

## Meeting Notes

Meeting of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Edinkillie Hall

**FCC members present :**

Stewart McCracken (SMcC), Howard Davenport (HD), Anna Gatward (AG),  
Tom Hardie (TH)

**Also present:**

Scott Lawrence MC (SL), Andy Munro (AM),

**Apologies:**

Tony Pinner (TP), Jude Pinner, Anne Garrow, Shirley Munn, Cathleen Robertson

**1) Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed.

**2) Matters Arising**

**a. Passing places on Rafford – Dallas Dhu road**

Scott Lawrence to follow up with TMC Planning Department on the status of provision of passing places as a planning condition for one of the recently built properties. **(Action SL)**

**b. Forres Academy**

It was reported that the go ahead for a new school was dependent on approval of LEIP funding by Scottish Government.

**c. Visibility at Half Davoch junction**

AM reported that the broom and gorse had been cut back, improving visibility. This item can be taken off agenda.

**d. Wild Flower planting**

Ruaridh Milne has contacted FCC, suggesting that we should be looking at a further plant of wild flower seeds in March/April on the bank below Church Terrace Rafford. HD reported we have been supplied with some seeds but would contact TMC Land and Parks dept to see if more could be supplied. **(Action HD).**

We have been advised that further stimming would be required. A work party will be organised. **(Action HD).**

**e. U88 Road Junction re-alignment at Dunphail**

SL offered to chase up on the status of the proposed re-alignment from TMC Road Dept.

**(Action SL)**

### 3) Current Standing Items

#### a) Traffic Safety in Rafford

- **Provision of a pavement in Upper Rafford**

HD reported that ground preparation and fencing work was well underway. Elaine Penny had said this work was scheduled early to avoid the bird nesting season, and that pavement construction was likely to take place this summer. Detailed design including drop kerbs, street light modifications and signage was still to be completed. This would include some painted markings on the road surface at pedestrian crossing points.

- **Vehicle Activated Signs**

HD reported that the posts for the signs had now been erected, and that the signs had been called off for delivery this week. A work party would be organised to assemble and erect the signs **(Action: HD,SMcC)**

- **Village Entrance Signs**

HD reported that Elaine Penny had said that detail design of the signs was still to be actioned. **(Action: SM, HD)**

#### b) Broadband

FCC are in the process of organising a meeting with Duncan Nesbit (Stakeholder Director of R100), and Richard Lochhead, and FDT, in order to discuss the delays in rollout of the R100 programme, and to ask if the voucher scheme could be extended **(Action: SMcC)**

#### c) Brockloch Field Development

The FDT held a drop-in event attended by the selected architects on 16<sup>th</sup> February. HD had received an electronic copy of the posters used and include these in a recent newsletter for the benefit of those who were not able to attend. A Q&A sheet is expected to be issued by FDT.

TH raised the point that an ongoing management role would be required in perpetuity, to manage shared facilities and the administration of tenancies and changes of ownership. SMcC responded that he expected that an experienced housing management organisation would be appointed.

#### d) Windfarm Developments

##### **Cairn Duhie**

An invitation to participate in the public enquiry had been received by FCC, but had not been taken up.

##### **Clashgour/Rothes 3**

Nothing to report.

##### **Berry Burn 2**

Nothing to report.

**Lethen**

Nothing to report

**Ourack**

Nothing to report.

**Craig Watch**

Nothing to report.

**Corshellach Energy Storage**

AM had attended the public meeting held last month. FCC have received a copy of outline plans. FCC to attend the next public meeting on this. **(Action: t.b.c.)**

**Energising Moray**

SMcC reported that he had tried to contact Energising Moray, for an update on their activities, but with no success. He would try to make contact through the JCC. **(Action SMcC)**

e) **Joint Community Council**

No FCC members were able to attend the last meeting. HD reported that we have received a copy of the presentation made at the meeting on the subject of Local Development Plan 2027 and Local Place Plans. It was noted FCC members should take a look at these documents with a view to discussing our input further at next FCC meeting **(Action: all FCC members)**

f) **Resilience Planning**

SMcC reported that SSEN would be happy for the grant money to be used on a Solar Generation and Battery Storage scheme for the Village Halls. Next step is get a sub-committee together to discuss and formulate the basis of a Resilience Plan for the Finderne Area. SMcC to contact SM, for a list of community members who were willing to participate. **(Action SMcC)**

g) **Forres Health Services**

TH reported that he had been in conversation with Iain Macdonald the NHS locality manager for Forres Area, and had received a copy of The Health and Social Care Moray Locality Plan. The need for the Locality Plan to communicate the current strategy for accessing health services was discussed. TH to attend the next Forres Area Oversight Meeting. **(Action: TH)**

h) **Pending Items**

i) **Wild Fires**

Mitigation of the impact of wild fires would be included in discussion on resilience.

We are still waiting for the Scottish Government report on improvements to current practices. HD volunteered to chase up the status of this. **(Action: HD)**

**4) Planning Report (TP)**

As Tony is away, HD had reviewed the planning application and reported that no applications in Finderne had been made since the last meeting.

## 5) Secretary's Report (HD)

HD reported correspondence received by email:

- CSP Newsletter for January and February 2023 received from Moray West Police Team.
- SEPA 2023 Opinion Survey, closes 17th March
- Tsi Moray newsletter, including funding opportunities, events, volunteering opportunities and jobs
- Moray Transport Forum - Supper Room of Elgin Town Hall from 6pm – 8pm on the 9th March for the meeting of Moray Transport Forum. Plus minutes of last meeting
- Moray Communities team running Basic Life Support with AED training course, 1st March. This was very late notice and FCC have asked to be included in any future training of this type.
- Corshellach Energy Storage proposal, newsletter and notice of public meeting in Edinkillie Hall 23 Feb
- The Logie Primary Community Café, the Cup of Joy, will be taking place at Edinkillie Hall from 12.30 tomorrow (Thursday Feb 23rd). The date of the next Cup of Joy Café will be Thursday 27th April. .
- Invitation to participate in Forres Area Forum Developer Obligations Participatory budgeting.
- Call for Ideas – Moray Local Development Plan 2027 – deadline 30th June
- Opportunity for Community Councils in Rural and Islands areas - Free websites. FCC have registered interest.
- Note from Mike Crutch with link to new SSEN pylons project - we have registered to be included on project updates
- Letter from Lord Lieutenant of Moray to encourage communities to participate in Coronation Big Lunch.
- FCC received an updated list of Finderne addresses from Moray Council and forwarded to FDT.
- Community Engagement Strategy Launch. Wednesday 8 March 2023, from 1230pm, at AGB Centre for Digital Health, UHI Moray.

## 6) Treasurers Report (AG)

Updated balance: £20,537.23, of which £20,000 is the ringfenced SSEN Resilience Grant, and £537.23 is the remainder of the FCC Administration Grant.

## 7) AOCB

### Moray Council Budget

SL reported that the proposed budget was passed by TMC last week, with no significant cuts due to the underutilisation of various grants for Covid support. However cuts were expected next year.

### Rafford Church

Anne Garrow had let us know that Rafford Church Hall would be available for our April meeting. However we need to find an alternative venue for further meetings in Rafford. **(Action: SMcC)**

## 8) Next meeting

Next meeting 7:00 pm - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at Rafford Church Hall.