

Feughdee West Community Council  
Online Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
27th of August 2020

**Present:** Simon Richards (Chair), Jill Randalls (Secretary), Ross Clephan (Treasurer), Lynsey Craig, Marijke Stallaert, Ian Bertram, Cecilia Rogers, Peter Tyrrell, Katy Rumbles, Iain Adams, Sam Wylde, John Andrews, Jelle Andrews Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors: Cllr Bruce  
(No members of public present as online meeting)

1) **Apologies:** Cllr Durno

2) **Approve minutes of** the FWCC July meeting : proposed by John Andrew and seconded by Sam Wylde.

3) **Approve minutes of** the Special Meeting held 13.08.20 : proposed by Sam Wylde and seconded by Ian Bertram

4) **Police Report:**

No report this month. Report for upper Deeside was received and forwarded to all on

5) **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer had sent out the monthly report by email (date 27.8.2020).

Total funds as of 27/08/2020 £2,768.30.

Balance of unrestricted funds £1,316.45.

The accounts for the year to 31/03/20 have been finalised and signed off by independent verifier David MacFarlane.

**Simon Richards proposed that the end of year accounts be accepted and this was seconded by Sam Wylde.**

6) **Councillor's report:**

Cllr Bruce reported back that the Council's work is continuing (mainly online) despite restrictions.

Schools are open again with 90% attendance reported. Social distancing measures in place and letters are being distributed regarding the requirement to wear masks in communal areas.

**24.09 Amendment 'Schools are open again with 97% attendance reported'**

A Community Impact Assessment on the effects of Covid19 is currently online until 30th of August.

R100 - the Scottish Government initiative to reach all areas of Scotland with superfast broadband by 2023 has now been given the green light. No dates have been given on when this will be rolled out in our area.

Sam Wyld raised the issue of communication black spots in some areas of Strachan and Glen Dye. Cllr Bruce offered to forward more details as they become available.

#### **7) Secretary's Report:**

All correspondence received has been forwarded where appropriate.

Items to note

Aberdeenshire Council have commenced a light touch review of the Scheme of Establishment Phase 1 is from 21.08 until 16.08 and focuses on CC boundaries and membership numbers.

Nestrans Regional Transport Strategy 2040 -consultation open until mid December.

#### **8) Junior Councillor Report:**

Nothing to report (JA).

#### **9) Dissolution :**

The petitions requesting the formation of a new community council for each of the two areas have been submitted to Marr Area.

JR had asked Marr Area about seat representation within the new areas. It has been suggested that this should be included in the draft constitution which should be emailed to Marr for comment.

PT queried if the constitution ought not be better left to the new councils to decide. JR suggested that at the first meeting the new council could vote to adopt or amend the proposed constitution.

It was suggested by SR that we start discussing a draft constitution in our separate areas. JR said it would be useful to go back to the model constitution and compare this to the existing one.

**Action** - JR to forward copies of both the model and FWCC constitution

#### **10) Transport roads and infrastructure:**

JA explained that the police have agreed to take speeding concerns on the A93 to Aberdeenshire Council. Cllr Bruce confirmed that it is a council matter to set speed limits and offered assistance.

#### **11) Mid Hill Community Benefit Fund:**

JR confirmed that she was still waiting for reports from App 10 Strachan Bowling Club and App 34 Strachan Hall Phase 2. These reports are still required by Fred Olsen.

The Mid Hill Secretary was thanked for her input into this.

LC commented that some minor changes to the three sets of guidance and the application form still need to be completed and that these would be finalised in the next week.

#### **12) Planning:**

- **APP/2020/1595** Land To North Of Inchmarlo Cottage Banchory Aberdeenshire  
Erection of Dwellinghouse and Garage (Renewal of Planning Permission Reference  
Number APP/2017/0689) Awaiting decision  
No objections were raised.

- **APP/2020/1559** Site To The West Of Croft Foddie Strachan Banchory  
Aberdeenshire AB316NQ  
Conversion, Alteration and Extension to Existing Steading to Form Dwellinghouse  
and erection  
of 2 dwelling houses.  
No objections were raised as the application is in keeping with the local area and  
FWCC are supportive of reusing traditional local materials.

- **APP/2020/1094 Certificate of Lawfulness** - Addition and permanent residential  
occupation of 45 static caravans and permanent occupation of existing 25 static  
Castlewood Caravan Strachan, Banchory Aberdeenshire AB31 6NQ  
FWCC has received confirmation from Planning that the Certificate of Lawfulness  
has been refused. However, permanent occupation for the existing 25 static  
caravans has been granted. FWCC to ask for a meeting with the Planning  
department for clarification and explanation regarding this decision which does  
not take into account the LDP and the many concerns within the community and  
does not appear to have followed due process.

- **Glendye Wind Farm - Additional information**

LC gave a concise resume of all the additional documents published, which mainly concern peat management and ornithological counts. In summary Coriolis concede that further mitigation is required to reduce the impact on peat and some bird species. The additional information appears to not to downgrade the initial comments from SEPA/ SNH etc. Whilst some concerns have been addressed there are still some that have not.

**Action** - All comments to be mailed to the Secretary by 4th of September so responses can be collated and submitted by 14th September.

**13) Education and Youth** - Nothing to report.

**14) Climate and Environment:**

CR said there was lots going on but nothing specific to report at this meeting.

**15) Communication :**

A sub group meeting has been set for Thursday 3rd September.

CR to update boards with relevant info,

LC to become the key holder for the Strachan notice board.

**16) Community Matters:**

SR raised the suggestion of starting up a community-weeding group to address the lack of maintenance by Aberdeenshire Council during Covid 19. Cllr Bruce confirmed that maintenance by the community would be welcome (but not spraying with weed killers).

**Action** – SR to take forward

Ian Brokie to look at maintenance of community bench in Strachan Play Park.

LR raised the issue of a large deer fence being erected by Glen Dye estate behind her property and a neighboring property which will cause various access issues for local residents. SR offered to be part of the discussion group with LC and Glen Dye in order to find an acceptable solution for both the community and the local estate owner.

JR suggested that it would be useful to have more info on the deer fencing planning process.

**Action** - LC and SR to take further with Glen Dye estate and forestry groups.

Tourism - IB asked FWCC to consider in which way we can provide facilities/ provisions to attract visitors to our area. SR commended this proposal to be investigated at future meetings.

**Action** : Visit Aberdeenshire to be invited to come and talk at a future meeting and provide information re facilities needed.

**17) AOB:** nothing raised.

**18) Date of next meeting** - Thursday 24th of September 2020 – online.

Meeting finished at 20.48hrs