

Annual General Meeting Notes

Monday 01st October 2018 in

Rafford Church Hall

FCC members present

Chair - Brian Higgs (BH)

Vice Chair – Chris Piper (CJP)

Treasurer - Anna Gatward (AG)

Nikki Howard (NH), Carlo Miele (CM), Tony Pinner (TP), Bob Loughton (BL)

Also present:

Anne Garrow (AG), Peter Mitchell (PM), John Pullen (JP)

Apologies:

Howard Davenport (HD) Secretary)

1. Introduction

BH welcome all to the FCC AGM.

2. Minutes from Inaugural Meeting of 30th October 2017

Minutes approved.

3. Annual Reports

Chairmans Report – Brian Higgs

The past twelve months have shown the importance of having a group of community minded people who are willing to devote some of their time, voluntarily, to a community council. As the only community based statutory consultee, the community council provides an essential conduit for the dissemination of information about important planning issues and a channel of communication for the opinions of residents. I am not suggesting the community council is the only public consultation route or the most important route; far from it. We have seen, however, examples throughout the year where feedback has been received that without the efforts of the community council some people would have been ignorant of things proposed for the area.

Excellent examples of this have been the highly successful drop in sessions the FCC organised for the Moray Local Development Plan 2020, the Core paths consultation and the A96 dualling proposals. We know from feedback that community members were appreciative of these events, and we are only human so we were pleased to receive those messages of thanks, but more importantly for the FCC members is that we helped to inform people.

As will be outlined by Howard in the Secretary's report there have been a number of issues that have been raised with the community council over the year. Whilst I cannot say that all have been

resolved to the absolute satisfaction of the person raising the issue, we don't have that degree of power and influence unfortunately, but I would like to thank the members of the FCC who have picked up and dealt with those issues diligently and professionally.

When we first re-constituted the FCC 3-years ago we said that we did not want to simply be an "issue" based community council. We stated an ambition that we would also be proactive in our energies to find positive things to do in the community. In the past twelve months there are two things that stand out for me in terms of positive contribution and with which I am proud to have been associated. These are the facilitation of the establishment of the Finderne Development Trust and the work on the Loch of Blairs project. I offer my sincerest thanks to everyone that has been involved in both of these. By the very nature of these projects they will continue to provide community benefit long after the current FCC members have moved on – but neither would have been started or progressed had it not been for this FCC.

And on the subject of moving on. I am standing down this evening as Chairperson of the FCC and would just like to thank the other community council members and the residents of Finderne for their help over my time in office. I will continue to support the FCC in its work and I offer my very best wishes to the incoming Chairperson.

Secretary's Report – Howard Davenport

This report focusses on the administrative activities over the last year.

FCC Constitution

The FCC constitution for the new Community Council was signed off by FCC members at the October 2017 AGM, and subsequently signed by the Returning Officer.

Administrative Documents on FCC Website

The FCC website has been updated regularly with the following documents:

- Notices of FCC meetings
- Minutes of FCC meetings
- Community Safety Reports, issued by Grampian Police Department

Community Contact List

A community contact list was established in February 2108, and has we now have over has over 100 community contacts.

Regular email communications have been sent out to inform the community about ongoing FCC activities and meetings.

General Data Protection Requirements

The FCC Secretary attended GDPR training in February 2018. Following on from this, training was roled out to all members of the FCC.

As a result of the GDPR training, an FCC Privacy Policy was established, which has been published on the FCC website.

All the contacts on the FCC contacts list have explicitly agreed for their email contacts to be kept on file, and communications emails contain a footer, explaining how to contact the FCC to have their contact details checked or removed.

Consultation Responses

During the last year the FCC has made responses to the following consultations and requests for comments:

- Moray Local Development Plan 2020
- Moray Council Core Paths consultation
- A96 Dualling Update August 2018

Planning Applications

The FCC has reviewed all Planning Applications made for the Finnerne Area, and has registered objections to the following:

- Housing develop in woodlands north of Cathay House

Enquiries from the community

The FCC has received, and responded to, a number of enquiries from the community. These include the following topics:

- Hill of Glaschyle Wind Farm aviation lighting
- Pig farms in Rafford
- Cathay Area Planning Applications
- Moray Local Development Plan
- Core Paths
- Standing water on the B9010 in Upper Rafford
- Rafford Village Café
- A96 Dualling

Treasurers Report – Anna Gatward

AG circulated details of the FCC accounts and indicated that, current Bank balance was £5463.03, of this £4,500 was restricted to Loch of Blairs development (£4k from Money for Moray, £500 donation) leaving £963.03 unrestricted (Moray Council admin grant balance). FCC agreed to continue to receive operating/admin fund from Moray Council. Accounts will be ratified by end of Oct 2018, copied to Jane Martin (Community Liaison Officer) and placed on FCC web site.

4. Election of Office Bearers

BH indicated he would be stepping down from the Chair and thanked all members for their support during his tenure. He would remain on the FCC as a member.

CJP also indicated he would step down from vice chair but remain as member.

Chair Nikki Howard (proposed by BH, seconded by CM)

Secretary Howard Davenport (proposed BH, seconded CJP)

Treasurer Anna Gatward (proposed CJP, seconded (CM)

John Pullen indicated he would like to join the FCC and BH indicated he would forward the necessary forms to complete.

Vice-chair currently left vacant.

Nikki Howard thank all for their support and assumed chair for remainder of meeting.

5. AOCB

None.

6. Date of Next AGM

October 2019, date and venue to be confirmed.