

Meeting Notes

Meeting of Monday 26th October 2020 by tele/video-conference

FCC members present

Hilary Rolton (HR), Tony Pinner (TP), Anna Gatward (AG)
Howard Davenport (HD), Stewart McCracken (SM), Brian Higgs (BH)

Also present:

George Alexander(GA), Claire Feaver(CF)

Apologies:

Anne Garrow, Lorna Cresswell

1. Police update

No report, see link to Community Safety Report on FCC website.

2. Matters Arising

a. Pig Farm in Lower Rafford.

TP reported he had not been able to make contact with Karro so far, but will keep on trying

b. Welcome Pack

Draft still to be compiled (Action HD)

c. New members

BH and HR reported they had made contact with some potential new members.

3. Current Standing Items

d. A96 dualling proposals

Nothing further to report.

e. Finderne Development Trust (FDT)

Report from BH:

- AGM to be held Thursday 29th October
- Community Broadband

An application for a Community Fibre Partnership is being processed. Members of the community should hold back from making individual applications, so that the voucher

scheme can be pooled for the benefit of the whole community. Pery at FDT to be asked to summarise the situation for communication with the community.

- Community Housing

A report from the Housing Needs Survey is expected soon.

- Community Apprenticeship Scheme

Ongoing

- Energy Poverty Survey

To be launched shortly.

f. Loch of Blairs Development

BH had reported that:

- A building warrant from Moray Council is awaited. One of the funding commitments is depended on making a start on construction this year, so this is becoming critical. **Action - GA to follow up.**
- Volunteers had installed a second bird hide

g. Clashgour Wind Farm

- Awaiting results of Public Inquiry
- HD reported that we have received an email from a consultant working for Energising Moray, pointing out that agreeing to the MoU did not signify approval of the development, and asking why we had not signed the MoU (which we have). Action – HD to respond.

h. Berryburn 2 Wind Farm

FDT have submitted a representation to the Energy Consents Unit objecting to the proposed expansion of Berry Burn wind farm.

i. Ourack Wind Farm

No further update.

j. Cairn Duhie Wind Farm

No further update

k. Core Paths Consultation

We have received an email stating that a public inquiry will be happening, and it will be based on written submissions rather than face to face.

I. Wild Fires

Police Fire and Safety Committee meets on 19th November. **(Action GA to report back)**

m. Footpath in Rafford

HD had checked and circulated information on the Living Streets initiative. The example of additional footpath provision in Lossiemouth indicated that extensive studies and community participation would be required to move forward.

HD had written to Richard Lochhead and was awaiting a reply. **Action HD to follow-up.**

7. New Business

n. Ongoing Consultations and Surveys

HD suggested we keep track of the requests we receive for consultations and surveys, and communicate with the community where appropriate **Action – HD to maintain a table.**

8. Planning Report (TP)

Nothing to report

9. Secretary's Report (HD)

Moray Council review of Community Council Scheme. First meeting of Community Council representative to be held by Zoom, tomorrow 27th September. **Action - HD to attend**

10. Treasurers Report

Updated balances: £1,450

Breakdown:

- £690 Moray Council Admin Grant balance
- £760 SSEN Grant Fund for Covid support of vulnerable people [to be used to cover volunteers' travelling exps, to enable food provision, and to purchase protective equip. - gloves etc] with FDT. BH reported how important this funding was to support a number of people who were in severe financial difficulties due to Covid 19.

AOCB

- Nothing raised

Next meeting

Monday 7th December 2020 at 7:00p.m. by tele/video conference.