

FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held in Strachan Hall
on Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm**

Present

Community Councillors:

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

Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors:

None present

Co-opted members:

Mr. I. Adams, Mr. P.Tyrell

Minutes:

Recorded

Members of Public:

10 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr. K.Clark, Cllr.L.Clark, Cllr.J.Webster
Sgt. W.Murdoch, Mr. M.Smith, Mr. R.Sheridan

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed by : Mr. I.Brockie

Seconded by : Mr.W.Smith snr.

Mr.I. Adams intimated that FWCC Minutes now go to website once they are approved.

3. Treasurer's report

An opening balance of £1927.35 was reported

DD to BT	£70.92
Payment of Inchmarlo Hall for July	18.50
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Closing Balance £1837.93

It was advised that since the Glen Dye Web-Cam was installed in December 2014,
BT charges have risen by 12.5% to £851.04 per annum which significantly impacts on
Community Funds available.

BT will be approached for a new deal which may allow the web-cam to be operated during winter months only in order to reduce costs.

4. Police Matters

No Police matters were reported

5. FWCC Community Benefit Application

Some concern was expressed that there seemed a growing balance of funds with no corresponding draw on availability. A fresh initiative for suggestions was encouraged.

At the same time it was noted that funds for improvement to Strachan Hall and the village Youth Group was still awaiting release.

6. Planning Issues

Bocklewood, Strachan.

There has been an application for the erection of a chalet for holiday accommodation and formation of decking.

There have been no comments or objections.

Woodhead, Tilquhillie

Erection of 2 dwelling houses and garage with change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden ground has been applied for. No comments or objections to date.

Glen Dye Wind Farm Development

Subsequent to a prior public meeting at Strachan Hall with Coriolis, and due to later concerns expressed, another public meeting was held prior to tonight's FWCC meeting. This was in order to provide a platform for Community Councillors to gauge public opinion.

Copies of projections and other information was presented and made available at that time and discussions were subsequently held. Twenty five members of the public were in attendance.

There was a lengthy discussion at the FWCC Meeting following.

Concerns were expressed by some in attendance about how the structures might impact the environment and the wildlife. Concerns were also raised as to their impact on the very character of the environment and whether they would be seen from Scolty Hill. The opinion was expressed that, whilst the Windfarm had recognisable benefits for the community, there should be a balance of energy resources without becoming overly dependent on Windfarms.

Six Community Councillors were generally of the opinion that members of the local community had been given fair opportunity to attend the two public meetings and to express their opinions, positive or negative, regarding the proposed Windfarm.

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In the opinion of those six Community Councillors, ongoing interaction with the local community revealed that the people who had been spoken to had no objections, or were ambivalent.

However, several people expressed the opinion that further investigation was required to gauge public opinion of the proposed Glen Dye Wind Farm development more accurately.

The means of gathering this information was discussed at length. It was agreed that the wording for a questionnaire should be prepared in time for the next FWCC meeting which could be used to give positive or negative feedback either by mailshot or by an online Community Poll.

7. Transport, Roads and Infrastructure. .

Nothing to report

8. Education and Youth

Nothing to report. Some concerns were raised regarding cars parking outside the school which can cause difficulties for other drivers.

9. Community Issues

Dog Fouling

No progress reported.

Scolty Footpath

It was reported that a specific check had revealed that part of the path was falling into a state of disrepair. This is due to the formation of an overgrown water channel which has developed. It was agreed that a run-off should be dug to alleviate this problem and to make some necessary repairs.

Parking for Hall and Graveyard

There was a short discussion again about the necessity of additional parking at the Hall and Graveyard which can be simply addressed and already has the approval of the landowner.

It was intimated that there had still been no response from Ralph Singleton regarding the proposals submitted.

10. Current Consultations/Correspondence received

Nothing to report

11. Any Other Business

Tributes were made on the passing of former Community Councillor Frank Sheridan. The lifetime work and legacy he left to the local community as a result of his diligence

and hard work was acknowledged with a great sense of appreciation. There was unanimous approval for a seat in his memory to be erected at the Woodland Park.

12. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th. October, 2016 at Strachan Hall.