

## Meeting Notes

Meeting of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 by tele/video-conference

### FCC members present

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

### Also present:

George Alexander(GA), Claire Feaver(CF), Lorna Cresswell (LC), Andy Munro (AM)

### Apologies:

Anne Garrow

### 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 a meeting with the Marcassie residents, including Mike Betts from Moray Council Health and welfare, who gave good advice about what could be done including recording of smells and other nuisances. TP had also spoken to Karro regional manager who had been very helpful and offered to move insemination unit away from the properties, and would be re-routing the quad bike tracks, but would be unwilling to introduce a buffer zone.

TP also contacted Linda Eccles from Karro, to try to re-establish liaison with Karro on all their pig farms in Rafford, including the establishment of buffer zones adjacent to properties.

CP reported she had representation from residents on the state of the road to Damhead. Roads department had contacted Carro on this.

#### 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, and were still working on this.

### 3. Current Standing Items

#### d. A96 dualling proposals

Nothing further to report.

#### e. Finderne Development Trust (FDT)

Report from BH:

- Community Broadband

BT reported that FDT had a zoom meeting scheduled, next Wednesday, with Richard Lochhead, 2 people from HIE, 2 from Scottish Government, and senior representative from OpenReach, to try to take forward the provision of fast broadband provision for the whole of Finderne

Details of this meeting, plus an update on the current status can be found here:

<https://findernedevelopmenttrust.com/projects/broadband/>

The conclusion was a request to Richard Lochhead to try to change policy so that interim vouchers for improving broadband would be available immediately, and would not effect qualification for inclusion in the governments R100 scheme for superfast broadband.

Members of the community are asked to make their own representation to Richard Lochhead on the subject.

- Community Housing

BH reported that he had seen a draft of the Housing Needs Survey which showed a positive response. This would be made public shortly. Next step is a pre-planning application to Moray Council. The plans would be updated with the feedback from this and then taken to public consultation.

- Community Apprenticeship Scheme

2 local companies have made applications, but processing these has been held up due to Covid restrictions.

#### f. Loch of Blairs Development

BH had reported that:

- A building warrant from Moray Council had been received for the next stage of development. Work had commenced by clearing the site, thus satisfying the conditions on some of the funding commitments.

#### g. Clashgour Wind Farm

- Awaiting results of Public Inquiry

**h. Berryburn 2 Wind Farm**

Nothing to report

**i. Ourack Wind Farm**

Public consultation would be online with an exhibition open until 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**j. Cairn Duhie Wind Farm**

HD explained that planning permission had been given 5 years ago for a previous scheme, that had recently been extended for one year. But a new scheme had been proposed with higher turbines. A scoping report had been issued, and a new planning application expected.

**Action - HD to ask for an update.**

**k. Core Paths Consultation**

We have received an email noting that a reporter had been appointed for the public enquiry which would be based on written submissions.

**l. Wild Fires**

GA had forwarded notes on the Police Fire and Safety Committee meeting, it was felt there was little detail.

CF had been reading a Berryburn Report where Avian Ecology have put in a management plan for the fire ravaged moorland, so it appears that some efforts are being made to tackle the issue. **Action CF to send a link to the report.**

**m. Footpath in Rafford**

HD reported that Richard Lochhead had send a response from Norman Stevenson, on the subject of community concerns about traffic and speed signs. GA had also forwarded a paper on Vehicle Activated signs from Moray Council. GA had also seen request from Finhorn CC on this subject that he would forward. **Action HD to forward these items to attendees, for further discussion.**

**7. New Business**

Nothing raised

**8. Planning Report (TP)**

TP reported that a Planning application had been issued for a storage barn at Cloddach Farm in Upper Rafford. The only issues could be increased vehicle traffic at the turning onto the B9010, but this would be reviewed by roads department in any case.

## 9. Secretary's Report (HD)

HD reported some incoming communications:

- An organisation called Slowways had requested input on walking routes in the area. HD to forward to Dava Way Association
- Newsletter received from Moray West Offshore Wind Farm.
- GA had forward an email looking for community input to improving Public Health services.
- Consultation from Moray Council on their Learning Estate, to which BH sent a response.
- Draft GDPR policy for CCs received from Jane Martin, for comments. **TP to review.**
- First draft update of Moray Community Council Scheme Review received from Jane Martin.

## 10. Treasurers Report

Updated balances: £1,497

Breakdown:

- £977 Moray Council Admin Grant balance
- £520 SSEN Grant Fund for Covid support of vulnerable people

### AOCB

- CF reported she had enjoyed using the bird hides at Blairs Loch
- Nothing raised
- AM reported that gritting on the road up to the Divie Viaduct had been forgotten again.  
**Action TP to raise with Roads Dept.**

### **Next meeting**

Monday 18th January 2021 at 7:00p.m. by tele/video conference.