

FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY 27th April 2023

AGENDA

Attended by Mark Boston, Ann Dodd, Ronnie Dodd, Sharon MacInnes, Ruth Tott, Peter Hogbin,
Councillor Garret Corner, Councillor Jan Brown

1. Apologies for absence: Andrea Henderson,
2. Agreement of minutes from 30th March meeting:
Prop. Ann Dodd Sec. Sharon MacInnes
3. Matters arising Peter Hogbin raised clearing up the litter on Furnace bends and will investigate options for addressing this.
4. Vandalism / ASBO issues – No new reports of damage.

SCIO have agreed to install Security Camera’s to protect hall areas which CC members support. Some concerns have been received from a few hall users which the SCIO will consider however security & safety within the hall for users must remain paramount.

5. Treasurer’s report – (Peter) No change from last month with total in the bank £2219.19. Setting up the new bank account will take 6 weeks.

6. Police Report
Report issued 7th April for March advises that there were 43 calls in the month. The top three demands were; Road Traffic related (15 calls) – involving collisions, accidents and offences, Nuisances (3), and Concern for Person (3). Four of the calls received resulted in crimes being recorded & there were no press releases for this area.

2 (separate) reports were submitted to the Procurator Fiscal involving cases of Careless & Inconsiderate Driving in and around the Minard/Lochgair areas.

Fraud is still an area being highlighted and the CC has been in discussion with PC Laura Evans re; organising a Scam Awareness session locally as well as obtaining funding for Call Blocking devices.

7. Roads Update - A83 & local village roads – missing 40MPH Speed Repeater & place name signage works – unfortunately no progress to report. Cllr. Jan Brown continues to chase but Bear Scotland are being unresponsive despite now being 2 months late in completing their own targeted works.
8. Micro Grant Applications – Payment to Fyne Friends Parent, Baby and Toddler Group to be made once new bank account has been opened.
9. Wind Farm Updates – Nothing new of significance to report.

Related Subject – Caitlin Quinn S&SE Networks Community Liaison Manager will attend CC's June 29th meeting.

10. Furnace Surgery Closure – Date for a closed meeting with Partners of the Lochgilphead Medical Practice has now been agreed.

A short questionnaire has been developed which will be available from the shop this weekend and at various social events taking place over the next 72 hours. As many people as possible, given time, will be encouraged to complete it to ensure that their views are represented at the forthcoming meeting.

- 11 Environmental Issues – As agreed at last month's meeting a letter is to be issued by the CC expressing concern over recently introduced vehicle parking charges. Residents were also encouraged to write expressing their concerns – Ann Dodd confirmed that she has written to the Scottish Government, Jenni Minto & the Ramblers Association. To date she has only had response from Jenni Minto SMP.

- 12 Correspondence –
A&B Planning – One non-material amendment to report during past month:- An Garradh (repositioning of garage on-site).

Joint liaison meeting with West Loch Fyne CC – date for a meeting still TBC.

A&B Citizens Advice Bureau - Energy Efficiency Advice session – CAB advise that each session will be approximately 1hr long and that they prefer to do this via a Teams Meeting or Zoom. Subject to their being sufficient attendees we are trying to arrange an in-person session – who would put their name down to attend?

- 13 Any other competent business –

Fire Hydrants located in remote areas – who holds responsibility to register & maintain these hydrants/fire suppression systems – covered during last meeting?

Date of next meeting – 25th May 2023 - 6.30pm, Furnace Village Hall