

Meeting Notes

Meeting of Monday 7th October 2019 in

Edinkillie Hall

FCC members present

Chair – Nikki Howard (BH)

Treasurer - Anna Gatward (AG)

Howard Davenport (HD), Tony Pinner (TP), Hilary Rolton (HR)), John Pullen (JP)

Also present:

Andy Munro (AM)

1. Apologies:

Bob Laughton (BL), Brian Higgs (BH), Anne Garrow (AG), Pery Zakeri, Lorna Creswell, Howard Stoller

2. Notes from previous meeting

Approved.

3. Police update

No report.

4. Matters Arising

- i. Forest Fires – NH had not heard back from Richard Lochhead and Douglas Ross following her request for an update and how they were taking the matter forward. **NH agreed to email again.**
- ii. Parking on Castle Street, Forres – it was reported that the police have agreed to put double yellow lines in the area

5. Current Standing Items

- a. A96 dualling proposals

It was agreed that we would continue the watching brief.

- b. Finderne Development Trust (FDT)

The FDT AGM had been held, and some details of priority projects were identified. The community would be consulted on these as they developed.

c. Speeding in Rafford / Village signs

BH confirmed that he had emailed Kevin Price again on the subject of erecting village signs, and with a request for any speeding data that had been collected, but he had an auto-response saying he was on sick leave. **BH will chase Mr Price again.**

d. Loch of Blairs Development

BH reported that FoBL have got an extension to the lease duration from 10 to 20 years which facilitated a grant from the Scottish Landfill Community Fund for £30k. This is a contribution to the stage 2 part of the project which is the extension and development on the Stable into a classroom with toilet facilities. Work on stage 1 (the boat house and bothy) is due to start in the next week or so.

e. Clashgour Wind Farm

HD and JP reported on CLG held on 18th September. A Supplementary Information (SI) pack was to be issued, which modified the roads and Peat Management Plan, Habitat Management Plan, roads layout and included an increase in maximum turbine height to 180m. There would be a further opportunity for consultees to make representations on this SI.

NH and HD have signed the MoU. The JCC are organising a meeting of the Energising Communities group primarily to discuss the Clash Gour shared ownership scheme. **HD to attend.**

f. Core Paths Consultation

No update received from Moray Council.

g. Berryburn Extension

NH reported that the design is still being reviewed and that the next CLG would be held in November. **Action FCC to nominate attendee.**

h. Moray Local Development Plan

Moray Councils proposed response to representations on the Local Development Plan are being reviewed. Completion is expected in December.

i. Community Broadband

NH reported that WIFI Scotland is trying to contact the landowner of a proposed site for a mast in Rafford. The FCC is willing to help all potential providers bring a better Wi-Fi connection to the community and it was noted that there may be potential for Logie net to expand in the Rafford direction.

6. New Business

a. **FCC publicity**

NH confirmed that she had distributed posters for both Rafford and Edinkillie Hall notice boards of future meetings.

b. **Participatory Budgeting:** it was reported that 1% of Moray Council budget would be subject to PB. The next Council Budget was to be released for consultation on 16th October.

7. Planning Report

Nothing of significance reported by TP.

8. Secretary's Report (HD)

Nothing additional to report

9. Treasurers Report

AG circulated details of the FCC accounts and the AGM, and indicated that, current Bank balance was £1,482.67, of this £592 was restricted to Loch of Blairs development leaving £890.67 unrestricted (Moray Council admin grant balance). The Moray Council have suspended the Community Councils administration grants for a period of 12 months.

10. AOCB

HD suggested the FCC could purchase a subscription to Forres Gazette, so all are better informed of local issues. **HD to investigate how this could be done.**

Next meeting

18^h November at Rafford Church Hall