

Approved Minutes of Meeting held in Inchmarlo Hall
On Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.30pm

Present

Community Councilors:

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

Banchory and Mid Deeside Councilors:

No Councilors present

Co-opted members:

Mr. I. Adams, Mr. P.Tyrell, Mr. R.Sheridan, Mr. W.Smith snr

Minutes:

Mrs. I.Addison

Members of Public:

12 members of the public were present.

Apologies and Absences

Cllr.J.Webster

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved without amendment

Minutes Proposed by : Mr. W.Smith snr.

Seconded by : Mr. W.Smith jnr.

Treasurer's report:

Opening Balance		£1661.09
DD to BT Web-Cam	£ 70.92	
Flower tubs	36.00	
DD to BT Web-Cam	61.15	

Closing Balance **£ 1493.02**

Police Matters

No Police were in attendance and nothing reported by email It was noted that Sgt.Murdoch had re-located and it is anticipated that a new point of contact would be established.

FWCC Community Benefit Applications

An application form from Strachan Youth Group has been submitted. It was advised that the Wind-farm sub-committee required an additional member of FWCC to make up the eight members and required quorum of five. Mr. I.Adams volunteered to fill this position.

It had been ascertained by the sub-committee that the current means of assessment needs to be simplified. A draft proposal of future documentation will be submitted for approval.

It was affirmed that no funds can be considered or released without the due process of application to the sub-committee in the first instance.

There is currently £53,000 in Community Benefit Fund with a further anticipated amount of £7000 in January.

It was further agreed that the FWCC web-site should include a section outlining how the Wind-farm money is spent and any projects it may support. Mr. P.Tyrell and Mr.I.Adams will work together on this.

Planning Issues

The Schoolhouse, Strachan

There is an application for the erection of a dwelling-house including sub-division of feu which is awaiting decision.

Riverstone House

There is an application for the erection of 3 replacement dwelling-houses and a garage with alteration to access awaiting decision

No objections to either have been lodged.

7. Transport, Roads and Infrastructure

Nothing further to report. Current Issues regarding barbed wire fencing at Bridge of Feugh are still being followed up and resolution pursued.

8. Education and Youth

Nothing to report.

9. Community Issues

Strachan Village Hall refurbishment

Mr. Robert Brown presented a briefing along with plans and drawings for viewing. This was with a view to application for community benefit funding and other external funding options available to local communities.

Detailed proposal of development phases were also made available as follows:

Phase 1

Fix the leaks in the roof above the toilets and kitchen, preferably by installing a pitched roof.

Estimated cost: £44,700

Phase 2

Refurbish the toilets providing additional toilets, move the disabled toilet to the front, provide a cleaners' cupboard, fit new windows, insulate the walls and roof.

Convert the old disabled toilet to a store for the under 5's.

Move the stage units into the rear entrance area.

Estimated Cost: £72,400

Phase 3

Refurbish the main hall with external insulation and new cladding, fit new windows and doors, provide additional lighting options, refurbish the floor and interior decoration.

Estimated cost : £50,400

Phase 4

Move the kitchen to the rear entrance area. Convert the old kitchen to a large store for tables, stage and user groups, insulate small hall and passage.

Estimated cost: £66,200

Phase 5

When flat roof over rear entrance fails, replace with steel pitched roof

Estimated cost : £22,800

There was some discussion regarding the costings and the viability of demolishing the old building in favor of a new build. However, there was consensus that it was important to initiate planning applications so that phase 1 could begin as soon as possible. Further consultation and discussion would be required for phase 1 & 2 of development to be agreed.

It was agreed to work through the proposals with Mr. P Tyrell in the first instance and to obtain detailed quotes for the project.

Internet Connection

There was a discussion about the inadequacies of internet connection and speed of broadband available in the area. This has been an ongoing cause of concern, particularly for the business sector.

It was noted that there was the possibility of setting up a community hub which would cost in the region of £6000. Individuals wishing to connect to the hub would then pay a connection fee in order to benefit from better broadband speeds and the hub could be extended out as required. Further investigation will be made into this.

Glen Dye Wind Farm

Iain Adams (co opted community councillor with special interest in planning) presented the results of the Glen Dye Wind-farm survey, feedback was as follows:

Number of leaflets distributed: 450 (min)

Number of responses :106

- . Request to be on the mailing list (but no opinion) 18
- Neutral or undecided: 4
- Opposed: 67
- For: 17

It was acknowledged that after careful consideration of the FWCC boundaries the majority of properties had received a copy of the questionnaire. This included Inchmarlo retirement complex and the north of Inchmarlo, up towards Brathens and Campfield, as well as Strachan, Auchattie and Tilquhillie.

It was also acknowledged that the response was disappointing.

It was agreed that these results should be posted on the FWCC website so that the information was made available to the general public.

Several FWCC members were not convinced that a mail drop is the way forward to represent the community with only a sixth of the community returning a view, they would be unwilling to state unequivocally that the majority of residents were against the Wind farm development. Members of the public present at the meeting were of the opinion that the results provided a clear obligation for FWCC to uphold this as a clear representation of public opinion and were upset that their views were being discounted. It was pointed out by the Chair that no planning application had been submitted as yet.

After a lengthy debate, everyone agreed that these results would be taken into account and that a clear plan of action would be required. Mailing lists available will be merged to increase email base for communication.

Coriolis has been informed of the results.

A retrospective request for £20 for the supply of paper and ink in connection with the survey was refused. This refusal was on the basis that Community Council had not instigated the survey and that it would set an unwelcome precedent for future requests.

Both the Secretary and the Treasurer advised that there appeared to be a discrepancy on funds requested previously without any receipts being submitted. This would be further investigated to establish facts.

The Secretary stated that he had been at a Coriolis meeting earlier that week but there was nothing new to report to FWCC Councillors.

As a result of a recurring outburst from a member of the public, a Community Councillor left the meeting.

10. Current Consultations/Correspondence received

Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Business

Nothing to report.

12. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd. February, 2017 at Strachan Hall 7.30 p.m.

***Addendum:** The question over accounting was subsequently clarified and it was confirmed that there was no discrepancy. An apology was issued and accepted.*