

FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting held in Strachan Hall
On Thursday 29th MARCH 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Community Councillors:

Mr S Richard (Chairperson), Mrs J Randalls (Secretary), Ms S Wylde, , Mr P Tyrrell, Ms M Stallaert, Mr I Brockie, Ms L Craig

Minutes:

Ms A Dykes

Members of Public:

4 Members of the public were present.

1. Apologies and Absences

Mr I Morrison, Mr A Neish (Treasurer), Mr W Ross, Cllr E Durno, Cllr A Ross, Cllr R Bruce and Mr I Adams

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

No issues raised.

Minutes Proposed by: Ms L Craig

Seconded by: Ms S Wylde

3. Treasurers Report

After getting the official statement from the bank this month it seems that the balance I gave for end of February £1374.39 is wrong. This is a combination of the d-debit for the camera at Glen dye increasing without my knowledge and money from mid hill ltd coming into the bank the last day of January.

So if we go back to 25th January statement and start again.

Opening balance (25th Jan 2018).	£1725.99
31st Jan 2018 Mid hill wind ltd.	+£7000.00
08th Feb 2018 BT webcam (d-debit).	-£ 66.12
12th Feb 2018 Strachan hall (chq 280).	-£. 288.00
Closing balance 22nd Feb 2018 (should be).	£8,371.87

Opening balance (22nd Feb 2018).	£ 8,371.87
12th Mar 2018. Mid hill ltd.	+£44,000.00
12th Mar 2018. BT webcam (d-debit).	<u>-£ 66.12</u>
CLOSING BALANCE (29th March 2018).	<u>£52,305.75</u>

Mr Richards asked if Mr Tyrell could send a list of cheques waiting to be written for the windfarm grants to Mr Neish.

Mrs Randalls will go to the bank to change signatories for the FWCC bank account

4. Police Matters

There have been no recorded crimes in the Community Council area since the last meeting.

In the area this month there has been a number of road traffic collisions and Police dealt with a number of reports of weather related issues including snow/ice and flooding on the roads and we would encourage all road users to exercise caution when using the roads.

On 21/03/2018 Police Scotland launched a campaign to remind people about home security with the clocks changing and as the weather starts to improve.

The Evening Express had put in a request to the secretary to receive a copy of the police report given to CC's for every meeting but this was declined and if they wished to see the information then they can read the minutes of the meetings.

5. Change of FWCC Constitution

It was agreed at the last meeting to stick with the model Constitution to base the new one on. This was sent around all councilors with their suggested changes which were.

It was agreed that the name would remain Feughdee Community Council.

It was not possible to limit how many members from the same household could be on CC.

All agreed to restrict members of the CC to people who actually reside in the area rather than include those who only have businesses in the area and potentially be on another cc where they reside. Business members could always be co-opted on in the future.

Junior members (14 and 15 years olds) will be limited to two who would be encouraged to represent all areas.

Ways would be looked at to encourage youth members to continue as a full member once they turn 16. Janelle will be consulted for advice.

Seats would be Inchmarlo 4, Strachan 4, Auchattie, Tilquhillie, Bridge of Feugh and Blackhall 3 seats.

Suggestion was made that when planning issues were raised then only those within that geographical area would vote and the other areas would abstain. It was agreed that Marr area would be asked for advice on this.

Kirsty is going to look at procedures should seats not be filled from specific areas. One suggestion in the event of unfilled seats preference will be given to any serving junior member who may be approaching their 16th birthday

The addition of a requirement that any nominations must be accompanied by a personal statement which would then be published on the FWCC website

Elections clarified that STV was stopped and it would be first past the post.

Number of meetings would be not less than 5 meetings and 1 AGM a year.

Offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chair, secretary and treasurer – each office bearer would be in place for one year then may be re-elected but this will be checked with Kirsty.

Mr Tyrell asked how many seats would be coming up for renewal which would be at least 3 full seats and 2 junior members.

Ms Wylde congratulated Mrs Randalls on all her hard work with the new constitution.

6. Glendye Windfarm

Nothing to report at the moment. There have been no community liaison meetings for 9 months. Mrs Randalls will chase up Steven Park to have another one.

Planning permission is still expected to be submitted in July 2018.

Information sheets will be put up in the local halls and on the Strachan Community Hub Facebook page

7. Fetteresso Windfarm

Following the issue of the scoping report for the extension to the windfarm Mrs Randalls has arranged for Natural Power to hold a 15 minute presentation on the 12th April at Strachan Hall at 7pm. This is for CC members only and Finzean CC have also been invited to attend.

The CC is expected to respond to the Scoping report by 20th April and there will be a public meeting in the future.

Areas the CC need to look at are the size of the turbines, access, why it is classed as a separate windfarm. Blimps will need to be considered. Improved maps of what the windfarms will look like. There is a pen drive with possibly clearer maps.

The CC will hold a meeting after the presentation, including Finzean cc, to agree the response.

8. Community Action Plan

Three proposals have been received and these could potentially be discussed after the windfarm meeting.

9. Planning Issues

Single Garage, Gellan.

No issues

10. Transport, Roads and Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

Comment was made about the lack of signage at the cabling work taking place between Auchattie and Silverladies currently.

This also lead to a discussion about superfast broadband and the potential to use the leftover funds from Inchmarlo area to help fight for improvements in the Strachan area.

11. Youth and Education

Nothing to report other than looking into how long the mothballing will be in place at Strachan school until it officially becomes closed but no one knows the position.

Playpark – Tanya Sinclair reported that the roadside entrance work is under way. All the equipment has been received and work will start around end of April so the park will be out of use for around 4 – 6 weeks. An open day is being planned

16. Community Issues

With reference to Strachan school it was suggested that the CC look at how it could be advertised to new people moving to the area with a view to reopening in. Also to confirm whether it was possible to actually show potential new parents around the school. It was agreed that this is something that should be added to the community action plan. Also looking into community acquisition should the school be closed.

Tillygownie – response to the planned tree planting and Ms Stallaert suggested that there was no open path way to the Burial Cairn and this should be included along

with highlighting what an important archaeological feature this was and that it should be promoted more in the community. Mrs Randalls will submit a response.

Also highlighted was the blocking of the right of way between Waulkmill through Tillhylair and the Shooting Greens. Mrs Randalls will contact the RofW society to clarify whether this has been blocked illegally.

Strachan hall refurbishment – a request had been put into the Council to allow the use of the school for storage and as a meeting place. Both Marr Area and the Education Dept have declined this request. Ms Wylde will contact Janelle again. Meeting places such as the former Feughside Inn and Glendye Estate office were suggested as alternatives

Low Cost housing – no councilors present so no discussion.

Main Issues Report Consultation – 21st May to submit comments. Mrs Randalls will resend the link and add to the agenda for the next meeting.

Dates of next meetings – carry on with last Thursday in month. Meeting places such as the former Feughside Inn and Glendye Estate office were suggested as alternatives during the refurbishment of Strachan.

18. Any other business

Boundary change – confirmed that 4 houses will be having their boundary changed to be included within FWCC area. This was agreed that it looked correct and would now go to Mid Deeside CC for their approval.

Data Protection – it was agreed that all emails would be sent including everyone's email address and not using bcc. Mr Richards thought that everyone should have a specific FWCC email address which he would look into this and councilors photos and contact details would be put on the website.

Correspondence – Mrs Randalls sent on everything. She was invited to a meeting about building a heritage center in Banchory. A leaflet was available for everyone.

Frank Sheridan's bench – Mr Richards to chase up who will be responsible for the bench.

Mrs Horsfall reported that some of her chairs had gone missing from the hall. Also legs have been hacked off of a sensory table which has since been repaired. Mrs Horsfall will check with Arlene Thomson who has rented the hall to see who had access at the time.

Speeding at Inchmarlo – Mr Tyrell was advised to contact Nicola Loosley, former secretary, for historical correspondence on this matter.

Meeting closed at 9.37 pm.