

Feughdee West Community Council

Approved Minutes

Online Meeting 30th April 2020

Present: Simon Richards (Chair), Jill Randalls (Secretary), Ross Clephan (Treasurer), Lynsey Craig, Sam Wylde, Marijke Stallaert, Ian Bertram, Cecilia Rogers, Peter Tyrrell, Katy Rumbles, John Andrew, Iain Adams, Alice Lewsey, Nicola Milne.

Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors: Cllr R Bruce, Cllr A Ross.

(No members of public present as online meeting)

1) **Apologies:** I Brockie, Jelle Andrew

2) **Approve minutes of the last meeting:** Proposed by Marijke Stallaert, Seconded by Cecilia Rogers.

3) **Police Report:** No police report received prior to the meeting.

4) **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer had sent out the monthly report by email.

Total funds as of 26/04/20 = £1098.03

Balance of unrestricted funds = £644.71

The treasurer asked for approval to reimburse SR for ZOOM subscription for online FWCC meetings.
All agreed.

5) **Councillor's Report:**

- Cllr Bruce reported that the Council held a full meeting over Skype. This will be available to view on the Aberdeenshire website. The vast majority of Council meetings are being held over Skype, thus allowing democracy to continue despite the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Cllr Bruce also reported that the Regional Hub is working well.
- Recycling centres remain closed so that staff can be redeployed to the kerbside collections which need extra staff due to social distancing requirements. Normal kerbside recycling is continuing (along with waste collection).
- Cllr Ross reported that Marr Area Committee meets next week and will be discussing the Live Life Aberdeenshire Outdoor Facilities Network plan. Outdoor sports facilities in Banchory are one aspect of the plan, which deals with local sports/leisure and library provisions. Please email any comments to Cllr Ross.
- Next Tuesday the Integrated Joint Board meets. Any health and social care questions can be emailed to Cllr Ross.

- Cllr Ross thought we could contact Janelle Clark to claim back the ZOOM subscription money from the Assisting Communities Fund.

6) **Secretary's Report:** All correspondence received had been forwarded where appropriate. Members were asked to pay attention to the following:

Police Scotland Survey - consultation until March 2021 regarding police response during Covid pandemic.

Newsletters from Marr Area and Marr Area Partnership with useful contact details and official information sites for everything pandemic related.

Natural Power are still in the process of drawing up a draft legal agreement for post dissolution.

The Fetteresso drop in session regarding the additional information supplied as part of the planning application has been cancelled until further notice.

7) **Junior Councillor Report:**

AL reported that the schools were now closed and exams cancelled for this session. Schoolwork was being done at home.

8) **Dissolution:**

JR gave a brief update on progress so far:

- JR has discussed the draft legal agreement with Natural Power and briefly outlined to them the process and potential timeframe for formation of two new community councils. Natural Power have suggested that whereas the draft legal agreement will follow similar lines to our current agreement there may be the addition of some new clauses.

LC asked if FWCC is up to date with the map boundaries, the 12 signatures, i.e. are we 'good to go' to start dissolution once the government restrictions are lifted?

JR confirmed that the boundary map had been approved in principle by Marr Area Committee and that there was little else that could be done until it was possible to hold elections.

9) **Transport roads and infrastructure:** JA said there was nothing to report, but was continuing to follow up the Glen Dye web cam recording facility.

10) **Planning:**

- APP/2020/0847 Cluachan House Inchmarlo Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 4BT

This application is an amended layout plan for a house (formerly known as Sunfield House) at Bridge of Canny, which was approved in 2016. The new layout is considerably different from the initial one although it's on the same location to the one previously approved, although a somewhat bigger footprint.

- APP/2020/0757 Invercannie Waterworks Inchmarlo Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 4AN

This application is for a new lime treatment building at the Invercannie water works, the building is 15x30m with a maximum Apex height of 12.1m but it isn't higher than other buildings on the site.

No objections were raised to either application at the meeting.

IA reported that he is continuing to follow up the planning documents that are missing from the Aberdeenshire website. Cllr Ross suggested that he contact Neil Mair, senior planning officer.

JR reported that the DPS and LDP are at present on hold because of problems fulfilling the statutory consultation requirements. JR will forward further updates.

11) Education and Youth:

MS reported that there was no news to share.

Cllr Bruce added that the additional consultation on the future of Strachan School will legally be unable to take part until after lockdown. In the meantime Strachan School remains mothballed.

12) Mid Hill Community Benefit Fund:

- PT reported that there had been no applications and that the next funding round would be September 2020.

- JR had been asked by Natural Power for the annual reports from the Community Benefit beneficiaries as these weren't available from Fred Olsen. PT reported that he had received 6 of the reports but that they had not been sent to Fred Olsen. PT will send reports to JR and she will forward to Fred Olsen. It was agreed that the procedure would be that the Treasurer would remind applicants of their obligation to provide a report on how funds spent when the cheques were sent out. The reports should be sent to FWCC Secretary to then be lodged with Fred Olsen.

13) **Climate and Environment:** CR reported that an unexpected positive side effect of Covid19 and lockdown has been an improvement in air quality due to reduced pollution taking place. The UK was powered by 30% solar energy for 18 days last month.

14) Communications:

- IB reported that no recent communication meeting has been held, but he would email sub group members with regards to organising a meeting.

- The Strachan notice board will be installed in the Play park once council staff are fully operational after lockdown ends.

- LC asked IB if he could provide a list of what items were on the noticeboard. CR agreed to do this.

15) Community Matters:

SR raised the issue of bedding plants as Aberdeenshire Council are unable to provide these this year due to Covid19.

CR reported that she was aware of bedding plants being available (initially to be supplied to the Bonnie Banchory group) from Raemoir Garden Centre surplus. These plants could not all be used due to social restrictions and were now being offered to FWCC and Crathes CC for a small donation, which will be decided on when the amount of plants available is known.

SR suggested that if the number of plants available through CR should not be sufficient, then should FWCC apply to FO for monies from the Mid Hill Community Benefit fund? This would be roughly £2000 at commercial cost for the full quantity of plants. All councillors supported an application to FO in order to buy plants to brighten up the villages over the summer. KR suggested that we approach the Hall Committees for possible funding.

16) **AOB**

JR reported that Junior members are now nearing the age of 16 where they would need to step down. She had contacted Marr Area who have advised that they may remain in post, if they should so wish, until elections can be held. Both junior members agreed to stay on for which they were thanked.

17) **Date of next meeting** - Thursday 28th May online at 7.30pm.