

**Minutes of the**  
**Fernwood Central Residents' Association (FCRA) Committee Meeting**  
**Held at 19:15 hrs on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Fernwood Village Hall**

**1. Attendance:**

Present		Apologies	
John Newton (JN)			
David Heath (DH)			Henry Micah (HM)
Terry McSwiney (TM)		AR = A Resident	

**2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were proposed as a true record and carried unanimously.

**3. Chairman's Report**

JN reported that further to item 6 on the previous minutes, the final accounts for year ending 2023/24 had still not been received despite an assurance from FirstPort that these would be available from 11<sup>th</sup> April. Further assurances had been received from Vanessa Crane that these would be supplied in addition to the budget for 2025/26, which also failed to be supplied by the promised date of 10<sup>th</sup> April. Members will be aware that the AGM had been postponed due to the absence of these items from FirstPort. It was noted that the Accounts were finally posted to the Creatio web site on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 but no notification was received to this effect. The draft budget had still not been received by the date of this meeting. Concern was expressed at the continued failure of FirstPort to provide information that had been promised in accordance with agreed time scales. The budget was due to take effect in 2 days yet nobody had seen it and no consultation had taken place.

**4 Treasurers Report**

DH presented the report previously circulated by HM who was unable to attend the meeting. Expenditure had been the usual monthly fees for internet presence but in addition, Lloyds Bank had started charging a monthly fee. None of the registered officers had received prior notification. Contact with Lloyds resulted in the fees charged to date being refunded with confirmation that in future, the new monthly fee of £4.25 for community accounts would apply.

**5 AGM Preparation**

It was agreed that the draft agenda previously circulated was satisfactory and that a presentation on the development and restoration of Bantymock Quarry would be added to the agenda if the information from the visit to be made on 11<sup>th</sup> June provided sufficient material.

## **6 Correspondence**

DH reported that a resident had raised an issue with a service charge adjustment of £50 without explanation. She had registered concern with FirstPort through the Creatio web site and was awaiting a response. It was noted that committee members had received an adjustment invoice for in the region of £1 and that support would be offered to the resident to investigate.

### **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

AGM - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.00 pm - Village Hall  
Committee Meeting - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7:15pm – Village Hall  
Committee Meeting - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7:15pm – Village Hall

**Meeting Closed 20:15 hrs**