

Feughside Community Council Meeting
 Thursday 26th May 2022 at 7.30pm
 Strachan Hall
 Approved Minutes

The meeting was recorded with agreement of those present.
 A welcome was extended to newly elected councillor, Yi-Pei Chou Turvey

Present:

Community Councillors: Cecilia Rogers, Nicola Loosley, Ross Clephan, Jill Randalls
 Simon Richards (Chair), Lynsey Craig.
 Councillors: Cllr. Yi-Pei Chou Turvey,
 Members of the public: 0

1. Apologies: Cllr Ross, Iain Adams, Sam Wylde, Audrey Dykes

2. Approve minutes of previous monthly meeting: Proposed by RC. Seconded by CR

3. Police Report: A report had been received on 07/05 which referred to March and April. There had been local thefts of quad bikes, garden machinery and bikes, some of which would have been preventable if buildings had been locked. Crime prevention advice is available on the Police Scotland website or by dialling 101 and speaking with a Crime Prevention Officer.

4. Treasurer's Report: This had previously been circulated to members.

Summary of accounts at 23/5/22

	Balance 23/5/2022	Expected/ Committed to 30/6/22	Look Forward Balance at 30/6/22
Unrestricted	£878.39	-£58.78	£819.61
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	-£306.38	£181.00	-£125.38
Totals	£2,548.42	£122.22	£2,670.64

Funds available at Fred Olsen for FCC Midhill Community	£41,455.52	-£3,000.00	£38,455.52
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Annual Accounts: have been submitted for verification.

RC had received an email from Aberdeenshire Council regarding proposed changes to the calculation of the admin. grant with a request to choose between options of £446, £502 and £557. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the middle option of £502 be accepted.

5. Councillor's Report:

Cllr. Chou Turvey had not noted any matters pertaining to FCC.

CR queried the chipping situation on the road between the Crathes Bridge and the Feugh Bridge. Machinery and labour had been on site for several days but no works appeared to have been carried out. Additionally, the requirement for chipping was questioned due to the previous installation of a specialised road surface. Cllr. Chou Turvey agreed to investigate the matter.

6. Secretary's Report:

Correspondence received by JR had been circulated to members. (Appendix A)

- A change had been made to the hyperlinks in the Fetteresso windfarm case.
- The Tour of Britain will pass through Aberdeenshire on 4/09 but will not pass locally.
- The next Ward Forum will take place on 15/06 at Alford Men's Shed.
- The AA box Road will be closed on 28/05 for an orienteering event.
- Applications for the Mid Hill wind farm fund had been received and processed by Fred Olsen but no money had been received as yet.
- Proposed changes to community grant allocations had been notified and a response requested.
- The E3 Aboyne Hub is offering free support to small businesses and community groups in marketing and social media related activities.

7. Planning:

- Monthly planning applications.
APP/2022/1103 Retention of Storage Cabin, Knockburn House, Strachan

Request for a 5 year extension to temporary storage shed at Knockburn Loch. Original application was in 2012 and a previous extension granted in 2017. There were no objections raised.

APP/2022/0209 Plot 1, Ardene, Strachan.

A discussion took place regarding Plot 1, Ardene for which permission for change of house type had been sought. No objections had been received and it had been referred to Marr Area Committee for consideration, being a departure from Policy.

- Glendye Wind Farm – hearing statement
RC advised that the draft hearing statement was a long and detailed document in which birds and peatland restoration were major issues. He had noted a weakening of the objection by Nature Scot with regard to birds. There was a discussion on

peatland restoration and uncertainty expressed about how this could be effected. LR advised that the science regarding this was relatively new and unproven although grants were being becoming more plentiful and restoration schemes more popular.

LR had noted that there were more reports about bird kills from turbines being made available.

It was generally felt that the CC members were not experts in these areas and that comments from related organisations should be supported where appropriate. It was suggested that RC circulate the document and that everyone take a look at a different part and respond with any comments. The deadline is 27th June.

- Glendye Moor Woodland creation

There has been nothing received regarding a consultation. A discussion took place about the involvement of FCC in any consultation and it was agreed that a follow up with John Mackay be made.

ACTION SR – circulate report. JR – contact John Mackay

- Any other planning matters.

Fetteresso: JR had spoken with Alexander Burnett and had emailed MSP's but no date for a decision has been announced. The DPA target date was 2nd April with the report having been sent to the Scottish Government on 18th February.

Knockburn Lock: NL advised that it had been previously agreed that the CC would be notified in advance of those events at Knockburn Loch where music and a tannoy would be used, given the degree of disruption such a noise nuisance created for neighbouring properties. It was agreed that steps be taken to re-instate this.

ACTION - SR draft email to Planning.

8. Transport, roads and infrastructure

Nothing reported

9. Resilience Planning – update

RC had submitted the funding application for a generator to SSEN. When a decision has been reached, a community survey will take place.

NL had submitted a funding application to the Marr Area Large Grant Fund and had received a response querying whether this was the correct fund to apply for.

A discussion took place about various funding options, the matter being somewhat complicated because the application to SSEN had been for the full amount.

Cllr. Chou Turvey suggested that she investigate and advise the amount remaining in the various available funds.

It was suggested and agreed that funding for a printer be applied for from the Community Resilience fund and that JR provide NL with printer details.

ACTION JR- provide printer details. NL- apply for funding.

10. Climate and Environment

JR advised that NHS Grampian would be banning single use plastics, as far as is possible, from the beginning of June. Wooden cutlery is not compostable and therefore outlets will not be providing implements to customers when purchasing food to take out.

11. Communications:

Cllr. Chou Turvey advised that she will continue to push for action on the road signs that have had still not been re-instated.

LC queried whether the CC had a formalised framework for communications and a discussion ensued about communication with the local community. NL suggested that since eliciting community engagement was also an issue, future communications such as the Resilience Plan drop would be a means of raising awareness of the CC and establishing communications. JR thought that the upcoming Local Development Plan which had expectations of communities contributing to a Local Plan might also encourage community involvement. With regard to outward communications, NL believed that current social media platforms were successful but that the website could be a little more contemporary. Community notice boards are available for public use in addition to CC notifications.

A list of all addresses in the CC area is being compiled as part of the Resilience Plan and communication by email will be possible with all residents who have given permission for the CC to record and use their email addresses for correspondence.

NL is still to hear from SSEN about communication with residents who have registered as vulnerable.

12. Community Matters

- Buy nothing movement

An email had been received from former CC member Marijke Stallaert concerning the re-cycling of unwanted items within the community at zero cost. SR thought that this would require community sponsors. LC wished to publicise something about waste in Strachan Today and will contact Marijke to explore this idea further.

- Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

RC was looking volunteers to put up bunting in the Hall and in the park at 5pm on 31st May and for the weekend celebrations in the Hall. Money from the Mid Hill wind farm fund for cutlery and crockery had not yet been received. Costs were £225 over budget. An email had been received from Audrey Nash of the Lord Lieutenant's Office suggesting a visit from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. It was decided that this would be difficult to manage and that the offer should therefore be declined.

- Snow Gate Web Cam (recording facility) update

JR had contacted Banchory Community Police who will progress the matter internally.

13. AOB

- Printer

The cost would be in the region of £300-£350 and would be applied for from the Mid Hill Wind Farm fund if other funding is not available.

- Strachan Community Garden

RC had circulated an update.

- Junction at Feugh Bridge
NL queried progress on the placing of double white lines on the Strachan road at the northern approach to the junction. Cars overtaking queuing traffic posed a danger to those exiting the junction. CR and Cllr. Chou Turvey arranged to meet on site to discuss.
- Badgers
RC queried whether the presence of badgers was of concern to local cattle farmers. JR advised that there was no legal requirement to report and no further action was thought necessary.
- Logo
JR had sent comments back to the designer but had not yet had a response. NL suggested using a community orientated commercial designer if there was no progress.

AGM and Next Meeting

The date of 30th June was proposed but several members advised that they would not be available. JR to investigate possibility of postponing until **7th July, - AGM at 7pm followed by CC meeting at 7.30pm.**
(note: this date was subsequently confirmed)

APPENDIX A

26/05	WIN-110-1 General Letter (Fetteresso)
25/05	Trading Standards Bulletin no. 46
25/05	Tour of Britain Sunday 4 September – Initial Business Association and Community Council Engagement letter
25/05	Marr Area Committee Meeting - 31st May 2022 (Agenda)
29/04	E3 - Community Renewal Fund