

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022, 19:00hrs - Edinkillie Village Hall

FCC members present:

Stewart McCracken (SMcC), Anna Gatward (AG), Shirley Munn (SM), Tony Pinner (TP)

Also present:

Andy Munro (AM), Karen Astill (KA), Mike Crutch (MC), Jude Pinner (JP – minute taker)

Apologies

Kathleen Robertson (Moray Council (TMC)) (KR), Howard Davenport (HD), Tom Hardie (TH), Dræyk van der Hørn (DvdH)

1) Minutes

Agreed

2) Matters Arising

a) Edinkillie Cemetery

No update from the council on plans.

b) Passing places on Rafford – Dallas Dhu road

Improvements scheduled to improve signs and passing places.

c) Pigfarm on Damhead Road

KR has emailed TMC roads and the response has been circulated to FCC members. Road has been re-surfaced and cleaned and MC do not see any issues. Advice was given on the regulations for moving livestock on public roads. Pigs have now been moved and the road state and movement of pigs on the public roads will be monitored when they return to the Damhead Road site in future years.

d) Forres Academy

The proposal for Forres is now awaiting funding and is under discussion.

e) CC Policy Templates

HD circulated the Social Media Policy draft and some CC Handbook documents. The social media policy was straightforward and noted that two FCC members should approve any inclusions to a site and an appointed person or persons be responsible for updating/adding posts and pages. SMcC emphasised that any communication with the public or organisations should be approved in the same way and made via the Finderne CC email address.

f) Near miss at Half Davoch Junction

No current action.

g) Wildflower and Daffodil Planting (HD)

It was not possible to do the planting to date, HD suggested leaving the wild flower seed planting until better weather in the spring. Daffodil planting will be completed when the weather permits and there are sufficient volunteers available. **(Action HD)**

N.B. Items 2b), 2c),2d),2e) to be removed from matters arising

3) Curreant Standing Items

a) Traffic at Rafford

Contracts have been signed and returned by all the landowners on the line of the new footpath in Upper Rafford. Removal of trees and new fencing scheduled for mid-January. Pavement space will be left and the new path will be laid later, date not yet known. Next phase may be a path in Lower Rafford on the line of the existing path between the road and the church to join up with the existing path. Speeding signs have been ordered and contractors approached to erect them on poles, price is cheaper than TMC quote. The village entrance sign project is in hand and with TMC.

b) Broadband

SMcC reported on the email from TH to FCC outlining the changes in the R100 rollout and the inaccuracy of the information available to the public on the Digital Scotland links. It was agreed that FCC would work with FDT and meet with David Nisbett, R100 Stakeholder Director, to try to move improvements forward. FCC to write to Richard Lochhead to support FDT. **(Action SMcC, HD)**

c) Brochloch Development

SMcC reported on the meeting set up between FCC and FDT following the public concern at the last FCC meeting. The questions posed by the public regarding FDT mandate for the project, funding, etc. were discussed at the meeting and the minutes of the meeting have been posted on the FDT website <https://findernedevelopmenttrust.com/tag/project-brockloch/>. The questions raised were answered by FDT and it was agreed that there would be an enhanced level of communication between FCC and FDT. A link would be put on the FCC website to the responses from the questions raised at the drop-in event at Rafford on 19th November <https://findernedevelopmenttrust.com/tag/project-brockloch/>**(Action HD)**

d) Windfarm Developments

There were no updates on windfarms. MC raised concerns about the fire risk possible from the planned Ourack windfarm because of its alignment with neighbouring installations along the line of the prevailing wind. SMcC explained that the policy now was not to comment on new windfarms following the support for them in the recent Finderne survey. MC was asked to outline his concerns to FCC in writing for FCC to forward to ScotGov's ECU. (This has been received and circulated to FCC since the meeting) **(Action SMcC)**

e) JCC Meeting Feedback

SM unable to attend meeting but would circulate minute to FCC.

f) Resilience Planning

SM,SMcC and TP attended the event in Elgin Town Hall. SMcC reported on the contact he made with SSE. He confirmed that there some flexibility on how the grant was spent and was advised that a better alternative to the generators proposed for Rafford and Edinkillie may be solar panels and batteries.

g) Forres Health Services

TH has been co-opted on to FCC to take this forward. Nothing to report to date.

(Action TH)

4) Pending Items

a) A96 Dualling

Nothing to report. Remove from standing items.

b) Wildfires

Nothing to report. Action being taken in 4d).

5) Planning Report

One application of relevance in the area. A proposal for a second plot on the site opposite Tulloch Lodges. A comment has been emailed to MC planning pointing out that it is not in an approved cluster and had been refused position in 2012.

6) Secretaries Report

Co-option form for Tom Hardie has been issued to Debra Duke CCLO, awaiting ratification.

Email Correspondence received, not included in main agenda items:

- Survey on Westminster Parliament Boundary changes
NFA
- CSP newsletter for October and November received from Police.
Will be placed on FCC website.
- TMC councillor Kathleen Robertson passed on correspondence from TMC Roads department regarding A940 Junction at Unclassified Road at Edinkillie Kirk, Dunphail. They committed to communicating with FCC once design of the junction was finalized.
Secretary is requested to send a copy of the email to AM
- TMC councillor Kathleen Robertson passed on correspondence from TMC Roads department regarding improvements to the Damhead Road and mud on the road.
- Email including information on CAB Winter Energy Support initiative. This was included in FCC newsletter.
- Survey on Grampian Maternity Services for community council input.
To be discussed at the next meeting if the closing date allows. If not FCC will complete by email/telephone discussion.
- Email from Richard Lochhead, on R100 Broadband situation, adding nothing new, but also suggesting meeting with Duncan Nisbet, R100 Stakeholder Director.
See item 4b)
- Link to Local Police Plan 2023 – 2026 inviting feedback. This has been posted on FCC newsletter.

- Moray Transport Forum minutes contain an invitation for CC's to attend next meeting at 1900hrs 31Jan23.
- Moray Local Outdoor Access Forum looking for new members.
Request to be posted on FCC newsletter.

7) Treasurers Report

AG confirmed a full report has been emailed to all FCC members as an Excel file. A summary was presented:

Bank balance as @ 9Dec22 £20,561.48, comprising £20,000 SSEN Resilient Communities Fund, and £561.48 Moray Council Admin Grant balance.

8) AOCB

AM reported that no salt/grit had been deposited for the U88 viaduct road. HD requested to talk to TMC dept. responsible for road gritting to arrange a delivery. SM suggested making an online request on TMC website

9) Date & Venue of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on 23rd January 2023 at Rafford Church Hall