

## Meeting Notes

Meeting of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in

Edinkillie Hall

### FCC members present

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

Howard Davenport (HD), Carlo Miele (CM), Anna Gatward (AG), Tony Pinner (TP)

### Also present:

Councillor George Alexander (GA), Jeannie Munro (JM), W Grant

#### 1. Apologies from:

Cllr Claire Feather, Anne Garrow, Nikki Howard, Bob Laughton

#### 2. Notes and actions from previous meeting

Notes were accepted.

#### 3. Police update

No Police representative present. Community Safety Partnership Report no15 has been received, and posted on FCC website. This report contains a summary of activities by community wardens and local policing teams over the previous period.

#### 4. Actions arising not covered by standing items

None.

#### 5. Current Standing Items

##### *a. A96 dualling proposal*

In additions to the local drop-in sessions, BH and CP attended a community forum organised by Transport Scotland. No further information will be available until the final route selection in Q4 2018. BH had requested early information on route selection, so that the FCC could be prepared for questions from the community when the route selection is announced, however this request was declined. In the 18-24 months following route announcement, there will be an opportunity for more detailed consultation on micro-routing issues.

##### *b. Finderne Development Trust (FDT)*

CJP updated the meeting and indicated 5 members of the Steering Board were in place. Applications from a further 3 individuals had been received for the remaining 2 positions. It is expected that the full Steering Board membership will be announced prior to the next FCC meeting. BH reported that the FDT website “findernedevelopmenttrust.com” is now up and running.

**FDT steering group to update FCC regularly.**

*c. Vehicle speeding in Rafford*

Mobile speed warning signs funding application re-submitted to the Berry Burn Windfarm Community Fund by CJP, but was unsuccessful.

Last weekend the police were present in Rafford with mobile speed detection equipment. Several drivers were cautioned.

**Action: HD to send an email to thank the police for this action.**

*d. Loch of Blairs Project*

Further discussions with the Altyre Estate have resulted in an agreement in principle to a 10 year lease for the loch and associated buildings.

The application for funding to Money for Moray was successful and a cheque for £4000 has been received, which is ring fenced for buying a boat and associated equipment.

A pre-planning advisory request has been submitted to the Moray Council Planning Department. We have been advised that planning permission will be required based on change of use of the existing buildings.

An ITT has been issued to 5 contractors for work on the boathouse, the bothy and the stables. 3 competitive quotes for the work will be required for future application to major funding bodies.

A further work party was held today, clearing rhododendron bushes to allow access to the loch alongside the boathouse.

**Action: BH to pursue responses to the ITT, and update the FCC on further progress.**

*e. Clashgour Wind Farm*

BH reported that an invitation to sign a memorandum of agreement (MoA) to be kept informed of progress on the community ownership of the development had been received. NH agreed to look over the lengthy document and provided this did not obligate the FCC in any way and it was agreed to sign the MoA.

A community liaison meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. FCC can send two representatives.

**Action: CM and HD to the community liaison meeting.**

**Action: CM and HD to follow up on the MoA.**

## 6. New Business

### a. *Data Protection*

HD issued a draft Data Protection Policy procedure. Following approval by the FCC this will be included in the FCC website. It identifies how FCC holds and manages personal data, and how we respond to requests from individuals.

CM attended some overview training on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) organised for Community Councils.

Further GDPR training has been organised for community councils on 7<sup>th</sup> April. It has been deemed mandatory, as GDPR compliance is a condition of the FCC Zurich insurance policy.

**Action: 2 FCC members to attend the GDPR training on 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

The FCC community contacts list has been updated with further data, based on request received at the Planning drop-in sessions, and the note issued by Rafford Village Hall on behalf of the FCC.

**Action: HD and BH to review the contacts list.**

### b. *Moray Local Development Plan 2020 Consultation*

HD completed the report on the FCC organised public drop sessions. It has been issued to the Moray Council Planning Department. The community contacts list also received a link to the report through the FCC website, together with a reminder of the closing date for both the Development Plan and Core Paths consultations.

### c. *Core Paths Consultation*

Residents were also asked for their thoughts and comments on the Core Paths proposals for the area and these are covered in HD's report.

Although there was a tentative support for the core paths network several issues were expressed regarding parking, potential effect on access roads and the impact on privacy.

**Action: HD/BH to formulate response to Core Path consultation for comment by FCC prior to submission to Moray Council.**

BH has issued a letter, proposing an alternative route for path CCP20, to avoid intrusion on privacy at Skene Meadows. The letter also requests that plans for car parking are considered. Pending a response to this letter a meeting with Ian Douglas (Moray Council) may be required.

A copy of the report on the drop-in session is to be issued to the Moray Council Core Paths development team.

**Action: BH to arrange meeting with Ian Douglas (Moray Council) if required.**

**Action: HD to issue a copy of the Report**

## 7. Planning Report

CM reported that 2 applications had been lodged in the Finnerne area, one at Marcassie, and the other at Wester Brochloch Farm. Neither raised any concerns, however HD raised the question of retention of the existing path through Brochloch Farm.

**Action: CM and HD to check the status of the path in the planning application.**

## 8. Correspondence Report

HD reported correspondence from the following-

- A number of individuals asking to be included in the FCC contacts list,
- Jane Martin, a number of community council training opportunities:
  - Planning - 27<sup>th</sup> February, attended by CM, BH, TP, and AG
  - Project Management - 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> March
  - Data Protection – 7<sup>th</sup> April
  - Community Empowerment & Participation (inc Right to Buy) – 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Moray Council Planning Department, indicating a cap of £6,500 on Developer Obligations from March 2018.

## 9. Treasurers Report

AG reported FCC current balance was £700, plus a cheque in hand for £4000 from Money for Moray.

## 10. AOCB

### *a. Seagulls and Puddles*

A member of the community from Rafford sent us an email raising concerns about seagulls at the Cloddach Pig Farm, and water gathering in large puddles on the B9010 in the same area. In subsequent correspondence, Karro have committed to look at some alternative feeding regimes in order to reduce the large gatherings of seagulls.

The FCC is concerned about the drainage on the road and will approach the Moray Council Roads Department.

**Action: BH to contact Roads Department.**

### *b. FCC engagement with local businesses and organisations*

CP suggested that, in order to increase our understanding of what is happening in the Finnerne area, we invite a key businesses or organisation to make a short presentation on their activities at future FCC meetings.

**Action: CP to initiate invitations**

- c. Query on FCC boundary around Aitnoch, by Dava.

JM raised a query on the FCC boundary map, which appears to include some properties near Aitnoch in Finderne, while they are now in the Highland Region. Apparently the county boundary was moved at some point in time.

**Action: CM to follow up with Jane Martin.**

#### **11. Date and location of next meeting**

Next meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7:00 pm, in Rafford Church Hall.