

Feughside Community Council Meeting
Approved Minutes
On Line
Thursday 26 August 2021

Present :

CC : Simon Richards, Jill Randalls, Cecilia Rogers, Audrey Dykes, Nicola Loosley, Marijke Staellert.

Iain Adams

Local Councillors : Cllr Ann Ross

General public : 3

1. Apologies : Samantha Wylde, Councillor Bruce, Ross Clephan, Lynsey Craig

2. Approval of the last meeting Minutes

The minutes were proposed by NL and seconded by AD.

3. Police Report

The police report was sent to all members on 16.08.21. and details of its contents were published in Strachan Today newsletter (with permission from G.Garrow) Poaching in the River Feugh remains an issue, along with anti social behaviour around the Hill of Banchory School.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer had submitted the following report:

Summary Accounts

	Balance 24/8/2021	Expected/ Committed to <u>30/9/21</u>	Look Forward Balance at <u>30/9/21</u>
Unrestricted	£1,087.90	-£52.78	£1,035.12
Restricted – Glendye Webcam	£906.74	£0.00	£906.74
Restricted – Midhill CB Admin	£293.00	£0.00	£293.00
Restricted - Community Action Plan (CAP)	£281.91	£0.00	£281.91

Restricted - Strachan Flowers Collection	£774.76	£0.00	£774.76
Totals	£3,344.31	-£52.78	£3,291.53
Funds available at Fred Olsen for FCC Midhill Community Benefit	£19,350.87	£0.00	£19,350.87

The Treasurers report confirmed that our 2021 admin grant of £446.99 from Aberdeenshire had been received.

Glendye Webcam:

Caleycom have generously agreed to host the camera for free.

RC understands that a webcam in Fraserburgh is monitored by recording equipment installed in a police station. He has contacted David Padgham at Police Scotland Banchory to discuss whether they wish to do something similar but is yet to hear back.

5. Councillors Report:

Cllr Ross reported that The Integrated Joint Board and Health and Social Care Partnership are in the process of having a strategic needs assessment of all the health care facilities in the Deeside & Upper Donside corridor, with possible implications for all health care provision in the area. The review could take up to 1 year, with public meetings (if restrictions allow) and online surveys.

For an example of a strategic review Cllr Ross directed members to the Health and Social Care Partnership website - Inch Hospital (although our local area would obviously be slightly different).

The NHS is also running a survey until the 31st of August.

Aberdeenshire Council are organising countywide speed monitoring. This is as a result of CC's raising concerns about speeding.

Anti social behaviour is also a continuing issue in the local area.

6. Secretary's report

All correspondence has been passed on where applicable. The Secretary noted the following:

- Marr Area Partnership - Community Ward Forum 7th & 8th Sept @7pm via Zoom. Topic of Climate Change.
- Banchory Town Forum meeting on 31st August via Skype @7pm
- Scottish Government consultation - National Care Service for Scotland. No closing date.

- Aberdeenshire Council - Flood risk management plans -consultation. Closing date for responses 31st October.
- Extension to FCC response to the Glendye Additional Information due 17th Sept.
- Correspondence received from Fred Olsen Renewables Ltd re the Statement of Agreed Matters - to be discussed under planning.

7. Planning

◦ Monthly planning applications

- (APP/ 2021/ 1899) at Riverside, Blackhall for a house extension and replacement garage. It has 3 neighbour responses - 2 objections and 1 neutral as it is a significant sized extension. The concerns raised included foul water drainage, additional surface water run off and access. It was agreed to draft a reply supporting the concerns raised by the neighbours.

ACTION - IA to draft a response supporting residents' material concerns.

- **Glendye Wind Farm** additional information response. *AD declared a conflict of interest and took no part in the discussion.*

It was agreed we would respond in line with the Aberdeenshire Council response, particularly highlighting concerns regarding increased flood risk in the Strachan valley due to large scale disturbance of peat bogs in the Glendye area.

ACTION - everyone to send any comments to SR by 07.09 for submission by 17.09.21.

◦ Fetteresso Wind Farm update

RC has been attending the Public Enquiry on our behalf. The Reporter asked us to finalise the Statement of Agreed Matters by 31st August.

RC has circulated the Statement of Agreed Matters and urged all CC members to read through this document to verify if we are in agreement with statements made by FORL.

ACTION - everyone to send comments to RC ASAP.

- **Cairnton Forestry** - response from Scottish Forestry received. Access is still unresolved as extraction won't be for a further 20 or so years.

ACTION - IA to communicate with local residents.

8. Transport and Infrastructure

SW was absent, so no update was available.

SR noted road resurfacing and pothole repairs were taking place in preparation for the Round Britain cycle race.

A member of the public noted that Aberdeenshire Council were proactive in clearing debris after heavy rain.

Another member of the public raised concerns about recent road repairs and had questions regarding Aberdeenshire Council's strategy. SR suggested inviting someone from the Council to our meeting to explain their repair strategy.

ACTION - SW to be asked to communicate with Aberdeenshire Council.

9. Mid Hill Community Benefit Fund

The group met in July and updated all the forms. These need to be approved and signed off by council. Once approved IA to remove old application forms and guidelines and upload the new forms on to the website.

ACTION - AD and LC to send out all forms for approval. IA to then update website and website links.

10. Climate & Environment

CR reported back on eco projects running in the Huntly area. Little seemed transferable to the Feughside area, apart from consideration of community purchase of electric bikes, or involvement in a co-wheels electric share scheme. NESCAN (North-East Scotland Climate Action Network) have been allocated a stand at COP26. They are planning to propose an artwork reflecting a just transition for NE Scotland in relation to energy, transport, diet, health and security. Local Banchory Action Network to hold meeting on Thursday 16th September.

ACTION - CR to send link to BAN meeting in September.

11. Education

MS reported that

- Covid restrictions in schools to continue until at least the end of September.
- Strachan Youth Group will not resume due to Covid restrictions. The Youth Group resources have been distributed to local children and children's groups. The organiser thanked the CC for funds from the Midhill Community Benefit fund.
- JR had asked Cllr Bruce for an update on the future of the Strachan school building and grounds. Cllr Bruce has sent an email to the Estates team.
- A member of the public (via email) had raised concerns regarding the state of the playground artwork and general look of dilapidation of the school. Cllr. Bruce had referred concerns to Landscape Services.

12. Communications

NL attended a seminar on social media, which she reported to be very interesting. As a result she felt that the CC needed a policy for the use of social media and was happy to put together a discussion document. With regards to strategy she felt it was important that we identified what the community wanted to know, rather than what we wanted to tell them.

NL and IA to meet with regards to website maintenance and evolution.

NL asked for the old copies of Midhill Community Benefit Fund forms to be removed from the FCC website and replaced ASAP with the new forms (yet to be approved).

The length of record keeping on the CC website was also discussed. It was agreed that 12 months worth of minutes should be sufficient.

ACTION: NL to put together a discussion document re social media.

NL and IA to meet to discuss the development of the FCC website

IA to archive the FWCC website contents.

JR to discuss with Marr Area re length of time minutes should remain on the website.

13. Community Action Plan

SR wished to revisit the CAP and to think about how to reinvigorate and involve people in the community to progress some of the priorities highlighted in the plan. NL had put together details of current funding opportunities available for local community projects.

JR thought that it was lack of motivation and lack of enthusiasm that was the biggest hurdle.

MS suggested the CC invest in a paid community worker to lead and take the ideas in the CAP forward, at least initially.

SR emphasised that it was not the role of the CC to undertake all the projects, rather to facilitate. As a first step it was necessary to find members of the community who would be prepared to be involved.

A member of the public commented that if the community didn't want things enough to step up and get involved, then facilities such as the newly refurbished hall would fold. It was agreed that it was difficult to know how to make people invest time and energy in the community.

JR suggested that we possibly need someone to generate initial ideas that would allow the community to get behind ie a paid community worker. She also suggested that each member did some basic research on community projects, either local or abroad

ACTIONS - everyone

- to revisit the CAP
- to research other community projects and ascertain if they could be applicable to the CC area
- ideas for an event to restart action in the community.

14. Community matters

- Strachan Hall - SR put out a plea for members of the community to become involved in Strachan Hall now that it is refurbished.
- Trails and Footpaths - Trails and footpaths -SR reported work continues with the support of the estate and that a new trail south of the Bingley burn connects the lower and middle tracks at Bogendreip. Other tracks are in consideration for development. The gate above Templeton, which leads to Galley Bank, is to be looked at further. Jane Pilbeam has kindly offered to construct a map of the area showing trails. To be agreed with the estate.

A meeting is planned soon between ALOAF, Glendye Estate and the CC.

JR suggested a 'name that trail' competition in Strachan today. AD to ask Glendye Estate if any objections.

15. A.O.B

The Tour of Britain - The Cairn O'Mount road will be closed to all traffic during this event from 6pm on Saturday 11th to 1pm on Sunday 12th with absolutely no vehicle access. Access by foot or bike only.

16. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 30th September 2021

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.