

FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Strachan Hall
Thursday 30 June 2016

Present: Mr A Neish, Mr M Smith, Mr W Smith Jnr, Mr W Smith Snr, Mrs J Randalls

Co-opted Members; Mr I Adams, Mr R Sheridan, Mr P Tyrell

Minutes: Fay Nugent

1. Apologies & Absences

- Apologies received from Linda Clark Karen Clark Jill Webster and Ian Morrison.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting held on 26 May 2016 approved by W Smith Jnr, seconded by Mr I Adams

3. Treasurers Report

	£	£
Opening Balance	2,138.11	
Received from Midhill Wind Farm	<u>10,632.00</u>	
Less		
BT Direct Debit		70.92
POOT		250.00
Strachan Youth Group		1,000.00
To Inchmarlo Lesser Hall Claim		<u>9,402.00</u>
	12,770.11	10,722.92
CLOSING BALANCE		<u>£2,047.19</u>

4. Police Matters

No police officers were in attendance. W Smith Jnr emailed police office. New officers have been appointed and they will catch up next meeting. Nothing serious going on in area.

5. Community Issues

⑩ Jock Galbraith for Community Art Centre at Glendye. They are looking for funding to set up a Community Art Centre. At present £50,000 has been estimated to set up the project. It is to be used for art classes and other community art projects. Jock left handouts and any queries should be emailed to the address on the handout. W Smith Jnr asked if he had this in PDF format and this is to be emailed to him.

⑩ New Windfarm – Start Process Deadline next week. Open for consultation and comments.

Extended Parking at Hall and Graveyard

Nothing happening with this. Andy to phone Council. Last update from the Council was there was no money available for this. It was suggested that the Community Council draw up plans and submit to Council and see what happens. Also obtain a quote and use money from Windfarm Funds for this project. (Rob to speak to Ralph).

Broadband

Small working group has been set up to look at Broadband Access. £2,000 Grant to do survey. Public to register interest on website. People coming up from Edinburgh to discuss best route. First step survey. There are Cables already in place which would have to be connected to green box. As many people as possible should be notified of the necessity of registering on the website to get funding.

6. FWCC Community Benefit Application

Peter advised that all outstanding applications have now been sorted.

One new application which is for Strachan Hall. They had originally applied for £4,000 but more works required than that previously estimated. A further £4,000 has been applied for and this is being looked at.

More transparent process is required for the Windfarm Fund and Peter advised that a spreadsheet has been done which sets out the requirements for an application. Copy process of how Applications work is to be attached to these Minutes.

It was also clarified that there is no timescale to use any of the monies from Fred Olsen Windfarm Fund. This simply runs over until Fred Olsen pulls plug.

Sub-Committee

This should have 8 members made up of 3 Community Councillors and 5 other public members, However, it was agreed that this will consist of 2 Community Councillors and 5 other public members.

7. Planning Issues

1. Land at Blackhall – Planning Application approved two years ago. No objections last time – rolling on.
2. Strachan – approval granted in 2014 for 2 detached houses. Road access to the plots on site joined onto existing road through his own plot.
3. Pitreadie - Planning permission granted in 2015 for a detached house now withdrawn. New application to build a house in place of the barn. Jill to have a look a look at plans. No objections. No comments,
4. Birchbank. Application for a detached garage. Timber clad with a metal roof.
5. Ardine – No updates
6. Cults Cottage – W Smith Jnr spoke to Louise Smith re flooding at Plot 2. Flood Prevention Update at next meeting

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Transport Roads and Infrastructure

No update since last meeting, Ralph Singleton to be chased up re the barbed wire fencing at Bridge of Feugh,

9. Education & Youth

Situation same as last meeting. Two new pupils starting at Strachan School. More housing going up. Low Cost housing going up.

Need for Playpark

Coffee morning was held six weeks ago. Posters advertising this were displayed on wall. This was well attended and people are filling in survey. . "It was mentioned that an estimated £100,000 was required to bring the play park up to standard, but this figure was later dismissed as mere rumour and speculation." New swing being installed. Slide is ok. Mr Smith Jnr suggested that the existing equipment should be upgraded but not replaced. Not a lot of children use the playpark at present and there is a suitable park in Banchory. Mrs Randalls stated that the Community in Strachan should be promoted. It is very expensive to replace equipment all of which has to be up to British Standard and kite-marked. At present there is not enough support to justify spending a large sum on the playpark. A picnic which had been organised had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers. It was suggested that a Community Consultation takes place after which they will come back with suggestions. It was also suggested that the person who is dealing with this be invited to the next meeting. (Tanya Sinclair).

10. AOB

Website

This has been set up and ready to go live. Very easy site to update. Easy access for Ipad users, phones and pc friendly. It will have a link to webcam. It will be ready within two weeks to circulate and have it up and running.

Date of Next Meeting – 28 July 2016 – Inchmarlo Hall