

Feughside Community Council Meeting
 Thursday 28th April 2022 at 7.30pm
 Strachan Hall
 Approved Minutes

Present:

Community Councillors: Cecilia Rogers, Nicola Loosley, Ross Clephan, Audrey Dykes, Simon Richards, Jill Randalls, Lynsey Craig.
 Councillors: Cllr Bruce, Yi-Pei Chou Turvey,
 Members of the public: 2

1. Apologies: Cllr Ross, Iain Adams.

2. Approve minutes of previous monthly meeting: CR and NL

3. Police Report: None submitted but North East Crime Alert from the North East Crime Reduction Officer had been received in April and forwarded to members. It was noted that there had been theft of at least four quad bikes in the local area, along with cycles and various garden machinery. Fuel thefts are also on the increase.

ACTION: JR to follow up on recording facility at snow gate web cam with Police Scotland.

4. Treasurer's Report: Summary of our accounts at 26/4/22.

	Balance 26/4/2022	Expected/ Committed to 30/6/22	Look Forward Balance at 30/6/22
Unrestricted	£908.39	-£73.78	£834.61
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	£494.76	£0.00	£494.76
Restricted - Queen's Jubilee	£427.18	-£460.00	-£32.82
Totals	£3,311.98	-£533.78	£2,778.20

Funds available at Fred Olsen for FCC Midhill Community Benefit	£41,455.52	-£3,000.00	£38,455.52
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Annual Accounts: in preparation and should be ready to be verified by end April.

5. Councilor's Report

Cllr RB: Bridge of Feugh repaired ahead of schedule and opened a week early. Other road repairs are on going, sometimes involving a number of diversions.

Full Council sat Thursday 28th April in its current form before the elections on 5th May. A number of experienced Councillors are standing down including Cllr Bruce.

Planning - Agreed not to extend number of households (6) needed to trigger a planning application referral to the area committee, but it is to change to 6 individuals rather than households.

Cllr AR: emailed that she had contacted the police regarding issues of parking along the Auchattie road whilst the Scolty woods car park was closed. She reminded residents that the road in Strachan would be closed on 12th May for 1 day for removal of portacabin from the school.

6. Secretary's Report:

28.04.22 - Email communication from Piers Blaxter regarding changes in future Local Development Plans. The next LDP is due in 2027. Changes to the process include removal of the Main Issues Report and the introduction of an Evidence Report and a Call for Ideas stage.

The publication of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) is changing - with emphasis on place-based planning and less emphasis on policy instructions within the Development Plan.

The Local Development Plan team will engage with Community Councils over the next few months, with the initial meeting on Thursday 26th May 6.30pm via TEAMS.

27.04.22 - Road Closure Notice scheduled for B976 Road in front of Strachan School, Banchory for 1 day – 12th May 2022.

26.04.22 - NHS SHARE, The Scottish Health Research Register

SHARE has recently assisted projects investigating alopecia, arthritis, epilepsy, Covid-19, dementia, cancer and mental health issues. There are currently over 293,000 volunteers registered but there is a need to have a wholly inclusive register of volunteers, which mirrors the diversity of Scotland's population.

20.04.22 - AVA Children & Families Forum: 5th May 2022, 10am via Teams

11.04.22 - Marr Area Committee's grant funding schemes for 2022/23 are open for applications. Grants are available for projects that aim to help improve local communities in the Marr Area. Grants of up to £5,000 are available from the Large Grants Scheme - applications for this fund should be submitted by 23 May 2022. Smaller grants of up to £2,000 are available from the Small Grants Scheme, which runs throughout the year. For application forms and further information visit www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/funding/marr

Ukrainian Refugees coordinator is - Katie MacLean Refugee Resettlement Coordinator
Aberdeenshire Council

02/04 Communication from Alexander Burnett MSP who would like to view our resilience plan once completed.

01.04.22 – Plan of Strachan School site sent by Marr Area.

7. Planning:

- Monthly planning applications.
 - APP/ 2022/0588 RIVERSIDE – an amendment to a previous approved application (the previous application did not specify demolition of existing garage). No objections raised.
- Delegated powers increase proposal - Aberdeenshire Council Planning Service full council meeting took place 28/2/2022- see above Cllr RB report
- Glendye Wind Farm -
 - RC attended Pre Examination Meeting, which was well attended by many different organisations, Statutory Consultees and individuals.
 - Decision to have a separate hearing day for community issues. Need to submit FCC hearing statement by 27th June.
 - The DPEA published their notes from the PEM - [Scottish Government - DPEA - Case Details \(scotland.gov.uk\)](#).
 - Inquiry starts 22nd August 2022 with hearing session on community issues on 26th August 2022.

ACTION - RC will collate and consolidate our previous responses and discuss at next meeting what we want to bring to the hearing statement.

- Any other planning matters.
 - Fetteresso: Still no decision from Scottish Government on the Fetteresso application.

ACTION: JR to write to MSPs regarding the outstanding decision.

8. Transport, roads and infrastructure

Bridge of Feugh work completed ahead of schedule (see Cllr RB report)

9. Resilience Planning – update

- Application to SSEN grant funding due 08.05.22. Awards will be made in July
- Problems with obtaining quotes from contractors along with advice regarding what type/size of generator is required.
- Require a list of power usage of items in the Hall in order to determine minimum requirement in terms generator size.
- Rota required of volunteers (8 minimum) to attend the hall and generator during power outage.
- Emergency Plan updated with address list of 312 properties
- Volunteers required for Warden and Deputies along with at least 9 sub wardens.
- Community survey required to establish what the local population require in terms of an emergency hub (i.e. heating, cooking, communication and washing facilities) along with volunteer commitment eg Hall volunteers and community wardens. This will be done after the SSEN awards have been announced so that the amount of funding is known. People should be asked to identify if they consider themselves vulnerable (i.e. have young children, elderly, long term illness etc.)

- NL in communication with SSEN re vulnerable people and how to identify.
- Marr Area Large Grant is now open for awards up to £5000 (closes 23rd May).

ACTION – NL to apply for Marr Area Large Grant funding. RC to submit SSEN application.

Overall – the decision lies with the Hall Committee.

10. Climate and Environment.

Deeside Community Action Network are looking for volunteers who have wildlife friendly gardens, who would be happy to host an Open Garden Session.

11. Communications:

- Caleycom have said that the mast on Cairn Mon Earn is strategically important and therefore will be powered by generator in the event of a power outage.
- EE emergency mast at Greystane Hill – installation of broadband dish for community use as requested by FCC.

ACTION: SW to follow up by June meeting

- Logo - general view was the logo needed people (cyclists or walkers etc.) and FCC writing in full.

ACTION: JR to communicate with graphic designer.

12. Community Matters

• Jubilee Celebrations :

- Organisers need to know who will be attending the 2 celebrations: Please encourage responses to AH if planning to attend.
- Volunteers needed to
 - help in the kitchen
 - coordinate the hanging of bunting.
 - collection of food on Saturday or Sunday

ACTION – RC to send poster to LC & CR for notice boards - with clearer instructions about RSVP'ing. CR offered to put a poster in the Banchory library.

RC to register event with Aberdeenshire council

• **Printer:** ACTION: JR

• **School garden/ Community Garden:**

- JR has received email confirmation from Janelle Clark that the canteen area is included in the school plot.
- Feughside Community Association has been formally registered with companies house. The Directors of the Company are Mike McMillan, Adam Coole and Caroline Clephan.
- In order to submit an expression of interest in the Strachan School Garden to Aberdeenshire Council, a minimum membership of 20 is required.
- There will be an annual subscription of £10 to go towards the administrative costs of FCA and the remainder to the Strachan School Garden costs (and other future projects if and when they arise).
- The Board plan to set up a Strachan Garden Steering Committee with the appropriate skills to design and project manage the space.
- The Board will be responsible for the fundraising and the purchase/ lease of the land.

13. AOB – JR asked about a response to the visit from Scottish Woodlands regarding the proposed Glen Dye Woodland. To be discussed at next months meeting.

Thanks given to Cllr Bruce for her attendance at FCC/FWCC meetings over the past few years, and all her hard work on the community's behalf. She will be greatly missed.

Date of next meeting – 26th May 2022.