



## **MEETING NOTES**

AGM and Meeting of Tuesday 19th September 2017

in the Rafford Church Hall

### **FCC members present:**

Brian Higgs (BH) - Chair

Chris Piper (CP) - Vice Chair

Mike Crutch (MC) - Secretary

Anna Gatward (AG) - Treasurer

Carlo Miele (CM) - Member

Nikki Howard (NH) - Associate Member

Tony Pinner (AP) - Associate Member

Bob Laughton (RL) - Co-opted Member

***Also present:*** John Cudworth, Anne Garrow

***Apologies:*** Cllr Lorna Creswell

### **1. Welcome**

BH welcomed all those present.

### **2. Police update**

Nothing to report.

As always, 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*

BH stated that following the submission of the FCC's position paper, it was noted that the effects on Burgie need to be recognised and included, in particular the land used for the Burgie Horse Trials; an addendum will be generated. **ACTION BH**

John Cudworth commented on the initial western portion of the red route and that it could lead to an imbalanced view versus the purple route through Dyke & Landward CC area.

*b. Hill of Glaschyle/Logie windfarm community fund scoping*

CP updated the meeting that a draft Memorandum of Agreement between FCC and Muirden Energy/Logie Estate had been circulated intra-FCC for comment by members. The document describes a proposed method for distribution of funds and the framework of a community development trust. Beyond that, work will be conducted to outline a five-year plan for the trust organisation to base activities upon.

BH added that an advance, or similar, of funds will be sought in order to provide for any legal costs involved in the establishment of the entity. NH and John Cudworth both commented that such legal costs may be footed by the energy company itself or be available via grant funding.

Once the draft MoA document is complete and Muirden/Logie sign off on it, a plenary meeting involving the various local parties and experts will be convened. It is hoped that representatives from the Strathdearn Community Developments company (highlighted previously by residents John Cudworth and Roy Dennis as a good, working model of such an organisation) will be able to attend also in order to help inform the discussion. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

*c. Electronic speeding signs in Rafford*

CP apprised the meeting that an application submitted to Berry Burn Wind Farm Community Fund for two solar-powered vehicle-activated 'Your Speed' signs; a decision should be forthcoming after their funding meeting next month.

BH said that the signs are self-contained and therefore have potential to be portable should issues arise elsewhere in the Findernie catchment and which cannot be addressed by The Moray Council.

BH also requested AG earmark £300 for expenditure for furniture (metal poles, etc.) to supplement to requested funding for the signs themselves. **ACTION AG/ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

d. *Hill of Glaschyle/Logie windfarm aviation lighting*

BH reported that Muirden Energy had given unofficial word that the current red/visible lighting will be swapped out for infra-red in the next 6-8 weeks. BH thanked MC for highlighting and championing the issue from the start, and also recognised that Alec Laing had pushed from his management angle of the wind farm to resolve the issue for the betterment of all those affected. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

e. *Loch of Blairs development*

BH updated the meeting that it was still hoped to develop a community fishery at the loch, in conjunction with Alter Estate, with further plans for educational elements at the site for local schools. **ITEM CARRIED FORWARD**

## **5. Upcoming events**

Autumn Teas, Edinkillie Community Hall on Sunday 1 October 2-4pm

## **6. Treasurer's Report for 2017/18**

AG submitted the accounts for the FCC period ending 30/9/17. Attached at Appendix A.

BH suggested that a donation to the Rafford Church be made to reflect the otherwise *gratis* usage of the church hall. **ACTION AG**

*Secretary's note: post-meeting, BH/AG/MC agreed upon a donation of £50 would be appropriate*

## **7. Secretary's Report for 2017/18**

MC gave an overview of the highlights of the period since FCC formed in March 2016. As an aside, Anne Garrow was thanked for her support during the period and her attendance and input at the meetings was invaluable.

## **9. Chairman's Summary 2017/18**

BH expressed his thanks to all of the committee members but wanted to record particular note of the efforts of the Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair.

He thanked the residents for their support over the first 18 months of the

community council and noted that the issues handled during the timeframe have started to firmly place the community council as a recognisable and worthy body within the community.

#### **10. AOB**

RL stated that more funding for invasive plant control has been secured for the next four years, important for protecting the ecosystem along the River Findhorn.

CP announced that 23 October is the expected decision date for defibrillator to be installed at Rafford Village Hall. Anne Garrow stated that £300 was raised towards it.

**Date, time & venue of next meeting will be advised upon appointment of the next Finderne Community Council**

Prepared by Mike Crutch, Secretary FCC