

FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (FCC)

MINUTES OF MEETING --- THURSDAY 29th August 2024

- Attendees: M. Boston, S. Nixon, P. Hogbin, M. Wilson, P. Nilsson, K. Gibson, A. Henderson, L. Henderson, A. Massino, M. Massino, Clr. G. Corner.

Apologies for absence: Sharon Mcinnes.

- Adoption of minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes from July's meeting were accepted as a true record by meeting attendees.

- Matters arising:

a). Obstructed footpath – Shore Road – Following receipt of FCC's & MM's correspondence, A&B Council Officers have now responded to confirm that this issue will be addressed on an urgent basis.

b). Collapsing riverbank (adjacent to SW sewage network pipe) FCC have written to SEPA to request their assistance & intervention.

- Treasurer's report:

PH reported no significant change in funds since July. Account balance currently: £2,262.20

- Police report:

LB43. 43 Calls: 33, Crimes: 9. On hearing attendees feelings that the revised Police report is felt to provide little information of interest, or value, to residents in relation to local policing matters, MW agreed to provide feedback to Police Seargent, Matthew Shaw.

- Roads:

(A83) - FCC continue to press & communicate with Bear Scotland as the agreed road signage work have not yet begun.

- Micro Grant applications: 3 new applications have been received for review & discussion (see below):

003. Production of new resident welcome pack. Design & print work associated with the production of a single page Flyer for issue to new residents. Application by SCIO, project cost: £178. – Approved.

004. Dramatic performance "WWII and its effect on the local community" Request for funding assistance toward covering the production & development costs associated with the staging of this performance which involves Furnace school pupils. Family members & Furnace residents will have the opportunity of seeing the finished production, scheduled for late Oct, early Nov. final date TBA. Application (on behalf of Inveraray Primary School) submitted by the "Friends of the Argyll Papers" - Sum approved £300.

005. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Army Cadet Force – Training Trip. Financial assistance requested to allow young Cadet's from Furnace, who are members of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Army Cadet Force, to attend a weekend camp where they will acquire map reading, and compass skills (orienteering) as well as undergoing swimming tests, in order that they can take part in future water activities. Application by Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders Army Cadet Force, CTC Manse Brae, Lochgilphead. – Sum approved £300.

Note; during discussion & review of the above applications, it was recognised that clearer guidance would be issued to applicants to assist and improve the quality of future applications. PH agreed to draft guidance notes for issue whenever a micro-grant application form is requested in future.

- Furnace Surgery: (Update – main points covered below)

- Handover on 1st August to new GP executed successfully.
- The Furnace & Inveraray PPG are continuing to work to publicise itself & develop it's ideas.
- The Furnace surgery "clean-up" event went well and was a great community team-building exercise.

- The NHS Highland patient engagement survey report is expected to be released shortly.
9. Environmental: - nothing new reported, see however items under matters arising above.
10. Correspondence:
- Letter of thanks received from Clr. J. Brown, following the donation/s made by Furnace residents & FCC toward the sponsored walk undertaken raise funds on behalf of the Multiple sclerosis, Snowdrop Centre based in Lochgilphead.
 - No new planning applications received since July's meeting.
11. AOCB: - none.

Next meeting – 26th September 2024 - 6.30pm, in Furnace Village Hall