

**Feughdee West Community Council**  
December Approved Minutes of Meeting  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at 7.30pm  
Strachan Hall

**Present:** Simon Richards (Chair), Jill Randalls (Secretary), Lynsey Craig, Peter Tyrrell, Marijke Staellert, Sam Wylde, Cecilia Rogers, Nicola Milne, Ross Clephan (Treasurer), Iain Adams, Ian Bertram, Alice Lewsey

**Banchory & Mid-Deeside Councillors:** Cllr. Bruce, Cllr. Ross

**Minutes:** Irene Addison

**Members of the public:** 1

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. Durno, Ian Brockie. K. Rumbles
2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:**  
Proposed: Cecilia Rogers  
Seconded: Marijke Staellert
3. **Police Report:** none available and no police in attendance. Cllr. Bruce to follow up.  
JR reported that she was aware that a quad bike had been stolen in the Glen Dye Area. Police Scotland had enquired again into the viability of a continuous recording from the Glen Dye web-cam.  
**Action JA**
4. **Treasurers Report:** The treasurer's report was circulated to members.  
Balance of unrestricted funds as of 4/12/19 is £1,702.77. Restricted funds of £2004.53  
Total balance of £3707.30
5. **Councillors' Reports:**  
Cllr. Bruce informed members that the North East police division had published a local policing plan to establish priorities and objectives. A public survey is available on the Police Scotland website.

Cllr Bruce reported that members of Aberdeenshire Council Education and Children's Services Committee had approved a decision to start a statutory consultation regarding formal closure of Strachan School. The consultation will run from January 7<sup>th</sup> till February 21<sup>st</sup> 2020. A date for the required public meeting was suggested for the first week in February. This is to be confirmed.

Cllr. Ross informed members that Christmas Trees and Wreaths available from the Seed Box Charity. The Banchory singers will be performing at the Town Hall, Banchory on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 2.30pm. She encouraged everyone to make the effort to support them by attending.

The Christmas lights were switched on in Banchory on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The event was a great success and well attended. Thanks were expressed to the Banchory Business Association for organising.

Cllr. Ross encouraged everyone to support the six new businesses, recently opened on Banchory High Street. Landlords looking favourably on new enterprises and input from the

Banchory Business Association have made this possible.

Mention was made of the extremely large pot-hole located near Crathes Bridge and concerns raised regarding the ongoing problem with pot-holes in general. Cllr. Ross made assurances that the roads department were already following up on the Crathes Bridge pot-hole, pointing out that it is in fact in the Kincardine and Mearns area. She again encouraged everyone to use the Aberdeenshire Council website to report potholes as well as the AC App.

Cllrs. Bruce and Ross left the meeting at this point.

**5. Secretary's Report:**

*4/11/19 Natural Power - Project Update and Community Investment Information Session 28th November 2019 7.30pm – 9.30pm*

*7/11/19 Winter Road Maintenance Briefing Note Issue 1 2019*

*12/11/19 Information: Snow Warden Scheme*

*13/11/19 Invitation to Deeside CAN's 2nd public meeting - 26th November*

*14/11/19 Education Dept - Strachan School public meeting 09/01/2020 at Strachan Hall.*

*14/11/19 Marr Area Partnership Ward Forum - attendance.*

*18/11/19 News Release - New recycling and waste leaflet*

*22/11/19 Community Council Training Session 21 November Power point presentation.*

*22/11/19 Marr Area Partnership newsletter*

*28/11/19 Marr Area Bus Forum - Minutes from 12/11/19*

*29/11/19 Request to support the Local Electricity Bill*

*29/11/19 AVA Newsletter December 2019*

*01/12/19 Proposed change to FWCC community consultation - live via survey monkey and email link*

*02/12/19 Report to Education and Children's service committee 05/12/19 re statutory consultation on the closure of Strachan School.*

**6. Junior Councillors' Report**

No issues raised and nothing to report.

**7. Potential Dissolution of FWCC**

The Consultation via Survey Monkey went live on 1<sup>st</sup> December as agreed and the two-page questionnaire was printed and available for distribution. The survey will be live until 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**8. Mid Hill Community Benefit Fund:**

There was a short discussion clarifying due process and a possible timetable for the potential dissolution of FWCC, subject to the results of the consultation. This was based on the information provided by Marr Area earlier in the year. It was confirmed that if dissolution were agreed then a date would be set for a Special Meeting once dissolution and change of boundary approved by Marr Area Committee. The next Mid Hill Community Benefit Fund sub group is due to meet in March and October 2020 and the date of the Special Meeting could be arranged accordingly.

**10. Transport, Roads & Infrastructure**

Nothing to report (please see previous discussion on pot holes and snow gate web cam recording facility).

**11. Planning Issues:**

- **Erection of Temporary 80m Meteorological Mast**  
Land At Fasque Estate Fettercairn Laurencekirk

- **Erection of Dwellinghouse (Amendment to Previously Approved APP/2019/0721)**  
Lochhead Croft Auchattie Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6PT (change of windows)
- **Erection of Agricultural Building**  
Land To The North Of Blackness Farm Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6LD
- **Alterations and Extension to Community Workshop (Class 10)**  
Inchmarlo Community Workshop Bridge Of Canny Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 4AT  
No concerns or comments expressed

12. **Education & Youth**

Nothing further to report (please see previous discussion re Strachan School Statutory Consultation)

13. **Fetteresso Community Investment**

Prior to tonight's meeting, Ross Clephan circulated summarised notes from the Fetteresso Community Investment event held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

He concluded that the meeting was informative, and presented an opportunity for community investment in the future. However much more detailed information was needed in order to make informed decisions. For this reason, it was suggested that a small work group be established in order to maintain contact with Natural Power and other interested community councils, as well as keep abreast of the development. Ross Clephan and Lynsey Craig were proposed as representatives. This was agreed.

**Action:** JR to send RC Natural Power contact details.

14. **Climate and Environmental Matters**

CR intimated that she was waiting for the Deeside Action Group's report from the November meeting and that it would be distributed as soon as possible.

The Zero Waste Shop initiative has set up a survey to assess demand for items to be stocked. There is a link on the Deeside CAN website to Survey Monkey.

Aberdeenshire Council has a bio-diversity project aimed at adding more natural space in local communities through the provision of trees, shrubs, wild flowers etc. to local communities. Local communities are encouraged to identify potential sites and get involved. Further info is available at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/greenspace>. The Council is collating a map of Council-owned areas as potential planting areas.

15. **Communications Group Feedback**

Re Community noticeboards LC reported that the back-boards and mounting-boards are painted and potentially ready to be installed. IB is to send an email requesting suggestions for information to be displayed. Some further conversation is still to be had regarding an agreed location of a noticeboard in Strachan.

SW reported that the Ardlair Mast is up and running. Caleycom had reported that there is

internet coverage to almost every property in the village. Glen Dye is almost covered and hopefully the Hall will be connected in the very near future.

**Action: SR to thank Jim Hewson and Ron Middleton for their input.**

16. **Any Other Business**

There was an advisory notice of both dog and human excrement at the Mulloch Wood car park on the Strachan to Slug Road. This has been reported to Aberdeenshire Council Waste dept.

Pizza Night at Strachan Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm – 8pm with thanks to Lily's Dough  
A successful Hall fund raising Quiz night was held in Strachan Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.

The Strachan Christmas Tree is scheduled for erection on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. There will be carol singing on the 20<sup>th</sup> December followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Christmas lights will be switched on at Inchmarlo Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Santa will be in attendance. Mulled wine and mince pies provided. 4pm – 6pm.

There was a presentation to Irene Addison who has stood down as Minutes Secretary after five years in the role. SR expressed thanks on behalf of all members of FWCC for her hard work and commitment.

This role is now vacant and a volunteer urgently needed.

**Date of next meeting** – 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 Inchmarlo Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 20.45