

FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting held in Inchmarlo Hall
Thursday 25th October 2018 at 7.30p.m.

Present:

Community Councillors: Simon Richards (Chair), Jill Randalls (Secretary), Sam Wylde, Lynsey Craig, John Andrew, Marijke Stallaert, Katy Rumbles, Ian Brockie, Ian Bertram, Cecilia Rogers, Peter Tyrrell, Iain Adams (co-opted)

Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors: Cllr R Bruce

Members of the public: 10

Minutes: Audrey Dykes

1. Apologies

Darcy Curry, Portia Clark

2. Minutes of August Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved

Proposed by: Marijke Stallaert

Seconded by: Ian Bertram

3. Police Report:

Reports of crime within the Feughdee West Community Council area continue to be low. There have been reports of property having been stolen from rural areas where it has been left unsecured. The Police urge members of the public to consider the security of their property and report any suspicious activity.

Also reported, within the local area, are 'Banking Scams' where members of the public are phoned and persuaded to divulge personal bank details to fraudsters. Police Scotland would encourage vigilance and to report any concerns regarding this type of contact directly to the bank and the Police.

It was clarified that this is a national issue and not just a local one.

4. Treasurers' Report

FWCC have received the 2018/19 Admin Grant from Aberdeenshire Council - £507.83. Also received £1000 from Mid Hill Wind Ltd towards operating costs for the Glendye Web Cam.

FWCC have settled the recent invoice for hire of Strachan Village Hall for seven meetings £168.00. Coriolis have reimbursed £24 of this and Natural Power have agreed to reimburse £24 though this has not yet been received.

The invoice from Repro Overflow for the 2000 flyers on FWCC News and Community Action Plan has been paid - £240.

The balance in the FWCC bank account on 23/10/18 was £2294.98 which includes £694.00 funds restricted to administering the Midhill Community Benefit Fund and £636.02 funds restricted to operating costs for the Glendye Web Cam.

Mr Richards asked if the funds for managing Midhill were actually required and Mr Tyrell said it was worth keeping as may be used in the future.

5. Councillor's Report

Glendye windfarm is being decided by Scottish government and not Aberdeenshire Council but many people are copying the councillors into their representations. This will be helpful to Aberdeenshire Council when they make the decision on whether to support the wind farm, or not. Cllr Bruce was unsure if the application would come to the Area Committee or the Full Council for their response, as they are a consultee and not determining it.

Cllr Bruce also highlighted the Snow Warden Scheme and requested that to waste from Pumpkins at Halloween should be composted rather than thrown out.

6. Secretary's Report

Secretary has sent out most information received including the Snow Warden Scheme. Fetteresso Wind Farm public exhibition will be held on 6th Nov in Banchory. Gambling Act 2005 is under consultation with responses to be in by 17th Nov. Correspondence with office of Alexander Burnett, MP, on Glendye wind farm and the Section 37 application.

The presentation from the Supporting Communities event in September has been sent out.

Sluie Estate Forest plan has just been received. Some areas are within FWCC.

Comments to be with FWCC Secretary by 23rd Nov. Mr Richards asked Mr Tyrell to look at the plan.

Jelle Andrews stood down due to now being too old to be a Junior member. He is keen to continue as an Associate member without voting rights, which was unanimously agreed by all councillors.

Ms Wylde added that the Snow Warden Scheme was really useful especially in relation to getting community grit piles put in specific places.

7. Wind Farms

Glendye – Mr Tyrell asked if a letter had been received from Coriolis regarding clarification of statements made with reference to Glendye Wind Farm. It was established that an email had been received by CLG members and would be circulated. It was noted that nothing received to date regarding the correspondence sent to Coriolis concerning community ownership.

Ms Wylde has been in communication with Paul Wheelhouse, Scottish Minister for Energy, via Alexander Burnett MSP, regarding the section 36 and 37 planning applications. Communication states that an informed decision on planning cannot be made unless both applications are submitted at the same time.

Planning application has gone live and a hard copy is available from Mr Richards. FWCC have been granted an extension until 4th Dec for its response to the ECU.

Meeting 8th November at 7 pm in Strachan School to view results of survey to decide FWCC approach to the application.

Walk up Clachnaben on Sunday 4th Nov to allow people to view the site and to have informal chat with councillors about the proposed windfarm.

Fetteresso – Ms Wylde and Ms Stallaert visited the wind farm and had a talk with the site manager who has invited the community council to visit.

Open meeting on the 6th November in West Church Banchory 4-8pm.

None of the turbines for the application are in the FWCC boundary although it was agreed to push for it to be considered an extension and not a new application.

8. Planning

Glassel House – solar panels application

Pennine House – split of feu

Inchmarlo Home Farm – build house incorporating original bothy

Main Issues Report will be summarised and circulated for comment.

9. Community Action Plan

Steering group Meeting for 29th Oct to consider draft report from Community Enterprise.

There will be a public meeting in due course to get feedback on the report.

10. Transport, Roads and Infrastructure

Mr Andrews thanked the Council for the Spital Bridge repairs being done so quickly.

Glendye Web cam – several comments from Police about how useful it would be if the web cam recorded. Deeside Computers who maintain the web cam has found an option which would cost approx. £500 which would enable recording and would allow access only to the police if they required it. It was agreed to approach the police and the Council to see if they would be prepared to meet this cost.

Strachan Bridge is being shot blasted and painted and will continue to have a contraflow system for around another 4 – 5 weeks.

11. Education and Youth

Information on Strachan School will be posted on FWCC website. Aberdeenshire Council will be holding a feedback meeting on 6th Dec at Strachan School.

12. Midhill Community Benefit Applications

Current Fund Balance is £27,326

There is one recent application for Strachan Youth Group for £1000

Next Fred Olsen funding is due in February 2019

There are currently seven applications that were all reviewed by the subcommittee at their last meeting on August 15th and all recommended for funding.

Due to a lack of accurate information these applications have been delayed.

The funding total has now been confirmed as accurate and is in excess of the total amount required to fund all recommendations.

Recommendations are:

App.17/6f. Strachan Youth Group.	£ 1,000
App. 18. Inchmarlo Car Park resurfacing.	£19,212

App. 19. Strachan and Inchmarlo Hall Wi-Fi.	£ 980
App. 20. FWCC projector.	£ 1,451
App. 21. CAP Expenses.	£ 1,000
App. 22. FWCC Notice Boards.	£2,700 (but awaiting quote from ICW)
App. 23. Snow Gate web camera.	£ 1,000 (Already paid).

Leaving balance of £983 (dependant on notice board quote).

All the above applications were unanimously approved by whole committee.

In May the Sub Group Chair was asked to write to all previous fund recipients to request an update on funds received together with dates, current progress and outcomes. Replies received from Inchmarlo Village Hall, Strachan Youth Group, Inchmarlo Community Workshop and Strachan Village Hall. Still awaiting replies from POOT Project, Strachan Bowling Club and Strachan Play Park.

A request was made that all correspondence with Fred Olsen is copied to the Mid Hill sub Committee Secretary in order that accurate records of funding can be maintained.

Ms Randalls to liaise with the ICW to get a more accurate cost for requested notice board spec.

The Secretary of the Windfarm subcommittee felt her figures had been doubted following the previous community council meeting. Mr Richards confirmed that the only issue was what the RPI figure is and how it was calculated.

Mr Tyrell offered to do a PowerPoint presentation to explain step by step how the windfarm funds work.

The date of the next subcommittee meeting will be decided at a later date.

Mr Tyrell later asked if the payment of funds could be fast-tracked. Mrs Randalls stated that to date Fred Olsen required approved minutes before payment could be sent. No previous applications have been fast tracked. The Chairman will draft a letter to Fred Olsen to see if they will accept the applications without approved minutes.

13. FWCC emails

Mr Adams looked into adding email addresses via the website which would result in costs of around £35 per month. Andy Wilkins had found another option, which was much cheaper at £125 in total, which lasts 5 years. He will look into this further. Ms Randalls queried why individual email addresses were required but it was agreed that it made things look more official and MS Rogers did not want to use Gmail.

14. Local Development Plan/Main Issues Report

An email was forwarded to everyone on 21st Sept regarding the MIR. Further documentation on Main Issue report has been received and passed to Mr Adams who will look at it, summarise and pass back to the committee.

Marr Ward Forum will cover this on Wednesday 21st Nov with location and time to be confirmed.

15. Participation Request by Kincardine and Mearns Community Council

Due to windfarms and community action plans it was felt that everyone had a lot on at the moment.

16. Community Issues

Scolty footpath – Ms Wylde spoke to the land owner who reported that he had had issues receiving payment from Aberdeenshire Council in the past for the maintenance work done. Mr Bertram will have a look at the contract between the land owner and Aberdeenshire Council regarding the payment to establish who is responsible and what was originally agreed.

Frank Sheridan's memorial bench – Mr Brockie to repair the bench and it will be situated on the access path at the play park.

17. AOB

Community Safety Committee - Ms Wylde attended the Community Safety Committee meeting. Snow wardens and Grampian Fire Brigade gave a talk and said that anyone can apply to them to have a fire alarm fitted. The committee are also looking for a new secretary

Election of Junior Member - Alice Lewsey who is an Inchmarlo resident was unanimously voted on as a Junior member.

Remembrance Sunday – FWCC will organise event on the 11th Nov at 2pm at war memorial. John Forbes will lead the service. Strachan Youth club is also involved, and Ms Randalls will contact Mrs Horsfall and ask her to contact Mr Brockie to liaise.

Christmas Trees – Inchmarlo will be holding a light switching on Christmas party at Inchmarlo hall on the 9th December.

Strachan tree – Mr A Neish agreed it can go on his land again and the Secretary will contact Glendye Estate to see if they can help with providing a tree.

Mountain Bike Activity Centre at Durriss – there is an information event on the 7th Nov at Crathes Hall regarding the proposals. Mr Bertram requested that FWCC show their support for the project. Mr Richards stated that he had a conflict of interest as he was on the committee for the mountain bike project. It was agreed that the FWCC website would contain a link to the information and website of the mountain bike centre.

Flower Planters – Mr Tyrell and Mr Brockie will submit invoices for the flower planters and it will be £200 for Inchmarlo and £200 for Strachan

18. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be on the 29th November at Inchmarlo Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9 pm