

FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting held in Strachan Hall On Thursday 31st May, 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Community Councillors:

Mr S Richard (Chairperson), Mr A Neish (Treasurer), Ms S Wylde,
Mr P Tyrrell, Ms M Stallaert, Mr I Brockie, Ms L Craig, Mr. I Adams

Banchory & Mid Deeside Councillors

Cllr E Durno, Cllr A Ross,

Minutes:

Mrs. I Addison

Members of Public:

4 Members of the public were present

1. Apologies.

Mrs J Randalls, Cllr R Bruce, Mr I. Morrison

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

No issues raised.

Minutes Proposed by: Ms M Stallaert

Seconded by: Ms L Craig

3. Treasurers Report

FWCC 2016-17 Accounts were formally approved.

FWCC 2017-18 Accounts will be presented at the next meeting.

Opening balance	£ 1239. 63
BT Web Cam DD	£ 66. 12
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Closing Balance	£ 1173. 51
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It was intimated by the treasurer that a cheque to Inchmarlo is pending

and that the amount of £60 is still due for the Christmas tree.

The 2016/2017 admin grant from Aberdeenshire Council has been retrospectively applied for.

4. Police Matters

A police report was submitted to the effect that that no crime had been reported in Feughdee West. Several deer strikes had been reported and caution was advised for motorists.

There was reported vehicle damage at Inchmarlo on two occasions. Investigations continue and Police are following up information.

5. FWCC Constitution

The FWCC Constitution has been drawn up in line with the Aberdeenshire Council model. This reflects the agreed stipulations for junior members and the new allocation of Community Councillors as follows:

Inchmarlo 4 Seats

Strachan 4 Seats

Auchattie, Tilquihillie, Bridge of Feugh and Blackhall 3 Seats

A special meeting was held on Friday 25th May where the Constitution was discussed and agreed. A vote was held with members present and the new Constitution came into immediate effect. The website will be updated with the new constitution.

6. Continuation as FWC Councillor – W Smith

There was a discussion regarding the continuation of Mr W.Smith as an FWC Councillor. It was pointed out that four Council Meetings had been conducted without apologies submitted by Mr Smith. (Reference was made to the FWCC Constitution which clarifies circumstances that may result in disqualification).

An e-mail, sent to all Councillors, requesting confirmation that they wished to continue as FWC Councillors in the forthcoming year, had not received a response from Mr W Smith. Nor had an email sent specifically to Mr Smith requesting confirmation of the same.

However, after discussion and some concerns raised, it was decided that Mr Brockie would approach Mr Smith and ask him of his intentions. The issue will be re-considered at the next meeting.

7. Glen Dye Wind Farm

Sam reported that there had been a CLG meeting recently where there was a good turnout. Submission of the Planning Application is anticipated at the end of September/beginning of October. Updated plans will be submitted to FWCC, which will reflect changes in regard to access. There will also be some more drawings and illustrations pertinent to various viewpoints and the tracks connecting the turbines.

No extension of the Wind Farm is anticipated by Coriolis.

Sam agreed to contact Mr Bennet from SSE for an update on different options regarding connection to the grid and provision of necessary sub-station.

Information is still awaited regarding proposed shared ownership procedures.

8. Planning Issues

Lindrig, Inchmarlo

Erection of Garden Shelter and raised platform.

No issues raised.

Land at Brathens Hill Croft, Glassel

Change of use of land to Domestic Garden Ground and Ancillary Accommodation and Decking Area. (A-Frame structure separate from main house).

May require further investigation.

9. Community Action Plan

There was a discussion regarding the Community Action Plan. Tenders received from several consultants and a short-list resulted in the appointment of **Community Enterprise** as the Consultant who will lead the process. A survey will soon be available but help is urgently needed in pulling together local contact details (bearing in mind GDPR) in order to make the local community aware of the CAP process and get them involved.

Ms Lynsey Craig may be contacted with suggestions, points of contact or helpful information.
(lynsey.craig@hotmail.co.uk)

10. Transport and Infrastructure

It was reported that due to ill health Mr I Morrison will no longer be able to continue to report on Transport and Infrastructure.

Aberdeenshire Council Reporting Tool

People have been using the Aberdeenshire Council web site's reporting tool to report potholes with a good level of success. It was pointed out by elected Councillors present that any Council-related concerns, such as littering, dog-fouling, missed bin pick-ups, fly-tipping etc., may be reported on-line.

(<https://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/report/>)

Flashing Speed Warning

There was a short discussion regarding the flashing speed warning in the village that needed repair. It was intimated by the elected councillors present that Aberdeenshire Council will no longer be repairing or replacing such signs due to financial constraints.

Residents in Crathes, Durris and Drumoak are putting 30mph stickers on wheelie bins as a means of addressing this problem. It was suggested that this could be rolled out in FW in co-operation with the Police. This will be looked into.

11. Youth and Education

Strachan Play Park

It was reported that work at Strachan Play Park is continuing.

Strachan School

There was a short discussion about Strachan School. Elected Councillors present advised that the future of the school is being discussed at Council level. They will be in touch with the Community Council in this respect, after which there will be consultation with the Community.

It was suggested and agreed that this issue should be in the C.A.P. Survey to gauge local interest in the future of the school.

12. Leader Applications

Strachan Hall

Leader Application has been submitted in respect of Strachan Hall but is not yet passed. Reconsideration is pending in July.

Inchmarlo Community Workshop

It was reported that ICW completed renovations with funds from the Midhill Community Benefit Fund in 2017. Leader funding was successfully applied for, with additional match funding from Midhill Community B.F. This will be spent on tools and equipment.

“The Bothy” has 20 members (open to both men and women). A 15-week basic woodwork course ran during the winter months. Woodturning sessions are now in operation every second Wednesday. A further course is planned for Oct 2018.

The workshop is open 09:30 to 16:00 every Wednesday and 09:30 to 13:00 every Saturday. Tuesday evenings are planned for the future. (*pete.tyrrell@icloud.com for further information*)

Community projects include:

- Mud Kitchen for Celtic Cross Nursery
- Sensory board for Strachan Youth group
- Notice Boards for Woodend Barn allotments and Forget-Me-Not club
- Insulation and cladding for Inchmarlo Hall
- New Planters and fencing for Inchmarlo Hall are currently being built.

Future plans include a possible extension and installation of welding, metal working equipment and a forge.

13. Mid Hill Community Benefit Fund

A progress report will be compiled to clarify who has received funding from MHCBF, how the funding has been applied and how it is benefiting the Community. This should be available by 24th July.

It was reported that work is on-going at Strachan children's Park and is being project-managed by Aberdeenshire Council.

14. Local Development Plan

There was a meeting in Alford in early June to discuss the bids in the local development plan. Bids affecting Feughdee West Community were discussed. Simon Richards and Peter Tyrrell attended the meeting.

There was also a discussion regarding the timing and format of the meeting which elected councillors present noted.

It was intimated that there will be a full public consultation once the main issues report is available. This has been forwarded to January 2019 due to a delay in the Strategic Development Plan.

15. Community Issues

Scolty Footpath

It was reported again that the Scolty Footpath is overgrown and difficult to negotiate, especially in wet conditions. Gates and posts also need repair.

It was established that contractually Aberdeenshire Council is responsible for the maintenance of the footpath with any necessary work sub-contracted to the landowner. Drainage is a specific AC responsibility.

The landowner will be contacted by a member of FWCC (I.Brockie) to establish a plan of action.

Seat in memory of Frank Sheridan

It was noted that no progress report had been made in respect of the proposed bench in memory of the late Frank Sheridan.

A member of the public and former councillor was asked if he could make enquiries as to current status of project as councillors involved at the time are no longer in office.

Flower Tubs

It was intimated that Aberdeenshire council have supplied 700 plants for community planting in Strachan and Inchmarlo.

8 new planters are required to be built, estimated at a cost of £20-25, which would include compost.

It was unanimously agreed to fund the new planters from Community Council Funds. Volunteers to help with the planting appreciated. Both Inchmarlo and Strachan would receive funding for new planters.

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FWCC Election

Candidate nominations, accompanied by personal statements, should be submitted by 4pm on 14th June 2018. The election will take place on Thursday 21st June at Inchmarlo and Strachan Halls between 6pm and 8pm.

Posters made available by Aberdeenshire Council will be displayed at the library, Strachan and Inchmarlo Halls and Bellfield Car Park as well as normal routes of advertising.

Littering

The complaint last month of a waste lorry carrying unsecured litter was relayed to the Aberdeenshire Council Waste Team Manager. Specific details of the vehicle and time of incident was requested and WTM will be informed.

Junior Member Elections

All nominations may be communicated to Secretary Jill Randalls in the first instance.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th June 2018 at Inchmarlo Hall.

This will be preceded by the AGM at 7pm