would be passed on to workers within the main and sub-contractors.
 - There would be further dialogue with Falkirk council re their responsibilities.
 - Virgin Media will provide dates for a gazebo to be in place for a couple of days to allow residents to come and speak to Virgin Media and provide comments etc. Virgin Media to provide the Community Council with dates.
 - Any residents with ongoing concerns should send them to Councillor Gary Bouse who will co-ordinate and pass on to Virgin Media. Comments should go to gary.bouse@falkirk.gov.uk (**ACTION 1**)

6. 2017 AGM Reports:

- A brief overview of the reports for 2017 was provided. The reports can be viewed in full at:
 - **Convener** - <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/AGM-2017-Convener-Report.pdf>
 - **Secretary** - <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/AGM-2017-Secretarys-Report.pdf>
 - **Treasurer** - <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Statement-of-Account-25.9.2017.pdf>

7. Community Council Elections 2017

- YW and the Councillors provided an update on the position whereby the Community Council had been asked to consider remaining in position for another few months to ensure continuity with a view to the elections taking place later in 2017.
- Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council would not stand down following the AGM but would continue for a short period to the end of the year to enable the election process to commence.
- It was agreed that YW would write to Falkirk Council to advise of the position and seek clarity on any concerns over the Community Council remaining quorate at this time. **ACTION 2.**

8. Matters from the Floor

Edinburgh Airport Flight Path

- A resident raised concerns over the impact of the recent consultation which has concluded that there be a flight path at night time over this area and could be noisy. EA advised that the Chief Executive had come along to one of our meetings and advised that flightpaths would be at 7500ft with minimum noise. The Community Council had only received one representation and did not respond to the consultation or take up a seat at events as it was unlikely to be a significant impact. YW advised the Community Council has received a temporary halt letter for the consultation. It is anticipated that changes will be agreed by Spring 2019.

Planning application for the field at back of bungalows – P/17/0027/PPP and P/17/0579/PPP

- A resident in attendance announced concerned about the appeal to the Scottish Government for the original planning application for the field at the back of the bungalows in Larbert and now the new planning application submitted by NHS Forth Valley for the site. YW advised that the Community Council has been notified of the appeal. It was agreed to re-submit original comments to the DPEA and also to advise that a further concern is that the proposal is over and above the land designated for housing within the local plan. In addition, a further objection is to be submitted to Falkirk Council for the new application based on the original objection and the additional comment on land. **ACTION 3**

Larbert and Stenhousemuir Gala Day

- Two separate groups seeking to re-establish a local gala day were in attendance at the meeting. Both groups are keen to see the gala day re-established but have concerns over each other's approaches and actions. Both groups have had various discussions with Falkirk Council. One of the groups is seeking to get their constitution up and running with

the other group establishing a limited company. Both groups are seeking to raise funds through fund-raising activities.

- EA concluded that it was good that there was a desire to re-establish a gala day but that it was not within the remit of the Community Council to sort out the issues between the two groups. DS also noted that being disunited is not good and that it was important that the groups get together and bring ideas together. It was agreed that steps should be taken to get arbitration in place to support the groups and that the CVS in Falkirk may be able to assist with this. It was agreed that the Community Council would pass on contact details to the CVS to see if they would be willing to assist in this process. **ACTION 4**

9. Todhill Windfarm Update

Main Grant Fund

- The panel is due to meet on 25th October to discuss the applications received in round 3 of the main fund.
- Advice to be sought from Rachel at Foundation Scotland in relation to ongoing participation of Community Councillors on the panel. **ACTION 5**

Micro-Grant Update

- YW advised there had been no applications received and that an exercise to follow-up on existing grants to gather evidence and outcome reports was underway. All recipients have provided either a final report or an update on their progress.
- A written report to report back on funding to Foundation Scotland has been submitted.

10. Approval of Minutes – Monday 28th August 2017

- The minutes from the June meeting were proposed by TB and seconded by DS.

11. Matters Arising

- The following actions from the August 2017 meeting were discussed:

No	Action	Resp	Action Taken	Outcome/ Next Steps
1	LHS to bring more detailed positive destination figures along to the next meeting.	LHS	Reminder sent to Mrs Hurren. Mr Auld to bring figures to Sept meeting.	Per above
2	Continued advertising of the Community Council to gain interest in advance of elections	All	Leaflets distributed to key local areas. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter information posted	Awaiting final information from Falkirk Council

3	Micro-Grant follow-up - follow-up on existing grants to gather evidence and outcome reports to grant recipients	YW	E-mail issued to ask applicants for an update. YW to report back.	All recipients have provided an update
4	Micro-Grant progress report to be returned to Foundation Scotland	YW/CH	Report completed and sent back.	Awaiting drawdown of next tranche
5	Advertise for Volunteers for garden activities at Larbert Station	YW	Advert put out. Names sent back to resident	Awaiting further information
6	Community Tidy Up – resident to forward proposal for further discussion	Resident	Further discussion required at September meeting. E-Mail received advising looking at Community Devt Trust also linked to Larbert Station gardens	Awaiting further information from group. It was also noted that a new round of Falkirk Enterprise Trust funding had been launched.
7	Contact Falkirk Council re overhanging trees on pavement on Bellsdyke Road	YW	Falkirk Council has confirmed they are investigating and seeking to contact the landlord	Also other areas reported to LSTCC. YW updated. Ladeside cutting back this week. It was noted that new grass cutting machines were coming soon. Cllr Grant advised that Gerry Keane is the contact in Falkirk Council for overhanging trees

- Councillor Murtagh provided feedback on the possibility of having a 20mph speed limit in place. There would also need to be traffic calming considered in any area looking to have a 20mph speed limit. Councillor Murtagh advised this has been considered for Airth. The Council's Policy would need to be changed by evidence of trials currently in place – including Edinburgh and Glasgow. Falkirk Council is awaiting a response of the trials and will review the information. Police Scotland also need to support the implementation. Councillor Murtagh advised it would cost £33m to change the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph and also that it needs to be consistently applied across all of Falkirk Council.

8	Cllr Murtagh to look into poor visibility due to tall grass at M876 off slip onto A9	Cllr Murtagh	Update required	Cllr Murtagh to chase again. (ACTION 6)
9	Cllr Murtagh to raise issues with F11 bus with Chris Cox	Cllr Murtagh	Update required	Cllr Murtagh advised she has

	at Falkirk Council			raised with Chris and First. Should meet this week.
10	Raise issue of rubbish being left at site of former bin on Burnhead Road at Tryst Golf Club with Community Safety Team	YW	Community Safety Team has advised it is the responsibility of Golf Club to remove waste	No further action
11	Letter to be sent to Stenhousemuir FC re overhanging tree	YW	Letter sent – awaiting response	Awaiting response
12	Naming of path – progress to be made	YW	YW written to Falkirk Council/CSGN re further information on getting signs in place	Cllr Bouse agreed to take this forward ACTION 7
13	EA to respond to Community Chartering Network	EA	Letter issued by EA	Acknowledgement has been received
14	Consultation on the role of the Scottish Health Council: Strengthening people's voices in health and social care - http://www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/previous_resources/policy_and_strategy/shc_role_consultation.aspx Closing Date 20th October	JC	JC to respond	JC to confirm if submitted
15	Scottish Health Council on behalf of Scottish Government - Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities: http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0040/00407723.pdf – Survey to see if it should be reviewed - https://kwiksurveys.com/s/9ejlgxQN - Deadline 22nd Sept	JC	JC to review	JC to confirm if submitted
16	Raise concern with roads that the pedestrian crossing at the Kirk avenue lights have been disabled. Also noted there are issues with lines not being painted at Stenhousemuir Primary school.	YW	Letter issued. Matters now resolved although some residents advising lines not painted in same place at Stenhousemuir Primary	Kirk Avenue lights now resolved with pedestrian crossing. Lines noted.

12. Reports

12a. Correspondence Report

- The following items of correspondence received were discussed. A report showing all correspondence received and issued was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Date of Item	Item	Action Taken/Required
31/8/2017	Cllr Murtagh – confirmation that there is no truth to rumours that any addresses within Kinnaird Village will be zoned to either Denny High School or Airth Primary School. There is no plan to change the catchment areas at this time.	To be noted
8/9/2017	Falkirk Council – e-mail re Community Council elections and reasons for delay in process	Next steps discussed
8/9/2017	Resident – query over who is responsible for roads in Kinnaird – near Rankin Drive – issue the tarmac has now sunk	Raised with Councillors and Virgin Media
9/9/2017 & 11/9/2017	Resident on FB – issue with overgrowth on paved area at the far end of the A88 Bellsdyke Rd before it's roundabout with the A905. There is no pavement on the south side of that stretch of road and the pavement disappears to little more than track through long grass and brambles on the north side. Should be able to walk (or even cycle) on that stretch but it's been overgrown for years. Also area near bus depot, area to Spar shop in North Broomage and area near old petrol station on Bellsdyke Road all raised as problem areas following post about area between Webhelp and Inches roundabout	Raised with Councillors at meeting
11/9/2017	Resident on FB – appears the new lines at Stenhousemuir Primary have not been painted in the same location	Raised at meeting with Councillors
12/9/2017	Falkirk Council - NOTICE OF APPEAL FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/17/0027/PPP (Letter dated 8/9) – re houses to west of bungalows in Larbert	Discussed above – comments to be resubmitted
13/9/2017	RSPB – offer to attend a future meeting and having a drop in public event for people to find out more about the wetland project at RSPB Skinflats on Thursday 26th of October between 2:30pm and 9pm at Kincardine Community Centre.	New CC to consider attendance at a future meeting. Info on event put on FB 22/9/2017
14/9/2017	Resident re issues with maintenance on Inches Farm Road	Cllrs Bouse to consider
17/9/2017	Resident on Facebook - bin outside St Bernadettes primary school (that the council say is the duty of the janitor to empty) although it is used by the public, not the school. It often has dog poo in it or overflowing and the janitor is expected to empty. Issue with the council not emptying these bins during holiday time and they rubbish (and dog poo bags) end up all over the pavement	Raised with Councillors
17/9/2017	Resident - Rumour that this is the last year of the Tryst fairground	Raised with Police – no information
19/9/2017	Falkirk Council – notification that P/17/0319/MSD for drive-thru restaurant at former McCowan's factory has been approved	Noted

12.b Treasurer's Report

- EA and YW have updated the bank records. In the interim, statements will be sent to the Secretary.
- YW advised that 2 cheques were to be issued tonight for the leaflets and for the hall hire. The current balance after the cheques have been issued and paid is therefore: £3331.17.
- YW to arrange for the accounts to be handed in to French Duncan for the period to 31 March 2017. **ACTION 8**

12.c Planning Report

- CH was not present but had circulated the planning report.
- Other than the discussion on the proposal for the houses at the bungalows, there were no further applications causing concern or requiring further consultation.

12d. Other reports

- There were no other reports.

13. AOCB

- DS suggested that Falkirk Council should consider a promotional DVD to encourage new Community Councillors.

14. Next Steps – Agreed that there would be a further meeting on Monday 30th October.