

FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Strachan Hall on Thursday 25th August at 7.30pm

Present

Community Councillors:

Mr.W.Smith jnr., Mr M.Smith, Mr.I.Brockie, Mr.I.Morrison, Mr.W.Smith snr.
Mrs J.Randalls

Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors:

None present

Co-opted members:

Mr. I. Adams, Mr. R. Sheridan

Minutes:

Mrs. I. Addison

Members of Public:

5 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr. K.Clark, Cllr.L.Clark, Cllr.J.Webster Mr. A.Neish,
Mr. P.Tyrell, Sgt. W.Murdoch

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

There are no Minutes for the previous meeting as there were insufficient members in attendance to make up the necessary quorum of 7. An informal note was taken.

3. Treasurer's report

It was reported that the only transaction affecting funds was a direct debit to BT of £70.92. This left a closing balance of £1998.27

It was also reported that a credit card to cover sundry costs, such as the website, has been applied for.

4. Police Matters

A report was submitted by Sgt. W.Murdoch as follows:

It has been a busy period for us servicing the numerous shows and events over the school holidays. However, I am pleased to say we have had no major incidents to report in the area apart from a theft of cars from Strachan in June. This was linked to the

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break-in at the outdoors shop in Banchory. The offenders (from Aberdeen) were later caught and are awaiting trial.

5. FWCC Community Benefit Application

Strachan Hall

The initial estimate received for work required to repair the flat roof over the kitchen was approved. A further £4600 is required for completion of repairs to the roof this was also approved.

Village Youth Group

There has been an application approved for £1000 from the village Youth Group. A run-down of the estimated annual costs of £2755 was submitted to FWCC Council.

An initial request for £1000 was approved by the sub-committee and passed through council at an earlier date.

It was reported to be well run to date and proving a benefit to the community. It was also reported that records and receipts for costs involved are all documented.

6. Planning Issues

Ardine Belts

This application has been passed.

Blackhall

There has been one objection relating to access, and flooding issues.

New Mains Invery, Banchory

There is an application for the removal of the occupancy condition attached to the property.

Beltcraigs Farm

There has been an application for the installation of a 15metre Smart Metering lattice mast. No comments to date.

Glen Dye Wind Farm Development

There was a discussion regarding the new wind farm development.

Some members present felt that it would be advisable for FWCC to submit any comments, observations and any consensus of approval or objection in writing to the Council prior to this application going to full planning, as final decision would set a precedent for future applications.

Despite the fact there had already been a well-attended public meeting presented by Coriolis and that it had also been discussed at Community Council meetings, some thought it was difficult to gauge public support or opposition when Community Council meetings were not well attended by the local community.

Some felt there were still gaps in terms of information available regarding visibility of the masts.

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It was suggested that a blimp could be hired so that members of the local community could see clearly the impact of the height of constructions on the landscape.

This will be followed through and it was also agreed that a public meeting should be held just prior to the next FWCC meeting to be held on Thursday 29th September in the Strachan Hall. This will begin at 7.00pm.

Copies of projections and any other information will be gathered and made available at that time with a view to discussing any concerns and better assessing public opinion.

Comment can then made to the Council representing concerns and/or approval expressed.

7. Transport, Roads and Infrastructure

No further progress reported on wire fencing near Bridge of Feugh despite various attempts to find a resolution through Aberdeenshire Council or direct communication with the land owner. .

It was reported that there has still been no response from Ralph Singleton. Head of Roads Department in Stonehaven will now be approached to see if any progress can be made on the several issues already being addressed.

The issue regarding the legality of the road width east of Strachan was again discussed without resolve

8. Education and Youth

It was reported that five children are now attending Strachan Primary School with two part-time teachers. There have been positive reports regarding the current situation.

It was reported that as there are three white boards at the school, a request has been made for one board to be moved to the Hall for use with the Youth Group.

9. Community Issues

Dog Fouling

It was reported that there has been an issue of extensive dog fouling at the Strachan Park and football pitch with several angry complaints raised by members of the public.

It was suggested that Leisure and Recreation be contacted requesting the erection of a NO DOG WALKING sign and penalty notice. There were one or two objections to this on the grounds that this was detrimental to responsible dog owners. It was therefore agreed that the local dog warden would be contacted in the first instance and that advice would be sought from Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors.

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Scolty Footpath

There was a short discussion regarding the deteriorating condition of the Scolty Footpath and responsibility for maintenance. Some members of the public had been complaining. Mr. Middlemas has already been approached requesting action.

10. Current Consultations/Correspondence received

Nothing to report

11. Any Other Business

There had been some delays on the website build, but it should be active by the beginning of the week. The initial fees have been covered in the meantime and it was advised that the next payment will be due in two years time - August 2018

The web cam link is working and just needs to be redirected to the new website. All Minutes will also be available on the website in future.

12. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.35p.m..

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 29th.September 2016.

Please note: This will take place in the **Strachan Hall** at 7.30p.m.

Discussions and presentations regarding The Glen Dye Windfarm will begin prior to this at 7p.m.