

Feughside Community Council  
 Approved Minutes  
 25th February 2021  
 Online Via Zoom

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

Councillor E. Durno

Members of the public - 1

1) **Apologies:** Marijke Staellert, Cllr Bruce, Cllr Ross.

2) **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Approved by A.Dykes, seconded by N.Loosely.

**Approve minutes of Special Meeting held on 11.02.21.** Approved by R.Clephan, seconded by C.Rogers.

3) **Police Report:** forwarded on 07/02/21. Members made aware of the targeting of quad bikes in the area and a scam involving ‘Covid Inspection’s’ followed by thefts some time later.

4) **Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer presented a summary of our accounts as of today:

	<b>Balance 25/2/2021</b>	<b>Expected/ Committed to <u>31/3/21</u></b>	<b>Look Forward Balance at <u>31/3/21</u></b>
Unrestricted	£712.86	-£14.39	£698.47
Restricted – Glendye Webcam	£964.21	-£23.79	£940.42
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	£171.92	£0.00	£171.92
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,423.90</b>	<b>-£52.57</b>	<b>£2,385.72</b>

Funds available at Fred Olsen for FCC Midhill Community Benefit	£14,771.58	£5,079.29	£19,850.87
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**Caleycom** (regarding potentially upgrading the Glendye snowgate webcam to enable recording and ANPR). Caleycom have now made an initial proposal to do this. R.C is clarifying some technical and operational issues with Caleycom before contacting Police Scotland and, if agreed, will revert to FCC.

**Zurich Liability Insurance.** Our insurance is now in place.

**Mid Hill Wind Minutes of Agreement.** The new MoA's with Mid Hill are very close to being finalised. One small point about the final payment at decommissioning still to be resolved and then they will be ready for signature.

#### 5) Councillors Report:

- Cllr Durno advised full reporting of any pot holes in the area via the council website.
- Kirsty's Brae - warning bend signs will be installed in the near future.
- Cllr Durno will pass on contact details for Joel Evans who can provide advice on biodiversity projects.
- Cllr Durno will find out details regarding the length of the polystyrene waste recycling trial currently being rolled out at the Banchory tip.

#### 6) Secretary's Report:

- \* Strategic transport project review - inviting feedback until midnight on 31 March.
- \* Communication from Fergus Mutch (SNP candidate in the forthcoming elections) wishing to address FCC. Guidance from Marr Area suggests that attendance at a meeting by one candidate would not be appropriate, as they would be there to promote their candidacy and the CC cannot support one way or another. If a Community Council wishes to hold a hustings, they can do so, but consideration would need to be given to how this is managed, if being conducted online. To be discussed further under AOB.
- \* Review of the Aberdeenshire Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils - Phase 2. The Consultation will end on 14th April 2021.
- \* The Calor Rural Community Fund open for applications - Wednesday 10th March 2021.
- \* Understanding Planning - online meeting on Planning and communities -organised by Aberdeen Climate Action on 02 March at 7 pm.
- \* Fetteresso Wind Farm Update - a virtual meeting with Fred Olsen Renewables for the CC to discuss the project, the next steps and the community. Thursday 11th March at 7.30pm via Teams.
- \* Community Asset transfer module 2 - 17th March online. Please ask Secretary for joining details.

\* Community Development Webinar - information on future funding, some tips and case study examples of how to take a project from an idea to a fully developed project.  
Wednesday 3rd March at 2.30pm

\* Communication from Marr Area regarding the date of our AGM. It was agreed to hold in **June 21**

### **7) Planning:**

- No planning applications this month.
- Castlewood - initial application for 75 residential units is still with the DPEA. The second CLOPUD application submitted in Dec to clarify the use of 25 units as permanent residential units was approved by Aberdeenshire Council.
- It was **unanimously agreed** that the position of Feughside CC was the same as that expressed by Feughdee West Community Council with regards to the Glen Dye wind farm and Fetteresso wind farm applications.

**Action:** JR to contact the ECU to inform them of the dissolution of FWCC, and that FCC agree with the position taken by FWCC.

### **8)Transport, roads and infrastructure.**

- SW has been communicating with a member of the public who is keen to pursue the lack of super fast broadband to Strachan residents despite the fibre optic cable passing along the road end. Will bring to the attention of MP / MSP with regards to R100. Tasked with where Strachan is with regards to R100. Are we included in it and what is offered.
- SW to contact Roads Dept re amount of pot holes in the community and the possibility of a permanent fix as opposed to temporary infilling.

### **9) Community Benefit fund:**

- Sub group meeting on 10th March to look at applications.
- A member of the community still required for the sub group.
- It was noted that Community Benefit money could be used for community projects but not for statutory concerns normally provided by the local authority.
- Members of FCC invited to the next sub group meeting in order to have a better understanding of the process of the MHCB Funding.

**10) Education and Youth:** nothing report

**11) Climate and Environment:** nothing to report.

### **12) Communications:**

- JR and RC had received quotes from BT of over £400,000 for super fast broadband connection (fibre to premises). To follow up with regards to the R100 programme and MP/MSP involvement
- AD and NL identified the mobile black spot within the Strachan and Glendye area. To follow up on the Greystanes Emergency tower application (FWCC had asked for mobile signal coverage to be part of that tower).

- NL advised that she will lead the Comms group and will set up a meeting in the near future.
- Strachan Today - this is now back in circulation on a monthly basis. Members agreed to have their names published.

### **13) Community Matters:**

- Deer fence on Glendye Estate - access gates being installed as agreed.
- Meeting to be arranged with John Mackie of Scottish Forestry to talk through forestry planning process. Action SR

### **14) AOB**

- Further discussion regarding the invitation of potential political candidates. It was agreed that the CC should not be political but that it would be perfectly acceptable for members to attend meetings organised by the candidates themselves. Agreed that FCC would be a conduit for information but would not hold a hustings, but would invite the successful candidate to a community meeting to discuss community matters.
- With regards to the complaints panel a reply had been sent to Marr Area stating that FCC would be prepared to undergo an informal investigation on the complaint made by Mr Smith. Given that the complaint was made against an FWCC meeting and approach to planning, FCC would not accept sanction, but would follow any advice on changes required to our approach to planning matters.

**Date of next meeting 25th March 7.30pm.**