

Feughside Community Council Meeting
Thursday 30th September 2021
Online
Approved Minutes

Present: Simon Richards (Chair), Jill Randalls (Secretary), Ross Clephan (Treasurer), Cecilia Rogers, Nicola Loosley, Sam Wylde (minutes), Lynsey Craig, Iain Adams.

1. **Apologies:** Marijke Ross, Cllr Durno, Cllr Bruce, Audrey Dykes
2. **Approval of last meeting minutes:** RC and CR.
3. **Police Report:** No report received.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**

	Balance 28/9/2021	Expected/ Committed to 31/12/21	
Unrestricted	£1,073.51	-£97.39	
Restricted – Glendye Webcam	£906.74	£0.00	
Restricted – Midhill CB Admin	£293.00	£0.00	
Restricted - Community Action Plan (CAP)	£281.91	£0.00	
Restricted - Strachan Flowers Collection	£774.76	£0.00	
Totals	£3,329.92	-£97.39	

Funds available at Fred Olsen for FCC Midhill Community Benefit	£19,350.87	£16,600	
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Summary as follows:

5. **Councillors Report:** none submitted.
6. **Secretary's Report :** All communications have been forwarded as appropriate. The Secretary highlighted the following:
 - Community Council Connectivity and Communications Pilot. Response needed by 8th Oct. Action NL to respond.
 - Marr Area – Community bedding plants. Response required by 15th Oct. Action - RC to respond.
 - Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2nd to 5th June 2022 (see below)

- Aberdeenshire Household Recycling Centre – improving customer experience.
Action - SR and CR to be involved.

7. Planning:

- Monthly planning applications
 - APP/2021/2168 Alterations and extension to Dwellinghouse, Old Invery, Auchattie. No comments. Previous application.
 - App/2021/2122 Prior notification for Erection of Agricultural Building, Castlewood, Strachan.
Questions regarding agricultural buildings and change of use. Aberdeenshire Council had confirmed that agricultural buildings consented after Nov 2019 would need a planning application for change of use. Questions were also raised about a previous application for an agricultural shed and whether this was still in use as an agricultural shed or had changed in use, and the status of the land - agricultural or brown field?
ACTION - IA to look at previous applications for this site.
 - App/ 2021/2048 Full planning permission for erection of Dwellinghouse and garage, land adjacent to Glenbogle Lodge, Blackhall.
Previously approved as a replacement cottage for a ghillie. This application has a much larger footprint than the previous approved planning permission and is at a different location to the original.
ACTION - IA to add a request for reuse of materials, comment about it not being in keeping with previous application, and raise potential problems with additional traffic on private road which may be of concern to the local residents.
 - App/2021/2184 Full planning permission for Erection of Dwellinghouse. Penine House - Previous approval. No objections, no comments. (no objections or comments from previous approved application)
- Fetteresso update
RC finalised & lodged inquiry statement which is that the windfarm is generally supported as long as the turbines remain below 150m. RC will report back from the hearing on 1st November.
- Forestry - John Mackie, Woodland Officer, Scottish Forestry (Grampian Conservancy) to be asked for an 'in office hours' meeting with CC members to help understand the Forestry Planning and Consultation process.
Action - SR to arrange meeting with JM
- IA reported that he had attended the Banchory Town meeting – Jeff Rogers gave a good talk on climate action. LiveLife spoke about accessing funding for outdoor activities. The next Banchory Town Meeting will consider the Banchory Action Plan which may be useful for FCC to attend.

8. Transport, roads and infrastructure

The CC was pleased that the potholes on the South Deeside Rd between the Bridge of Feugh and Crathes bridge are being given a permanent repair.
Kirstie's Brae sign still not in situ. LC reported that it was taken down due to obscuring the view when turning onto the road from a residents property. Action - LC to follow up.

9. Mid Hill Community Benefit Fund

- Approval of Midhill documents. The documents were reviewed and updated by the sub group and sent to all members.
Unanimous approval of the updates. The Midhill committee were thanked for their hard work.
Action - IA will add links to new documents to FCC website.

10. Climate and Environment: Nothing to report.

11. Education and Youth:

JR reported that Cllr. Bruce has been contacted re an update from the Estates Dept regarding the future of the Strachan School building. Cllr Bruce forwarded an email from August stating that the Estates Dept were hoping to convene a meeting, within the next couple of weeks, with the community to discuss next steps. Nothing received by FCC Secretary so Cllr RB will follow up.

12. Communications.

- Connectivity and Communication Pilot (response by 08.10.21)
NL suggested Council resources to support CC's with social media and interactive websites. Currently there seems to be no online training available. NL aims to get all Feughside community platforms linked so that the website is interactive.
ACTION - NL to respond to the pilot scheme
- JR: had received a response from Aberdeenshire Council stating that copies of the approved minutes should be stored permanently on the website.
- IA has archived FWCC minutes but will put a note on website saying to contact him for archived copies. **ACTION - IA**
- IA aims to have the Feughside Community Council website up dated by early Nov.

13. Community Action plan:

- Revisit CAP
SW suggested looking into the possibility of employing a community action worker using the Midhill funding.
NL suggested MAP may be able to help in showing us how we can employ a community member or subcontract from their pool.
Agreed that we need to be clear on the scope.
- Ideas from other communities.
JR attended the Community Ward Forum last month where Bill Slee gave a presentation on how part of the old Alford school building had been converted into a workshop and community garden. It was felt that many aspects of this project were potentially transferable to the Strachan setting. **ACTION - JR to invite Mr Slee to FCC meeting**

JR suggested Tara Murray from Sustainability Aberdeenshire would also be a good contact.

- Strachan Hall
SR to ask at next Hall meeting how FCC can best support the Hall committee. It was noted that the 200 Club tickets are now on sale and that help would be appreciated in selling tickets around the village. It was also noted that the Hall Committee were in need of new members.
- Pot Luck Supper Sat 30th October Strachan Hall - SR suggested that this would be a great opportunity for the CC to introduce itself to the Community and engage on the CAP and community priorities in general.

14. Community Matters

- Queens Green Canopy
Areas need to be identified in which to plant trees.
ACTION - JR to contact landscape services regarding the areas they identified last year for wild flowers and shrub planting.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee events -Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June
Jubilee lunch or picnic at park/hall or a jubilee tea.
ACTION - SR to approach the Hall committee.
- Community bedding plants (response needed by 15.10.21)
RC reported that this was in hand with the plants group.
Thanks made to the plant group as the planters and tubs having been a wonderful feature of the village throughout the summer and are still looking vibrant. IA has asked for 2 tubs for Auchattie.
ACTION - CR to investigate area around Feugh Bridge for planter.
- Community Testing and Vaccinations –
JR attended a meeting on increasing uptake of testing and vaccinations in rural communities. Aberdeenshire Council will help with transport to vaccination centres if no other transport available. The use of Village Halls is being considered. Booster vaccinations are now being rolled out for certain categories, along with flu jabs. These are currently by appointment only. It was noted that GPs are no longer doing any vaccinations.

15. Matters/actions arising from last meeting not dealt with elsewhere.

- Road repair strategy: In view of recent road repairs it was felt that this was no longer necessary
- Map of trails in Glendye – in progress

16. AOB

A member of the public stated that MP Andrew Bowie has indicated that he will personally take up issues of broadband in our area.

Date of next meeting - 28th October 2021