

Airth Parish Community Council Conveners Statement 2019

Well that's another year passed us by and it has been just as busy as usual, the main road has been resurfaced at the east end of the village and reduced the vibrations residents were experiencing although the narrow path is still a worrying situation for pedestrians and especially mothers with pushchairs. The general state of repair for the roads is not good in some locations, especially the long straight between Dunmore and South Alloa where the verge and drains cause a lot of problems for cyclists.

The church yard has received some tidying up and looks much better for it but there does seem to be a lot of headstones that are loose and could fall over.

Flooding is still a threat to all the community and we have engaged with various bodies including SEPA to try and raise the issue and the difficulties with the banks at the river which protect Airth from high tides. Talking of flooding Letham has had quite a history of flooding issues and continues to have these problems; we hope the proposed solutions will come to fruition.

We had a lot of trouble with the realignment of the river by the RSPB and the effect on some members of the parish is quite high, unfortunately we were unable to affect a solution to this. We were promised improvements to the access for people who walk along the river and further information on flooding data which I don't think we have seen?

George Russel brought forward a plan to develop the area around the Pineapple and asked the CC to pass some preliminary comments on what they thought, these were discussed and passed on, and we look forward to the revised plan.

We have had a directive forwarded by Falkirk council to comply with the latest data protection acts; GDPR, unfortunately little resource has been made available to the CC to comply with this directive which has resulted in the loss of much historical data which now only remains in people's memories. I'm sure the directive was expecting responsible bodies to have the resources to carry these things out properly, at the moment we are at danger of the CC closing due to the lack of resources provided by Falkirk Council to meet GDPR requirement's, perhaps Boris will fix that requirement!

We received a complaint about our process for assessing small planning applications, I have investigated the complaint and found we followed our process as a Community Council, so I have closed that investigation informed the complainant of that decision and advised the complainant to refer to Falkirk council if they are still unhappy with our process.

And finally, we have all received yet another recycling bin bringing that up to four bins we have to store, the complexity of the whole recycling scheme requires a re think and the issue placed back with the retailers who actually make the decision about what packaging is produced rather than punish the end user.

Cheers Jon