

# FEUGHDEE WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held in Inchmarlo Hall On Thursday 30th March 2017 at 8.00pm

### **Present:**

#### **Community Councillors:**

Mr.W.Smith jnr., Mr.I.Brockie, Mr.I.Morrison, Mr. A.Neish, Mrs J.Randalls,  
Mr. M.Smith

#### **Banchory and Mid Deeside Councillors:**

None present

#### **Co-opted members:**

Mr. I. Adams, Mr. R.Sheridan, Mr. W.Smith snr., Mr. P.Tyrell

#### **Minutes:**

Mrs. I.Addison

**Members of Public:** 14 members of the public were present.

#### **1. Apologies and Absences**

Cllr.J.Webster

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

**Minutes Proposed by :** Mr. I. Adams

**Seconded by :** Mr. W. Smith Snr.

#### **3. Treasurer's report:**

Opening Balance		£ 1404. 98
Chq 272 Inchmarlo Hall	27.25	
DD to BT Web-cam	62.04	89.29
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>£ 1315.69</b>

#### **It was agreed that an addendum to the January Minutes was required:**

"The questions over accounting was subsequently clarified and it was confirmed that there was no discrepancy. An apology was issued and accepted and it was agreed to issue an addendum to the January Minutes" (signed off by Mr. M.Smith)

#### **4. Police Matters**

No Police were in attendance and nothing reported by email.

## 5. Glendye Wind Farm

There was a discussion regarding the proposed Glendye Wind Farm with some members of the local community expressing a need for more clarity on the planning process for wind farms.

It was noted that Planning Manager Mairi Stewart has offered to set up an informative training session for a designated amount of local Community Councillors and this will be followed through.

It was reported that the FWCC Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer were invited to attend a Community Liason Group meeting in March to negotiate allocation of funding. There was some information and discussion regarding the distribution of funding and investment options available. FWCC has been allocated 75% of the funding equal to £391,000p.a.

There will also be a CARES Conference 26th/27th April in Stirling where delegates can hear from groups who have learned from experience as well as professionals in the sector. The programme will be looking at Scotland's energy strategy, finance, technical issues and a range of other subjects.

It was suggested that it may be advantageous to form a GDWF sub-committee to deal specifically with Coriolis. It was agreed to give this consideration.

## 6. FWCC Community Benefit Applications

**Strachan Bowling Club** has applied for the sum of £500. More information as to purpose has been requested.

**Cairn O'Mount Snow Gate** There has been an application for £851.04 for annual operational costs. (12 x £70.92) Approved

**Strachan Youth Club** has applied for £1000 towards running costs. Approved.

**Strachan Village Hall** There is an application for £44,000 for the first two phases of development i.e. Roof and toilets.

Some major concerns were raised by members of the community previously involved in repairs, regarding the foundations of the hall. A favourable structural engineer's report would be conditional to approval.

**Banchory Sports Village** has made an application for £10,000. It was stressed that although FWCC Councillors would have liked to have contributed to this project, it was advised that applications outwith the designated area are not considered for funding through MHWF.

However, the application has been referred back to the applicant meantime to determine if other Community Councils have been approached for funding and what the response has been. If other Community Councils have in fact contributed, then the application may be reconsidered on that basis. (Par.8 of the guidelines refers to joint funding of a project from more than one area, but refers only to the four areas covered by Mid-Hill Windfarm)

## 7. Planning Issues

**Plot 1 Site to North of 2 Cults Cottage, Strachan**

Erection of a dwellinghouse.

**Plot 2 Site to the East of 2 Cults Cottage, Strachan**

Erection of a dwellinghouse.

**Eslie Farm, Mill of Eslie, Banchory**

Erection of Agricultural Building

**Site adjacent to 1-8 Pinecrest, Inchmarlo**

Erection of 4 dwellinghouses (change of house type)

**Land at Harehill Forest, Banchory**

Construction of private way (forest operations)

**Inchmarlo House Nursing Home**

Removal of Oak Tree

Fell Sycamore Tree

**Land at Castlewood Leisure, Strachan**

Change of use from agricultural to static caravan site (25 stances)

Due to conflict of interests, applicant and related parties removed from the room whilst this was discussed. Opportunity was later given in order to answer any resultant queries.

Approval by FWCC was subject to vacational use only and being open only for ten months of the year.

**Pinewood Cottage, Balwearie, Raemoir**

Demolition of dwellinghouse

**Keeper's Cottage, Cairnton, Inchmarlo**

Erection of dwellinghouse including change of use of land to domestic garden ground. (part retrospective)

**Smiddy Park, Inchmarlo**

Alterations to dwellinghouse

There have been no comments or objections to date on these applications.

**8. Transport, Roads and Infrastructure**

No progress to report. Still following through on danger posed by trees at Castlehill and previous issues previously minuted.

**Pavement at West End of Strachan**

Still no progress despite concerns raised in relation to danger posed by lack of a footpath. Some consideration had been given to contribution through MHWF at last month's meeting but it was pointed out that funding is not available for projects that are primarily the financial responsibility of another party.

## **9. Education and Youth**

Nothing to report.

## **10. Community Issues**

Some concerns were raised that proposals for upgrading the Strachan Play Park appear to have fallen by the wayside. It was agreed to have this issue as part of next month's agenda.

It was noted that £30,000 will be made available through Aberdeenshire Council.

## **11. Any Other Business**

There was a short discussion again regarding the inadequacies of both mobile phone reception and broadband in the area.

It was brought to the attention of FWCC that NETCO (North East Trails Centre Organisation) had been exploring the possibility of a Bike Trail Centre at a location West of Scolty. This would put Aberdeenshire on the national map for a fast growing sport and would certainly boost tourism in the area.

However, this has been hindered due to Forestry Commission restrictions. Forestry Commission will be contacted for further information and clarification.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.54p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th April, 2017 at 7.30p.m.

**Strachan Hall**