

Feughside Community Council  
Approved Minutes of the Meeting  
25th November 2021  
On line

**Present:** Simon Richards (Chairperson), Jill Randalls (Secretary and Minutes), Lynsey Craig, Cecilia Rogers, Nicola Loosley, Iain Adams, Cllr Bruce.

- 1) **Apologies:** Ross Clephan, Sam Wylde, Marijke Stallaert, Audrey Dykes, Cllr Ross.
- 2) **Minutes of the previous meeting:** approved by CR, seconded by NL.
- 3) **Police Report:** No report received again this month. Cllr Bruce has been in touch with the community policing team re the lack of reports and will forward any response.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Summary of the FCC Accounts for November.

	<b>Balance 26/11/2021</b>	<b>Expected/ Committed to <u>31/12/21</u></b>	<b>Look Forward Balance at <u>31/12/21</u></b>
Unrestricted	£995.34	<b>-£14.39</b>	£980.95
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	<b>-£280.00</b>	£494.76
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3,251.75</b>	<b>-£294.39</b>	<b>£2,957.36</b>
Funds available at Fred Olsen for FCC Midhill Community Benefit	£35,977.96	£0	£35,977.96

As directed by the Ombudsman, BT sent a written apology with confirmation that our account with them is closed and they have not reported late payment markers on the account. They say they have sent a goodwill cheque for £100 but this has not yet been received. Request FCC approval to make a £100 charitable donation.

All in favour of donation to a cause helping the recent Afghan refugees.

**ACTION:** JR to research further.

### Strachan Flowers

Fiona Mackenzie has sourced eight half whisky barrels for the Feughside Flower Displays. (6 for Strachan, 2 for Tilquhillie). Total cost is £280. There is money in the Strachan Flowers account (see above).

**Unanimous approval to reimburse FM**

### **5) Councillors Report:** Cllr Bruce fed back the following:

- Banchory Vaccination Centre is moving from the Sports Village to what was the Scolty Day Centre. All appointments from w/c 28.11 will be at the new premises.
- Budget Setting process for 2022 has begun. Please get in touch with any ideas on how things could be done differently or better.
- Road repairs - please continue to report either via website or via the App, preferably with photos. Roads dept. aware of junction with Scolty car park and public road.

### **6) Secretary's Report**

- Asymptomatic test kits can be collected from Number 1 in Banchory.
- Consultation on the A93 multi modal corridor closes on 01.12.21
- AVA AGM is on 29.11.21
- Ward Forum on 01.12.21
- Notes received from Janelle Clarke on 15.11.21 regarding the Strachan School meeting on 18.10.21. Letter sent 20.11.21 by secretary asking for a 12 month period in which the community can submit a request for a community asset transfer. No reply received to date.
- Boundary Commission consultation closes 08.12.21.
- AVA - Community Health and Well being fund - £631,000 fund available this year for grass roots mental health initiatives within Aberdeenshire.

### **7) Planning:**

- No local planning applications.
- Fetteresso: RC attended the Fetteresso Inquiry and Hearing Sessions (1st to 3rd of November). Recordings of the sessions can found here:

Generally:

The main protagonists were Aberdeenshire Council represented by their lawyer James Findlay QC plus a technical expert vs "The Applicant" = Fred Olsen represented by their lawyer Colin Innes and their technical expert Brian Denney, a landscape architect.

Visual and Landscape Impact:

Most of the first two days were spent on visual and landscape impact.

FCC contribution:

RC emphasised the points made in the earlier FCC Statement of Agreed Matters and our Inquiry Statement. Focus was mainly on turbine heights and turbine lights issue (CAA have asked for Turbine 7 @ 180m and Turbine 10 @ 200m to be lit with 2000 candela lights on the hub even though their tip heights will be lower than the tip heights of 27 of the 39 turbines that surround them). There was no answer forthcoming to the question "By how much will the average power generated reduce if the turbine height is limited to 150m?".

Next Steps:

The Reporter gave no clues as to what he will recommend to Scottish Government. After closing submissions by the various parties in November he will prepare his report for Ministers by end January 2022. RC thanked for his time spent in attending the inquiry on behalf of FCC.

**8) Transport Roads and Infrastructure:**

- CR reported that she had successfully reported the lack of road markings at the Bridge of Feugh.

**9) Climate and Environment:**

- Scolty Woodland purchase - the local group has enough funds to bid for the smaller plot, but not both plots. The Auchattie Community Trust is now signed over to the project.

**10) Strachan School:**

- Letter sent to Marr Area requesting a year for the community to plan for a community asset transfer. Notices put in Strachan Today and the Hub to engage local residents.
- The school was recently emptied of contents. Many residents were upset that so much was put into skips with seemingly little regard for reuse or recycling. Correspondence with council suggests that as much equipment was reused as possible. JR met with Roddy Maclean (Cluster Business Manager) and took possession of a large quantity of photograph albums along with a projector and screen. Unfortunately the white boards are of little use as the technology is now very old. They are difficult and costly to reinstall elsewhere, with no warranties available from installation companies. Reusing component parts is also deemed difficult and costly.
- Cllr Bruce was asked to feedback that communication with the CC, forewarning that the school would be emptied, would have been a welcomed, sensitive approach.
- Still no clear answer as to who owns the part of the 'Wild Garden' with the old school canteen on it. Cllr Bruce to ask council officers to investigate.

**11) Communication**

- FCC Face Book page now in place. Thanks given to AD

- Website - NL to speak with IA and LC on frequent update of news section.
- Logo still required. Please send ideas to NL.
- Neighbourhood watch - NL to look at what is involved.

## **12) Community Matters**

- Strachan Christmas Tree - switching on lights on Friday 3rd Dec, with drinks and mince pies after in the Hall.

## **13) AOB**

- Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum - SR and NL agreed to share responsibility for attending meetings. Notice to be put on noticeboards to encourage members of the community to participate. ACTION - LR to provide notice for community noticeboards.
- LC reported that she wants to reinstate a section in Strachan Today Newsletter regarding clubs, activities and events. Please forward any info to her. NL suggested that we should also ask for suggestions for clubs(i.e. what would people like to see happening in the village and surrounding areas).
- **14) Date of next meeting:** 27th January 2022

Happy Christmas from all at Feughside Community Council