



BALFRON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 5th December 2024

Present: Craig Potter (Vice Chair), Alison Limbert (Secretary), Chelsea McKinnon (Member), Laura Shaw (Minutes)

Apologies: Stuart Freckingham (Chair), Sue Bell (Treasurer), Alasdair Street (Member), Stuart Duffy (Member), Fiona Shaw (Member)

In Attendance: None

2) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the meeting on 7th November 2024 were proposed by Alison Limbert and seconded by Craig Potter.

3) Matters Arising

Broken fence

The broken fence above the burn at the top of Buchanan Street has been reported to Stirling Council. Cllr McGarvey will also follow up on this. **Action: Cllr McGarvey**

4) Declarations of Interest

None.

5) Projects

Active Places

A slab has come loose at The Clachan. This has been reported to Marco Farnocchi, Sustainable Transport Project Officer at Stirling Council who led the Active Places project.

Donaldson Loan path

Complaints have been raised on the builders' waste which is littering the bottom of the path. This has been reported to Stirling Council. Craig will follow up with them and escalate this as a potential fire risk. **Action: CP**

6) Police Report

TBC

7) Elected Councillor's report

None.

9) Treasurer report

Sue is in the process of trying to change the BCC bank account following the introduction of a monthly fee by the current provider the Bank of Scotland.

We have received this year's admin grant from Stirling Council of £692.09, including £360 minute takers allowance. Payments have been made for November's minute taker, additional asset insurance for the Festive-all lights, the annual Scotways subscription and some printing for the Local Place Plan.

This month the fruit and veg delivery for the phonebox has resumed.

10) Planning report

None.

11) Chair's report

None.

12) Data protection

All members of the Community Council have reviewed and signed the existing policy on the collection, processing and storage of data.

13) Local Place Plan

A positive discussion was held on 28th November on the future of Balfron. These notes will inform the next stages of the Local Place Plan. 'Place at the Table' consultant also hosted a session at the Balfron Baptist Church to hear views.

An event will take place in January with a focus on the environment, net zero and climate change. Alison suggested that a climate themed event happens alongside this such as an information stall from Home Energy Scotland or a community swap shop etc. It will likely take place during the day the weekend to maximise attendance.

Chelsea and 'Imagine If' consultants will be hosting a focus group in the high school, a display board and a survey will be developed for high school students to voice their contributions to the Local Place Plan.

14) AOB

Balfron Community Council is looking for new members. The Community Council is a body consisting of local residents who meet on a monthly basis to discuss and progress issues affecting the life and future of the local community, and who represent the views

and concerns of the residents of Balfron to Stirling Council and other relevant groups. We also have a role in planning and licensing issues as they affect Balfron.

Come along to a meeting to find out more, contact hello@balfroncc.org.uk, or visit <https://www.communitycouncils.scot/what-is-a-community-council>.

15) Next meeting 6th February 2025 at 7:30pm in Balfron High School.

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