

Approved Minutes of Meeting held in Inchmarlo Hall
on Thursday 24th November at 7.30pm

Present

Community Councillors:

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

Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors:

Cllr. L. Clark

Co-opted members:

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

Minutes:

Mrs. I.Addison

Members of Public:

6 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies and Absences

Mr. I.Adams, Cllr. K.Clark, Sgt.W.Murdoch, Cllr.J.Webster

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved with the following amendment:

Page 2 Community Issues/Scolty Footpath/ third sentence

It was suggested that a run-off should be dug to alleviate this problem and to make some necessary repairs.

and the following addition:

Page 4 Planning Issues/Glen Dye Wind Farm Development /last paragraph

There was a discussion regarding the wording of a letter sent to Coriolis where the term "a few locals" was used.

Some people present at tonight's meeting expressed the opinion that this terminology was derogatory and did not adequately represent the tone of the public consultation.

It was agreed in retrospect that a better expression would have been, "a group of constituents"

Minutes Proposed by : Mr. W.Smith jnr.

Seconded by : Mr. I.Brockie

3. Treasurer's report:

Opening Balance		£7332. 01
DD to BT WebCam	£ 70.92	
Strachan Youth Group	1000.00	
Strachan Hall	4600.00	5670. 92
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Closing Balance		£ 1661. 09

4. Police Matters

No Police were in attendance and nothing reported. It was noted that weather/current road conditions and ensuing issues may have been responsible. A report to FWCC would be anticipated.

5. FWCC Community Benefit Application

There have been no further applications. There has been an enquiry from the Banchory Youth Group. They have been advised to submit an application in the normal manner.

Plans and ideas for renovations to Strachan Hall are still ongoing. These will be presented to Community Council once surveys and other information are to hand.

A three-phase plan is anticipated beginning with the roof, toilets and finally kitchen/storage. The possibility of the flat roof being upgraded to a pitched roof is being looked into.

There is currently £53,000 in Community Benefit Fund with additional funds due shortly as part of the bi-annual agreement.

6. Planning Issues

Castlewood

Further to an already validated planning application, relating to land adjacent to the Soft Bear Play Centre at Castlewood, Strachan, there have been some revisions submitted regarding design of build which are awaiting decision.

Mid Hill 2

There was a short discussion regarding the Mid Hill 2 development. Mr. P.Tyrell will make enquiries to clarify the situation regarding development issues.

7. Transport, Roads and Infrastructure

There was a short discussion again about the barbed wire fencing at Bridge of Feugh which is still a bone of contention with members of the general public affected by it.

It is now going to be referred to the Planning Department with direct reference through Cllr. L.Clark to whom an e.mail will be sent with relevant details.

It was noted that a large pot hole at Larachmohr had again developed.

8. Education and Youth

Nothing to report. Concerns regarding parking outside the school have been communicated to relevant parties. There was a short discussion regarding ongoing concerns relating to the shortage of pupils in attendance and the possibilities for regeneration.

9. Community Issues

It was brought to the attention of FWCC that the sum of £36 due for flower tubs was overdue despite repeated attempts for reimbursement. This was apparently due to a break-down of communication. Difficulty with communication through the website was also raised and will be looked into with a view to improvement.

Mr.A.Neish, Treasurer agreed to make reimbursement of said amount forthwith.

Scolty Footpath

Mr. Middleton has been contacted, highlighting current condition of the footpath.

Mr. I.Brockie is meeting with him shortly to clarify responsibilities in relation to upkeep.

It was noted that the terminology “dangerous” in this context was not advisable on FWCC Minutes.

Glen Dye Wind Farm

There was a discussion about the distribution of the letter and questionnaire to the local community, regarding the Glen Dye Wind Farm and a plan of action was formed.

The letters and questionnaires had been printed and made available for distribution. However, it came to light that there had been an error in the print-off and plans for distribution had to be postponed until such times as it is accurately re-printed.

10. Current Consultations/Correspondence received

Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Business

Bench in Memory of C.C.Frank Sheridan

The cost for the bench in memory of the late Frank Sheridan is £300 excluding the price of a plaque. There had been a suggestion to place the bench in the Strachan Play Park where members of the local community can see and appreciate it. This was agreed by all present.

Mrs. Sheridan will be approached to see if there is anything in particular she would like on the plaque before this is finalised.

12. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26th January, 2017 at Inchmarlo Hall 7.30 p.m.

