

Feughdee West Personal Statements

John Andrew (Inchmarlo)

We first arrived in Banchory in October 2011 after living and working in Brazil for the previous eight years. For five years, my wife, three children and I lived near Raemoir Road before moving to Glencommon in Inchmarlo at the end of 2016.

Having become acquainted with some of the local residents and after getting involved with the community workshop I have become increasingly aware of, and interested in, local community issues.

With no plans ever to move again and with the encouragement of local residents I have decided to nominate myself for the FWCC. I have attended a couple of FWCC meetings and was really impressed by the passion and enthusiasm of the local residents.

I feel that the community council really can represent the voices of its local residents and think that getting involved could be a useful contribution.

Ian Bertram (Auchattie/Tilquhillie/Bridge of Feugh/Blackhall)

My name is Ian Bertram, born and raised in Huntly. After graduating from Heriot Watt as a structural engineer I have worked in power generation and the oil and gas industry.

My wife and I moved to Tilquhillie in 1989 and greatly enjoy the many benefits of living in the countryside. Having recently retired I have more time available to enjoy these benefits.

I have extensive experience in management and leadership roles being routinely involved in policy formulation, decision making, financial planning and the delivery of projects in conjunction with the interaction with legislative bodies.

I have a keen interest in the environment and local affairs. My main concerns, like many of my neighbours, relate to local planning, road safety and the maintenance and improvement of environments. I have a wide range of skills that could be employed by the Council to the benefit of our local community.

I feel it is now time for me to offer my services, hope to become a member of the Feughdee Area Community Council and seek your support in order that I may effectively represent the views and aspirations of all of you who live and work in the area.

Regis Lechatellier (Inchmarlo)

After 22 years in Aberdeen, I have finally settled in Inchmarlo and I have been enjoyably surprised how vibrant the community is and I would like to participate in such active community life. I have two children and I would like to take part in building an outdoor future for the children and teenagers of the area. We are so lucky to have so many opportunities on our door steps, it would be a shame not to exploit them.

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Cecilia Rogers (Auchattie/Tilquhillie/Bridge of Feugh/Blackhall)

I have come to realise that there is little point in complaining about local issues if I am not prepared to become involved in the decision making process. I am therefore putting my name forward for the community council in the hope that I can become more aware of what is important to the local population and make sure their views are represented at an early stage in any decisions affecting them.

Katy Rumbles (Inchmarlo)

I moved to Inchmarlo 4 years ago with my husband and children, we love the area with its beautiful countryside and tranquility. This is something, which I would, if elected be very keen to protect and enhance. I am excited to be given the opportunity to join the community council and look forward to working with the local residents, listening to our communities needs and contributing ideas of my own. I enjoy a challenge and feel I will be able to bring my experience in working with people and problem solving as well as my positivity and enthusiasm.

Sylvia Stephen (Inchmarlo)

I am the Treasurer for the local Inchmarlo Hall and help to put on community events at the hall, organising and fundraising and making sure we increase our attendances as much as possible. The attendance has increased recently and the hall has become a place where the community can come and find out what is going on that might affect them or may interest them. I have attended several of the FWCC meetings and I am keen to bring the Inchmarlo community views and opinions and also hear about relevant news from the FWCC committee and help represent Inchmarlo.

Andy Wilkins (Inchmarlo)

I've lived in Inchmarlo for the last 4 years, and in that time been involved in a few local projects, including Mid-Deeside broadband, reducing the speed limit at Smiddy Park and Beltie Cottages. I also attend and help out at the community workshop and am a regular at Inchmarlo Hall events.

I worked on the sub committee who put together the info-pack on the proposed Glen Dye Wind farm and am on the Midhill Wind farm committee.

I also volunteer at River Dee Radio, and at Banchory Volleyball Club as both player and junior coach for 15 years.

Issues unique to Inchmarlo and Bridge of Canny need a voice on the Community Council and I'd like to be considered as one of the team to represent those local issues.