



MEETING NOTES

Meeting of Monday 3rd April 2017 in the Rafford Village Hall

FCC members present:

Brian Higgs (BH) - Chair

Chris Piper (CP) - Vice Chair

Mike Crutch (MC) - Secretary

Carlo Miele (CM) - Member

Tony Pinner (AP) - Associate Member

Also present: Cllr George Alexander, Cllr Lorna Creswell, Anne Garrow, Peter Mitchell

Apologies Anna Gatward, Bob Laughton

1. Welcome

BH welcomed all those present.

2. Police update

Nothing to report - once again a reminder that Community Safety Reports for Moray were now posted online at: <https://findernecc.wordpress.com/community-safety-reports/>

CP/CM commented that police speed enforcement have been in evidence recently in the Rafford area. No update had been received from TMC regarding the installation of 'flashing 30' speed signs (termed Vehicle Activated Signs -VAS). **ACTION FCC (BH/CM)** *Secretary's Note A response from TMC has now been received and, although possible deployment of temporary VAS was an option they are not supportive of a permanent installation. FCC (CM as lead) will continue the discussion*

3. Notes and actions of previous meeting

The notes were accepted.

a. A96 dualling route assessment input

No updated information. BH reported that FCC had supplied a position paper to Joint Community Councils of Moray, and this will be published on the FCC website.

ITEM CARRIED FORWARD

b. Hill of Glaschyle windfarm community fund scoping

CP had presented a paper on a community trust-based endeavour and have had an in principle agreement to the content from Muirden Energy/Logie Estate. Further examination of the community trust basis is now required, including engaging with the Forres Area Community Trust (FACT), the catchment for such is based on the Forres Academy catchment area.

BH suggested a dedicated meeting be set-up to establish ideas and inputs from all those that could be involved, including Finderne constituents that have thus far come forward with ideas that such an organisation could champion. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

5. New Matters Arising

a. Hill of Glaschyle wind farm aviation lighting

MC apprised the meeting, following a number of verbal complaints from constituents, regarding the red aviation anti-collision lighting applied to each of the twelve turbines. Normal planning conditions only require lighting for turbine structures above 133 metres at hub height (Glaschyle is 99m), therefore after approaching Muirden Energy, Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd, Defence Infrastructure Organisation and The Moray Council planning department a question exists as to whether a planning condition has been incorrectly applied or interpreted. An outcome is awaited, and the FCC agreed and supports a resolution to see application of infrared lighting to meet any military aviation requirement as the civil aviation requirement has been confirmed by HIAL as non-existent. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

b. Clash Gour wind farm proposal

The meeting discussed the recent public consultations for the project. Concerns raised this evening included forestry re-planting to offset the loss of such based on the proposals, as well as sight screening aspects on portions of the Dava Way.

BH has placed links on the FCC website for the information boards as presented; see: <https://findernecc.wordpress.com/clash-gour-wind-farm-development/>

Over the next couple of months, FCC will be formulating its own efforts and thoughts

of those that could be directly affected. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

c. FCC website upgrade

BH reported that with the addition of the Clash Gour wind farm briefing materials, plus aspects such as the A96 dualling also likely to generate a great deal of documentation that can be distilled and placed on the FCC website, the current free hosting of such is in need of upgrading to ensure adequate data capacity. The meeting agreed on the move, to cost around £85 per annum at present. **ACTION: FCC(BH)**

6. Upcoming events

- Coffee, Cake & Crafting at Rafford Village Hall, 10am to 3pm on Saturday 8 April (for Marie Curie Cancer Care)

- Edinkillie Community Hall AGM, Wednesday 26 April at 7pm

7. AOB

Anne Garrow encouraged all to read, contribute to and pass on the Rafford Review, the latest edition having been published.

Pete Mitchell stated that the Dava Way Association were in the process of restoring a section of the Dunphail railway station restoration.

CLlr Creswell reported that a new link worker position had been created at Forres Health Centre to provide overview of services being provided in the community by the various medical practices. Another post, provided under FACT funding, will work on improving facilities and services for lonely persons.

BH reported that he had passed on the thanks of the FCC to CLlr Anne Skene after her announcement that she will not be standing for re-election in May's council elections.

8. Date, time & venue of next meeting

Monday 15 May 2017, 1900hrs in the Edinkillie Community Hall.

Prepared by Mike Crutch, Secretary FCC