



## **MEETING NOTES**

Meeting of Monday 15th May 2017 in the Edinkillie Community Hall

### **FCC members present:**

Brian Higgs (BH) - Chair

Chris Piper (CP) - Vice Chair

Mike Crutch (MC) - Secretary

Carlo Miele (CM) - Member

Nikki Howard (NH) - Associate Member

*Also present:* John Cudworth, Stephen Fraser, Anne Garrow, Andy Munro, Davey Munro, Hilary Rolton, Bill Sadler (Grantown-on-Spey CC), Derrick Stansfield

**Apologies:** Anna Gatward, Bob Laughton, Tony Pinner

### **1. Welcome**

BH welcomed all those present.

### **2. Police update**

No Forres officers were available, though MC noted a recent attempted break-in to a house in the process of being built on the Altyre estate with damaged caused and some external items taken.

Community Safety Reports for Moray are now posted online at:  
<https://findernecc.wordpress.com/community-safety-reports/>

### **3. Notes and actions of previous meeting**

The notes were accepted.

*a. A96 dualling route assessment input*

No updated information, hopefully more around the July/August timescale as previously indicated by Transport Scotland. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

*b. Hill of Glaschyle windfarm community fund scoping*

No update, though CP reported that support in principle from the developers has been forthcoming for the outline proposals for community fund framework. FCC will shortly conduct an internal brainstorming session to generate detailed proposals after which a community engagement meeting will be arranged to get feedback and input from Finderne constituents.

John Cudworth asked if monies from elsewhere, e.g. the Berry Burn Wind Farm Community Fund, also be drawn into the community trust idea rather than just relying upon Glaschyle funds. Derrick Stansfield highlighted a possible issue if communities outwith the defined area for any Glaschyle community fund are currently expecting benefit on the back of previous public discussions, etc. CP took on both points and re-iterated the need for constituents' valued input to the work.

**ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

*c. Electronic speeding signs in Rafford*

CM reported that temporary signs were in place last week with positive effects noted by many; CM therefore challenged TMC's Roads Department on their removal at the end of the same week, without indication or consultation, and received a reply which cited such signs as only "...effective for 7-10 days before drivers ignored them". Further challenge was made on their extended deployment in Kinloss. Given the strength of feeling the Chairperson was actioned to write to TMC asking for the redeployment of one of the "permanent" installations to Upper Rafford.

FCC will look into self-funding such signs, although this is very much seen as a last resort; Derrick Stansfield highlighted that this should not have to be the case where TMC has let the community down. CM agreed but safety has to be the over-riding aspect here. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

*d. Hill of Glaschyle wind farm aviation lighting*

MC reported that correspondence continues with wind farm operators Muirден Energy, who themselves have been in discussions with the MOD who will apparently accept a reduction in the number of turbines currently displaying visible red lights from all twelve to just five.

After discussion, it was agreed that the FCC should continue to push for a move to all-infrared lighting to remove the current night time visual impact on the local area.

**ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

e. *Clash Gour wind farm proposal*

CP, along with MC, provided detail of the FCC's response to Environmental Impact Assessment scoping opinion for Scottish Ministers initiated by Force 9 as part of the approval process for the wind farm. A copy of the FCC submission will be placed on our website under <https://findernecc.wordpress.com/clash-gour-wind-farm-development/>, as well as SNH/SEPA be sent a copy in order to see the level of detail in their respective areas that we commented upon. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

f. *FCC website upgrade*

The increased storage, to enable the growing number of documents to be stored online, has been purchased. **ITEM CLOSED**

## **5. New Matters Arising**

None.

## **6. Upcoming events**

Rotary Club, Forres art exhibition 28 May 1830-2100hrs at the Moray Art Centre.  
See <https://art.forresrotary.co.uk>

The Moray Walking Festival 2017 takes place at the end of June - more details online and in leaflets available in various outlets.

## **7. AOB**

None.

## **8. Date, time & venue of next meeting**

Monday 26 June 2017, 1900hrs in the Rafford Village Hall.

Prepared by Mike Crutch, Secretary FCC