

LARBERT, STENHOUSEMUIR & TORWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES – 30th October 2017

RENNIE LOUNGE, LARBERT OLD CHURCH

Attendance Details

Committee:

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

Also Present:

- Andy Auld Becky Laird and Aiden Campbell - Larbert High School
- Cllr Joan Coombes Cllr Gary Bouse and Cllr David Grant
- 11 members of the public
- PC Susan Wetton

Apologies:

- Community Safety Team (written report submitted)
- Colleen Hurren (CH)
- Peter O'Rourke
- Jim Cowan

1. Welcome and Apologies

- EA welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Community Council. Apologies were noted.

2. Police Report

- PC Wetton was in attendance at the meeting and gave the Police Report. A total of 84 reported crimes/offences from 25/09/2017 – 29/10/2017.
- Larbert / Torwood Area – 34 crimes/offences - These crime reports/offences related to vandalism, assaults, theft, road traffic matters, breach of the peace and drugs.
- Stenhousemuir Area FE13 - 50 crimes/offences - These crime reports/offences related to vandalisms, thefts, assaults, road traffic, weapons, breach of the peace and licensing.

Environment

- Kinnaird Village has seen a reduction in youth crime over the last three months. There are still groups of youths within the general area however the majority are residing in the general area. Police patrols within this area continue and are supported by Crime Prevention Team.

- PC Wetton advised that there is a group of youngsters going around causing anti-social behaviour. Some of their names are known. It also appears that primary school pupils are also now involved. Whilst there is still minor crime in Kinnaird, there are also issues in and about Larbert and Stenhousemuir.
- There has been an increase in vandalisms to windows within the Larbert and Stenhousemuir area, a number of persons have been identified and reported. There are a number of these incidents where identification has not been made due to lack of witnesses and descriptions of persons responsible.
- Cold callers to residential premises has been raised and police stickers have been issued to help combat this. Advice has been given to residents to report any persons of a suspicious nature.
- As we approach the festive season there will be advice given on home security, car safety and travelling these will be available via the Police Facebook page.
- Forth Valley Police Division now has a media officer – PC Gav who is posting useful videos on You Tube and other social media channels.
- PC Wetton reminded all about the theft of Christmas gifts. She suggested that residents should put empty wrapped boxes under the tree for decoration rather than expensive wrapped presents as a crime prevention method.
- PC Wetton also advised that security surveys can be undertaken on houses by the police. It was discussed that many residential areas also have dimmer lighting through the recent installation of more energy efficient LED lighting.

Road Traffic matters

- Issues raised regarding parking have been addressed in the Larbert area with a number of drivers being spoken to and tickets issued. YW raised ongoing issues with parking concerns in the Foundry Loan area of Larbert. PC Wetton was given photos that had been sent into the Community Council in the Orchardton Road area where parking over drives and on pavements remains an issue. PC Wetton advised she had received abuse from an illegally parked driver and would soon be issued with a body camera.
- The request for an initiative for safe cycling which was raised at the Community Council meeting is now going to be undertaken in November with local Community Police and the Road Policing Department. The Close Pass initiative is to educate drivers and cyclists to be aware of each other's need for space and safety on the roads. Due to the clocks changing this will also be used to educate cyclists about wearing visible clothing and lights for their bikes to improve visibility for all road users. In relation to the Close Pass campaign, the 21st November will be the local day of action. There will be plain clothed officers on bikes with a car following filming them. Drivers not overtaking safely will be pulled over and education with any offences dealt with appropriately.

School Engagement

- Visits to Stenhousemuir Primary, Ladeside Primary, Kinnaird Village Primary and Larbert Village Primary will be conducted to reiterate the message of safety over the Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes season.

- On Halloween, there will be officers on duty undertaking hi viz patrols. They have received intelligence that there are plans for egg throwing.

Local Policing Team Changes

- Sergeant Alisdair Goldie is moving on from his post at Larbert and is finishing up this month and will be replaced with Sergeant Blair Rennie.
- PC Alan Imrie the school based officer who was set to join the Community Police Team is also moving on at the end of the month. PC Ian O'Donnell will replace PC Imrie.
- Three new community officers will be joining the team soon.
- Should you wish to contact your local community officer, their details are as follows:
 - Larbert/Torwood - PC Susan Wetton - CarseKinnairdTrystCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk
 - Stenhousemuir, Carronshore/Carron/Letham and Airth areas - PC Chris Morrison - Christopher.Morrison2@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Community Engagement and Reassurance

- Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round. The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website; www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

Questions for PC Wetton

- Councillor Joan Coombes asked for specifics for areas which had LED lighting to take back to Falkirk Council. Areas discussed were around Kinnaird, the Castings (e.g. Henryson Crescent) and South Broomage (including Carronvale Road). It was noted that in some areas, the Factors also run the lights. Cllr Coombes asked if the crime rates are higher in areas of LED street lighting. These figures are not known.

- Residents from Queens Drive and Queens Court were present at the meeting. They advised that since LED lights had been put in that the crime rate and vandalism has gone up in their area. Since the clocks went back, they have had a series of issues with young people. PC Wetton has now identified some of the young people in that group and is going to speak to the schools this week. The young people have been throwing eggs, burgers and pizzas at windows. One resident advised they had to pay £200 to get their window fixed. It was discussed that unless someone is actually caught doing it, there is no means of claiming for it to be remedied. It was advised that the young people have been using tennis rackets to increase the force of the objects hitting the windows. The residents also reported issues of urinating and soiling within their close too. Despite being reported, the Council had not attended to clean it up. One suggestion was that PC Wetton could ask that the Council put in a locked door. Cllr Bouse agreed to take this suggestion back to the Council (**ACTION 1**). This may be complicated as there is a mix of Council-owned and non-Council properties.
- The residents advised that there is a shortcut at the back of Larbert Day Nursery which is an access route for the young people and asked if this could be closed off. Alternative but longer routes are available. A suggestion was to do this work through the community payback scheme. It was agreed that YW would write to Falkirk Council about closing off this path. (**ACTION 2**). It was noted that there may be a Factor involved (Hacking and Paterson). The residents present thanked PC Wetton for her support.
- The residents advised there had also been an issue in that area with a person sleeping in a car. It was advised that this has now been dealt with.
- PC Wetton advised that with 3 new community officers, there will be more resource and one of the new officers will be on patrol with her.
- Resident on Website – YW advised that a resident had reported issues in early/mid-October in the McLaren Park/Roebuck Park area with raw eggs thrown at walls and windows. The resident had advised that they believe similar incidents have occurred regularly on the other side of McLaren Park on Church Street. PC Wetton advised that the Police are aware of the issues in that area.
- Resident via Facebook – YW advised there had been further reports of inconsiderate parking in Central Business Park particularly outside the offices of WebHelp. There have been continued issues of parking on pavements and grass verges. PC Wetton advised she is aware of the issue and drivers have been spoken to although they are not committing an offence. There are now cones up to help at the corners for Malcolm Allan and further down. The situation is now improving in the business park, but it is expected to get worse later in the season with additional seasonal workers.
- Resident Via Facebook – YW had advised that there had been requests for someone to put a sign up at Larbert cross to warn traffic that on the bend at the viaduct/bridge where there are temporary traffic lights. There are concerns that there will be a bad accident there. This was reported at the meeting to the Police and Falkirk Council. PC David Grant will raise the issue at Falkirk Council (**Action 3**).

3. Community Safety Team Report

- YW gave a brief overview of the Community Safety Team report from 1st to 30th September 2017 which can be viewed in full at: <http://lstcommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/LSTCC-CST-October-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 the team have encountered.
- Kinnaird – Anti social behaviour patrols are on-going in the area along with the cricket club, golf club and Primary School. Any youths encountered are engaged with and, where appropriate, Police are contacted.
- Larbert High School – The team continue our lunch time patrols for litter along the school routes.
- 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 Andy, Aiden & Becky.
- Aiden spoke about the additional extracurricular activities being delivered by the new probation teachers. This has now expanded into skills builder clubs which started this week and take place throughout the day in all the subject areas. A further 17 extra clubs have been added. Skills builders started this week.
- The High School has now successfully expanded in the new E-Block within the former Carrongrange School. There has been positive feedback from pupils. It was noted that it is just the top floor being used by Larbert High. The music rooms and expressive art space were specifically mentioned.
- Becky told of her recent experience travelling through the school to NASA in Houston, Texas. Out of 500 Scottish applicants, 100 were selected and of them 40 got chosen for interview and to do a presentation to astronauts. Becky was then one of the 10 chosen to go on the trip to visit NASA. Becky spoke very positively of her experience. She is the 5th consecutive pupil from Larbert High to go to Strathclyde University for the space camp and the 3rd selected to go to NASA.
- Andy Auld, Depute Rector gave an update on positive destinations. This is now sitting at 98% with 8 pupils not currently in a positive destination. This is the highest the school has had and significantly higher than the Falkirk average.
- Andy also advised there had been a successful curriculum evening held within the new E-Block for parents. He advised the school is applying for funding to make further changes to the new E-Block from Falkirk Council.

- DS asked a question on support for ASN pupils. It was confirmed that there will be an autistic unit in LHS to keep pupils within mainstream education. DS also advised he is trying to get LEAD into Larbert High to deliver support.
- YW advised that residents on Facebook had raised the issue of high school pupils crossing Bellsdyke Road at the bus stop opposite Tryst Golf Club in the mornings. Every morning around 8am, there are groups of young people crossing directly from the path that comes through the wooded area (from Sainsbury's direction) rather than going up to the crossing. The problem is that the majority are in dark clothing and are often trying to cross between cars waiting for the Dollar Academy buses or the buses themselves. The resident has seen a few near misses this year. YW advised that there are also ongoing reports of issues of pupils crossing Muirfield Road without looking. Andy advised he would raise this with pupils. **(ACTION 4)**. A resident suggested revisiting the footbridge which had been in place over Bellsdyke Road. Others present thought this could lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour.
- EA raised that it was hard to relate the positive stories from the school with the issues raised earlier in the meeting during the Police report of youth disorder. Andy advised there are now 359 in S1. In relation to the school's referral system in the school with the 36 school days, there had only been 42 negative referrals (level1) and 2142 positive referrals. PC Ian O'Donnell is very active in the school already and has had 2 weeks handover with PC Alan Imrie. Andy advised he is also in the town centre at lunchtime. Cllr Coombes asked if the negative referrals are passed to police staff. Andy advised that this would depend on the issues raised.

5. Community Council Elections Update

- EA confirmed that nominations are now open for community councillors to represent each Community Council area.
- To stand for election to the Community Council you must be:
 - resident in the area you are applying to stand in
 - listed on the electoral register
 - over 18 years of age
- Nominations close on Monday 13 November 2017 at 4pm.
- The current Community Council will stand down at midnight on 12th December.
- Full details about the process can be found at: <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/people-communities/community-councils/election/>

6. Major Planning Application – Gladman Developments – proposed housing on land north of Lochview adjacent to Stirling Road

- EA advised he had looked at the paperwork and it was a comprehensive application. The Community Council had placed a notice on the Facebook page of the application and had received numerous representations on the site raising concerns. There were 3 residents in attendance at the meeting who also raised concerns over the application.
- Cllr Joan Coombes advised that this was being treated as a major application and that officers had advised that this would go to a pre-determination hearing.

- Following a lengthy discussion on the key areas of concern including that the development is outwith the local plan, traffic, education and impact on infrastructure, and the responses received on Facebook, it was agreed to object by written approval to the application based on the points already submitted during the pre-application consultation. **(ACTION 5)**
- YW advised that a group of residents are also planning to hold a meeting to discuss the application in more detail.

7. Matters from the Floor

Local Pitch Development

- A resident asked what progress had been made to improve local pitches utilising the £100K received from NHS Forth Valley through their Section 75 agreement. YW advised that the previous communication received from Falkirk Community Trust on 26th June had been:
 - Stewartfield – Goals are on order and will be put up over the summer along with other scheduled areas. The holes are after the work and we will have them filled in. There appears to have been some digging going on and a little fire damage also.
 - Russell Park – The park has been cut and will be cut and lifted another few times. The ground is now level and a greater area has been made available to site a pitch. We will have the pitch area spiked and rolled to ensure it is in a good condition. The goals will be up for the start of the season.
 - Lido – New lightweight goals will be in place for the start of the season. Funding was sought for these that was not part of the Section 75. Stenhousemuir have not been charged for their season permit and were accommodated elsewhere where they had lets. Falkirk Community Trust to look forward to having them home at the start of this season.
 - Stenhousemuir Sports Centre – The drainage works here have been a success in drying out the pitch. Having settled, it will now be spiked and rolled for the start of the season.
 - Stirling Road – The area of work has created the space to install 2 pitches to alleviate the demand on the others when required.
- It was noted that some of this work e.g. goals at Stewartfield had still not been completed. It was noted that £25K had also been used to remove cabins in Grahams Drive North Broomage. It was also noted that there were no longer plans as agreed to consider 2 7-aside pitches at Stewartfield and perhaps a smaller pitch too. A question was raised over whether or not this is transparent and auditable. Cllr Coombes advised that she sits on the Falkirk Community Trust Board and was not aware of this issue and would raise at the next Board meeting. YW advised she would send on information to Cllr Coombes **(ACTION 6)**

Chapel Burn Gullies

- A health and safety issue was raised adjacent to 64 Queens Drive. A fence has been damaged by Council workers who climb over to clean out the gully in the Chapel Burn. Concern was raised that the Council is not looking after its workers. It was noted that there is separate access through the golf course. There are queries over ownership and factor arrangements at the site. Cllr Bouse agreed to take this issue forward. **(ACTION 7).**

8. Todhill Windfarm Update

Main Grant Fund

- It was advised that the panel had met on 25th October to discuss the applications received in round 3 of the main fund. It was advised that there were 7 applications approved for funding:
 - Stenhousemuir Cricket Club – £5K for a new scoreboard
 - Boys Brigade – Carronvale House – £3K for a new floor
 - Radio Royal – £2,500 for new equipment
 - TCSC - £4,500 for 12 people to go through training to be instructors
 - Dobbie Hall - £5K to install disabled toilets
 - CATCA - £5K to purchase a new tri-shaw bike
 - There had been a 7th but none of the members present could recall the details. (It was subsequently noted that the application had been from Larbert Village PS Parent Teacher Group)
- The panel members advised that they had told Foundation Scotland that the Community Councillors who are standing down would not be able to attend future meetings to represent the Community Council. It was also noted that there had been a number of apologies from other members of the panel. Foundation Scotland is going to agree next steps. It is likely that moving forward there will only be one meeting a year.

Micro-Grant Update

- YW advised there had been 1 application received from a new group for £141.98 for Futsal group for 9-13-year olds. Agreed to award £150 and that spend would have to equal £150 with receipts at least to that value. YW to arrange award letter. **(ACTION 8)**
- YW advised that the Community Council had received notification that the second tranche of funding of £1,500 was released by Foundation Scotland by BACS on 3rd October 2017.

9. Approval of AGM Minutes – Monday 25th September 2017

- The minutes from the September meeting were proposed by JK and seconded by DS.

10. Matters Arising

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

No.	Action	Resp	Action Taken	Outcome/Next Steps
1	Virgin Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that expressions of concerns would be passed on to workers within the main and sub-contractors. 	Virgin Media Cllr Bouse	No date provided by Virgin Media for gazebos.	Cllr Bouse advised that he has sent over complaints received to VM. Cllr Bouse advised that the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 			<p>site inspection is coming up and that the VM team has been helpful and got more involved.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been no word on the gazebo and community consultation from VM – Cllr Bouse to chase (ACTION 9)</p>
2	<p>Community Council Elections</p> <p>YW to Falkirk Council to advise of the LSTCC position and seek clarity on any concerns over the Community Council remaining quorate at this time.</p>	YW	E-mail sent and chaser also sent – trying to speak by phone to Brian Pirie at Falkirk Council	Noted
3	<p>Planning application for the field at back of bungalows – P/17/0027/PPP and P/17/0579/PPP</p> <p>YW 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.</p>	YW	Both submissions made to DPEA and Falkirk Council	Awaiting outcome of appeal and new planning application
4	<p>Gala Day</p> <p>Community Council to pass on contact details to the CVS to see if they would can assist both groups</p>	YW	Submitted – CVS tried to call YW on Friday. YW left message on Friday afternoon	YW advised she had spoken to CVS who would be keen to engage and work with both groups.
5	<p>Todhill Windfarm Fund</p>	DS/JK/LS	Update to be provided at	Will need to consider – YW to

	Advice to be sought from Rachel at Foundation Scotland in relation to ongoing participation of Community Councillors on the panel.		October meeting following the October windfarm fund meeting	write to Rachel. (ACTION 10)
6	Cllr Murtagh to look into poor visibility due to tall grass at M876 off slip onto A9	Cllr Murtagh	Update to be provided at October meeting	It was noted that the grass has now been cut.
7	Cllr Bouse to assist with the naming of the path in Stenhousemuir	Cllr Bouse	YW has provided e-mails to Cllr Bouse	Cllr Bouse advised that roads have suggested contacting Haven in Larbert re signage. Cllr Bouse to look further into this (ACTION 11)
8	Arrange for the accounts to be handed in to French Duncan for the period to 31 March 2017.	YW	Not yet done.	EA to drop off the accounts (ACTION 12)

11. Reports

11a. 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
25/9/2017	<p>Network Rail - Works at Larbert Station to upgrade the platforms at Larbert station. This work will include installing ducts and improving surfaces on the platforms. There will be a compound in place near the entrance to the station, just off Foundry Loan, for the duration of the works. To carry out this work they will be using excavators, forklifts, planers, dumpers, hand held electric breakers and disc saws. They will also use task lighting at night to undertake the work safely. The station will remain open throughout, with train services operating as normal.</p> <p>Platform Extension Works Dates and Times:- 2nd October to 15th December 2017 Monday to Saturday dayshift – 8am to 5pm, each day Saturday nights – 10pm to 8am Sunday to Thursday night shift – 8.30pm to 6am, each night *Night time works begin 7h October</p> <p>The majority of this work can only be done at night when trains are not running to minimise the impact on train services and to reduce the safety risk for our staff and contractors.</p> <p>Elements of this work may be noisy and disruptive at times. However, every effort will be made to minimise noise where possible and our contractors are continually briefed on working responsibly in communities, particularly at night.</p> <p>We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please email: SDAelectrification@networkrail.co.uk or telephone our 24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41.</p>	<p>Noted – some negative comments on Facebook re the noise.</p> <p>Cllr Bouse advised noisy and residents in attendance from Muirhall Road confirmed the same.</p>

25/9/2017	Falkirk Environment Trust –Calls for New projects for the Scottish Landfill Community Fund in the Falkirk Area- https://falkirkenvtrust.blogspot.co.uk/	For info – to be noted
28/9/2017	Cllr Bouse – Cala Suds pond issue – Cala has advised works to investigate and repair cross contamination should all be complete by the end of October.	Update to be sought. Close to completed – Cllr Bouse is speaking to them.
2/10/2017	Falkirk Council - information details of the funding available to community councils this year. The allocation has reduced from the previous year. In the council's budget which was set in February this year the grants budget was reduced. Amount to be claimed once accounts audited - £983 - contact Jane Murie at jane.murie@falkirk.gov.uk or call on 01324 506065	Accounts to be submitted and grant claimed (ACTION 12)
6/10/2017	Resident via FB - Overgrown vegetation on pavement between Webhelp and the Inches roundabout. The railings are also in a poor state with age old paint now peeling off. Are the railings part of the "Listing" that was afforded to the original buildings and lodge? This area could look so much more attractive. Perhaps one for the Wind Turbine funds?	Cllr Bouse advised that notices have been issued to the landlords to cut back vegetation.
8/10/2017	Resident on FB – new lights at new B&M store – no notices re new road layout	New road layout sign now in place.
11/10/2017	JK – issues with bin roster	Ongoing issues – no plans to do this £46K saved by not producing!
13/10/2017	Falkirk Council - NOTICE OF A PUBLIC PROCESSION ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND ARMY CADET FORCE SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2017: 9.45AM - Proposed Route (PP17/89):- Stenhousemuir - Start at 9.45am from Stenhousemuir Health centre car park, onto Park Drive, onto the Main Street, halting outside the Dobbie Hall cenotaph, for Church parade at 10am. March up the Main Street towards Larbert East Church on Kirk Avenue and conclude.	Noted
18/10/2017	Antonshills Residents Association – First Bus to continue with the No. 7 service and agreed to continue the service beyond the current ASDA, Stenhousemuir terminus to Forth Valley Royal Hospital (via Foundry Loan). This is due to commence on Monday, 6th November 2017 till the 6th of January 2018.	Noted – awaiting outcome
17/10/2017	2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies - Revised Proposals - Comments on the Revised Proposals can be made on the interactive consultation portal, www.bcs2018.org.uk , where you can view the boundaries and name of the constituencies proposed and compare them with the existing constituency boundaries and other boundaries. Comments can also be made by email to bcs@scottishboundaries.gov.uk , or in writing to the address on this letter. All comments should be submitted no later than 11 December 2017 which is the end of the statutory consultation period, after which the Commission will finalise its recommendations and submit these to the Secretary of State for Scotland in September 2018.	Noted – now appears to be more relevant to this area and no longer part of wider constituency to Loch Lomond.
18/10/2017	Resident by E-mail - New Bus Service from Stenhousemuir to Grangemouth – F23 goes via Carronshore and Skinflats	Noted
18/10/2017	Resident on website – issues of youth anti-social behavior around McLaren Park in Stenhousemuir	Discussed under police report
23/10/2017 & 19/10/2017	Falkirk Council – notification that the nomination process for the community council elections begins today. Applications can be made online or by downloading the forms and handing them in. The link to the website is http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/people-communities/community-councils/election/ Deadline is Monday 13 th November at 4pm. Also advising that we will remain community Councillors until midnight on 12 December.	Publicised

23/10/2017	Resident via FB - Inconsiderate parking in Central Business Park particularly outside WebHelp. Parking on pavements and grass verges.	Discussed under Police Report
24/10/2017	Resident via FB – ongoing issues of cars parked inconsiderately on Orchardson Street – Car parked over driveway and reported to Police plus increase in cars parked on pavement. Not deemed by Police to be an obstruction over their drive!	Discussed under Police Report
24/10/2017	Resident Via FB - requesting that someone puts a sign up at Larbert cross to warn traffic that on the bend at the bridge there are temporary traffic lights -There is going to be a bad accident there	Discussed under Police Report
25/10/2017 & 19/10/2017	Falkirk Council – copy of budget savings proposals & invitation for all Community Council conveners or representatives of Community Councils - Municipal Buildings 26 October at 6.00pm – 8.00pm - Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council elections 2017 – Brian Pirie • Community engagement 2018 and beyond inc participatory budgeting – Fiona Campbell • Falkirk Council Revenue Budget 2018/19 and 2019/20 –Bryan Smail 	£40m required – public consultation now out – to be publicised. Also likely to be a Council Tax increase. Possible option to write to local MSPs re the cuts. All to consider implications and any potential comments to be made (ACTION 13)
26/10/2017	Falkirk Council – bridge parapet repairs from 6-9 th Nov on B905 from Checkbar roundabout to Denovan Road. Road to remain open during works	Noted
26/10/2017	Cllr Bouse – request for information on local heritage groups	No information
26/10/2017	Resident via FB - raise the issue of high school pupils crossing Bellsdyke Road at the bus stop opposite tryst golf club in the mornings. Every morning around 8 there are groups of young people crossing directly from the path that comes through the wooded area (from Sainsbury's direction) rather than going up to the crossing. The problem is that the majority are in dark clothing and are often trying to cross between cars waiting for the Dollar academy buses or the buses themselves - already seen a few near misses this year.	Discussed under Police Report
27/10/2017	NOTICE OF A PUBLIC PROCESSION - FALKIRK TOWNS LTD – REINDEER PARADE SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2017: 2PM - Santa and his reindeers will leave the Doctors surgery car park at 2pm and head along the Main Street and will be penned in Hallam Road.	Noted
28/10/2017	Resident on FB – site near Blenheim Place on Bellsdyke Road now been cleared – last planning application was for 5 Class 1 shop units – is this now progressing	No updated information known.
30/10/2017	RSPB – David Anderson keen to come along to a future meeting to discuss Skinflats project	Will pass info on to new Community Council (ACTION 14)

11.b Treasurer's Report

- YW advised that 2 cheques were to be issued tonight for the leaflets and for the hall hire agreed at September meeting. The current balance after the cheques have been issued and paid is therefore: £3331.17. This excludes the new windfarm money of £1500 less £150 approved tonight.

11.c Planning Report

- YW circulated the planning report. With the exception of the objection to be submitted for the Gladman application on Stirling Road, there were no further concerns raised.

11.d Other reports

- There were no other reports.

12. AOCB

- EA advised he will attend the next Ineos Community Liaison meeting on 6th November.
- JK raised the issue that the South Broomage Avenue and Broomage Park waiting restrictions appear to have been extended. It is likely that more plates have been put in place for Falkirk Council taking over parking enforcement.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Agreed that there would be a further meeting on Monday 27th November 2017 as planned.