

Meeting Notes

Meeting of Monday 15th January 2018 in

Rafford Church Hall

FCC members present

Brian Higgs (BH) – Chair; Chris Piper (CP) – Vice Chair

Nikki Howard (NK), Howard Davenport (HD) Carlo Miele (CM), Bob Laughton (BL), Anna Gatward (AG)

Also present:

Councillor Claire Feaver, Anne Garrow, Debbie Herron (FACT), Sandra MacLennan (FACT)

1. Apologies from:

Tony Pinner (TP)

2. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT) Presentation

BH welcomed Debbie Herron and Sandra MacLennan from FACT. Debbie then proceeded to give an informative presentation on the history, development and key projects currently supported by the Forres Area Community Trust. Debbie distributed FACT information leaflets and a survey form on the Forres Town Hall Renovation Project. After questions BH thanked Debbie and Sandra who then left the meeting.

3. Notes and actions from previous meeting

Notes were accepted.

4. Police update

No Police representative present – speeding in Rafford update below.

5. Actions arising not covered by standing items

None.

6. Current Standing Items

a. A96 dualling proposal

No further developments to report. BH will write to Transport Scotland seeking further information in due course.

b. Logie Wind Farm aviation lighting.

A message was received from the MOD stating that they would be happy with IR lighting devices on top of wind farm turbines shortly after the FCC meeting in

December 2017. Developers agreed to replace the existing red lights with IR devices and to date the red warning lights have been retained on the perimeter turbines and switched off on the others. Replacement IR devices are on order and the developer will replace the red lights with the new IR lights at the earliest opportunity.

c. Logie Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between FCC and the developers has been completed and signed by all parties. This will allow the formation of FINDERNE Development Trust. Press release was prepared and issued to local papers during December 2017.

Next steps are to establish the type of entity the Trust will be, the governance required, seek further community engagement and establish strategic plan for funding.

Action: FCC to meet to discuss FINDERNE Development Trust further.

d. Vehicle speeding in Rafford

Following the last FCC meeting PC Sean Wood had initiated some monitoring of traffic speeds within Rafford. Some motorists were stopped and cautioned but it was not clear if any charges had been brought. An update would be sought from PC Wood.

Use of other calming measures such as installation of white picket fences, speed bumps was also discussed. Cllr Claire Feaver indicated that other communities were also experiencing speeding problems and encouraged some communication with them to perhaps consider a joint bid for control equipment. Meantime the committee agreed to pursue mobile speed warning signs and agreed to re-apply to the Berry Burn Windfarm Community Fund. **Action: CP to re-submit bid.**

TP had indicated at the last meeting that he would pursue the Karro Pig Farm Company for funding but no update was available. **(Item to be carried forward)**

e. Blairs Loch Fishery

BH reported that a further volunteer day had been completed in bitterly cold weather during December and clearance of Rhododendrons had progressed. Although good progress has been made further clearance may require contractors.

A staff member from Sinclair Taylor had also had look at the boathouse and will report back shortly on requirements and costs to make it wind and water-tight. BH indicated that further discussions with Sir Alastair Gordon Cumming regarding a lease for the property is required for a minimum of 5 years to assist with funding applications. Discussions with Glasgow School of Art regarding a potential design

project for an architecture student to develop the boathouse into a field centre could also be useful. **Action: BH to discuss lease with Sir AGC/contact Glasgow School of Art**

Funding for the project was discussed with a bid to Heritage Lottery Fund identified as a good potential source for longer term development. Leader Funding was also suggested and a further attempt to "Money for Moray" also suggested. BH thanked HD for previous bid to Money for Moray and after some debate all agreed a second attempt could be worthwhile. **Action: HD/BH to revise presentation and all FCC to attend and support bid at the next Money for Moray meeting.**

f. Clashgour Wind Farm

No further information to report.

7. New Business

a. Data Protection

HD reported that he had completed the online Information Commissioners Office (ICO) Registration Self Assessment, and concluded that FCC did not need to register with the ICO. BH and CP had already done this and agree. However, we should abide by the principles of data protection, principally having a register of data held, and being able to respond to requests from individuals to review, revise, and delete any personal data that is held. The personal data held by FCC is in the contacts list in our Gmail account. HD will write a short procedure to be included in the FCC website, identifying how we manage that data, and how we respond to requests from individuals. (Action: HD to write procedure)

NC indicated she would be attending a data protection course shortly and would advise if any further controls were required.

b. Moray Local Development Plan 2020

BH indicated that a number of FINDERNE residents had raised concerns about areas within FINDERNE being proposed for housing development within the 2020 Plan, for example Templestones to the east of lower Rafford. This area had not been designated in previous development plans and there was a general principle against developing housing out with the main towns in Moray so there were concerns as to why it was now being considered.

There was considerable debate on the matter. Clarification on the how parcels of land are identified for development was sought and simple terms the Moray Council invite or call on landowners etc. to put forward areas of land they think may be suitable for housing development into a bidding process. The Council planners then review these land bids and using a range of criteria (drainage, access, existing housing, landscape features etc.,) prepare a short list of potential development sites which are then expressed in the Plan. However, this remains aspirational and doesn't mean that a proposed area of development will progress since much more planning would be required. In addition members of the

public are encouraged to comment on the Plan and can raise objections/concerns regarding proposed areas which will lead to a further review.

Previous plans had indicated no provision for larger housing development while the 2020 Plan does suggest there may be provision for some clusters of houses around existing developments. In general there is a discouragement of individual scattered housing.

The committee agreed that further clarification on the process of land designation for housing would be useful and Cllr Feaver agreed to seek further information from Moray Planners Anna Gordon and/or Gary Templeton who are closely involved in the 2020 Plan process.

Action: Cllr Feaver to discuss housing development with Moray Council Planners and report back to FCC.

Comments on the 2020 Plan should be submitted by 31st March 2018. Cllr Feaver indicated that a series of public drop in meetings have been advertised and arranged throughout Moray and public are encouraged to attend. After some debate it was agreed that opinions of FINDERNE residents should be sought and FCC should submit comments on the Plan by the end of March.

To publicise the Plan it was agreed to place copies in the Rafford and Edinkillie village halls and place flyers on the various notice boards around FINDERNE.

Action: NH to print copy of 2020 Plan and place in Rafford Hall, BH to forward copy of Plan to Edinkillie Hall secretary, BH to place link on website and Facebook and invite comment, HD/BH to forward flyers to Church Hall secretaries/contacts to place on notice boards.

Dates for Public meetings to allow residents to voice comments on plans were agreed and presentation on key questions within the plans would be prepared for the meetings.

Meeting dates:

3rd February 2018, 10:00 to 12:00 Rafford Village Hall.

3rd February 2018, 13:30 to 15:30 Edinkillie Village Hall.

Action: HD to check availability and book halls, BH to publicise meetings, ALL to review Plan and attend meetings.

8. Correspondence Report

HD reported emails received from -

Moray Council budget consultation – no further action.

Scottish Parliament budget consultation – no further action.

Local Outdoor Access Forum request for volunteers to sit on the forum, anyone interested should apply by 23rd February 2018. – BH to post on Facebook and send to Village Hall secretaries.

Community Active Travel Grants – information forwarded to Pete Mitchell (Dava Way Association).

9. Treasurers Report

AG reported FCC current balance was £715.00. Of this £300.00 was earmarked to support the speed signs grant application to Berry Burn Wind Farm Community Fund.

BH indicated an invoice would be due for web-site and expenses claim form recent attendance of Clashgour EF meeting in Elgin would also be submitted shortly. Action: **BH/CP to submit invoices**

10. AOCB

CM reported that a housing development of approx. 14 properties had been brought to his attention by concerned local resident. The development (ref OPP4) on St Leonards Road near Cathay Nursing Home was just inside the Finderne CC area. However, no notification has been given to the FCC regarding the development and further enquiries with the neighbouring residents indicated no consultation had been issued either. The development is in an area of woodland and planning for the development appears to be well-advanced but there is little evidence of appropriate consultation being completed.

Action: CM to email Moray Council Planning Officer (Emma Mitchell) on 16th January 2018 to lodge concerns on the development and insist that the FCC would like an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed development.

Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Feaver provided the following dates for local surgeries

26th January 2018 Rafford Village Hall 13:45 to 14:30.

23rd March 2018 Rafford Village Hall 13:45 to 14:30.

11. Date and location of next meeting

Next meeting: Monday 19th February 2018 at 7:00 pm in Edinkillie Village Hall.

Action: HD to book Hall