

## FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Community Council Meeting  
Held in Inchmarlo Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.45 pm

### Present

**Community Councillors:** Mr S Richard (Chair), Mrs J Randalls (Secretary), Mr J Andrew, Mrs C Roger, Ms K Rumbles, Ms L Craig, Ms S Wylde, Mr P Tyrell

**Junior Councillors:** Mr J Andrew, Miss P Clark, Miss D Curry

**Minutes:** Ms A Dykes

**Members of Public:** 11 Members of public were present

### 1. Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received from Ms M Stallaert, Mr I Brockie, Cllr A Ross, Cllr R Bruce, Mr I Adams

Absent was Mr W Smith

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Point 9 the email address was wrong and required to be corrected.

Proposed: Ms L Craig

Seconded: Ms S Wylde

### 3. Minutes of Special meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

One minor point of wording to be decided but it was agreed.

Proposed: Mr Tyrell

Seconded: Ms L Craig

### 4. Treasurers Report

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£1173.51</b>
Web Cam paid	£66.12
Inchmarlo Hall Hire paid	<u>£160.00</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£947.39</b>

Mr Neish stated that as he was standing down that the web cam money was still required to be claimed from the windfarm (£66.12 x 12). Mr Neish then left the top table.

## **5. Police Report**

Nothing had been received from the Police and there were no officers attending meeting.

## **6. Termination of membership of Mr W Smith as Community Councillor**

Mr Smith has now missed 5 meetings. No apologies have been received in that time and all communication has been ignored. At the last meeting Mr Brockie requested that he try and speak to Mr Smith to ascertain why he had not been at any of the meetings, but Mr Smith refused to speak to Mr Brockie.

Mr Richard's proposed that Mr Smith be terminated from the Community Council with immediate effect which was put to a vote and was agreed unanimously.

*Passed – Mr Smith was removed from Feughdee West Community Council by a unanimous vote*

Following this decision, a vacant seat has become available. Following a discussion with Marr Area office it has been confirmed that Mr Bertram, from Tilquhillie, who had stood in the previous election could be co-opted onto the committee with full voting rights at the next meeting until the next AGM.

Mrs Randalls proposed that Mr Bertram be co-opted onto the committee as a member with full voting rights, which was put to the vote and was agreed unanimously.

*Passed – Mr Bertram has been co-opted onto the committee with full voting rights.*

## **7. Elections of Junior Members**

This was done at the AGM

## **8. Community Action Plan – update**

Survey has been initiated. Now available online and by hard copies. Steering group will meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> July. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August larger community engagement days.

## **9. Windfarm Updates**

Glendye - the steering group have contacted Neil Bennett of SSE to get information on the proposed grid connection. To date no developer has contacted SSE regarding connecting to the grid.

Coriolis need to be asked again about what their proposed connection will be as it needs to go to a substation and currently the closest one is at Midhill.

It was noted that it is unacceptable that a windfarm can apply for planning permission without stating how the connection will be made. It was agreed that Ms

Wylde and Mrs Randalls would write to the Energy Consent Unit to raise this concern

Fetteresso Extension – following a request simulation of views from other areas and locations had now been provided by the developer.

No response had been received from the Energy Consent Unit regarding issues raised by FWCC regarding the proposed extension in their formal response.

## **10 Planning Issues**

No issues had been raised by Mr Adams.

Mr Tyrell had been to visit a proposed planning application in the Brathens area. He has made several unsuccessful attempts to speak to anyone but will keep trying.

## **11. Transport, roads and infrastructure**

Concerns were raised about the number of times the Spital bridge on the B974 is closed after being damaged by lorries. Request that it be looked into how restricting HGVs from the road.

## **12 Youth and Education**

Strachan school – no further update had been received from Aberdeenshire Council. They will consult the community before any further action was taken. This will be included in the Community Action Plan.

Play park – Now almost complete. The fence and gate need to be secured before opening for children's safety.

## **13. Mid Hill Community Benefit fund – update**

Current fund balance is £3637. Next meeting is on the 16<sup>th</sup> August. Next funding amount will be received in September for approximately £22,000.00. There is currently 1 application from Strachan Youth Group for £1000. There is also an application which was approved in principle from Inchmarlo hall, for £18,000 to fix the car park.

Mr Tyrell will chase up responses from previous successful applicant for progress reports and updates. Mr Tyrell will issue a form to see if that will gain a more prompt response

## **14. Community Issues**

Noticeboards - Mrs Randalls suggested installing noticeboards in areas to try and spread the word regarding local issues especially for those who do not use social media and email. Suggested location would be recycling bins just up the Auchattie road and one for Tilquhillie area around the Feugh bridge. Funding to be applied to from the Community Benefit Fund.

Following a suggestion that councillors actually need to get out and speak to more people Mr Richards issued a challenge for each councillor to speak to 10 households to spread the word and give more information on the community council and the Community Action Plan.

Knappach Hall – To contact the owner Mr Beamish about using the hall.

Franks Bench – To be moved to the new Strachan Play park.

Fly Tipping – the fly tipping of asbestos sheeting at Mulloch Wood had been reported to the Council but there had been no action taken to remove the rubbish.

Disposal of Paint – Clarification to be sought regarding the disposal of paint.

Litter – Council recently done a litter pick. Ms Wylde suggested putting up nicely worded signs with one in the play park asking people not to drop litter. Ms Wylde to investigate wording.

### **Any other Business**

Councillor to have their own FWCC email addresses to separate from personal addresses. This is being investigated further.

Mrs Randalls proposed that Iain Adam's be added to the community council as an Associate Member with no voting rights to advise on planning matters. This was agreed unanimously.

*Passed – Mr Adam's was voted on to Feughdee West Community Council as an Associate Member with no voting rights by a unanimous vote*

When door knocking please also promote the Glendye Windfarm Information Sheet by handing out hard copies to allow the community to make an informed decision. Apply to windfarm money for printing information sheets provided this is acceptable to Midhill Windfarm.

New members to receive welcome pack to include Scheme of Establishment, Code of Conduct and the Constitution

### **16. Date of next meeting**

26<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm at Strachan Hall

*MEETING CLOSE AT 9pm*