

Meeting Notes

Meeting of Monday 15th August 2022 at Rafford Church Hall

FCC members present :

Stewart McCracken (SMcC), Howard Davenport (HD), Shirley Munn (SM]
John Finch (JF), Tony Pinner(TP)

Also present:

Scott Lawrence MC (SL), Kathleen Robertson MC (KR), Juli Salt(JS), Andy Munro (AM),Pat Hearn (PH),
A Garrow (AG), Carol MacRae (CM), Tom Hardie (TH), S Quinney (SQ), Dan Russell (DR)

Apologies:

Anna Gatward (AG), Ruth Whitfield (RW)

1) Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed.

2) Matters Arising

a. Unadopted road at Lyneside

Unaware of any changes. No further action.

b. Community Consultation

SMcC asked for this to be discussed later in the meeting.

c. Edinkillie Cemetery

HD reported that Grant Speed has confirmed a contract for the repairs to the cark park and track has been placed, and the work this will be completed later in the year. **(Action: HD/AM to monitor the situation)**

d. Liaison with FDT

SMcC is now a director of FDT. There are no current relevant issues to report to FCC

Dava-Lochindorb road closure

Road now open.

e. List of meetings

HD said future meetings already published and will be posted on village notice boards. **(Action: HD)**

f. Parking on Castlehill Road, Forres

It was agreed this was a police matter and outwith FCC area. No further action.

g. Passing places on Rafford-Dallas Dhu road

SL had noted passing place signs need to be replaced and work was still to be done on existing passing places. An extra passing place required by a recent planning application had not been done

but was being enforced. Moray Council aware of increase in traffic on that road. **(To be monitored. SL)**

i. Pig Farm on Damhead Road

Complaints have been received about the state of Damhead Road. SL confirmed that roads should be cleared by land users at night. It was agreed Karro should be approached to rectify the situation and it was confirmed that Tim Slack (TS) was still in contact with Mr Cameron of Karro. It was agreed a personal approach by TS regarding debris/ mud management and the legality of quad bikes on the road would be made and would subsequently be confirmed in writing by FCC. TS was asked to contact TP who would write the letter on behalf of FCC. SQ also raised the issue of flooding from the fields thought to be caused by the pig farming. This will be monitored. **(Action: TP, TS, SQ, SL)**

3) Current Standing Items

a) Traffic Safety in Rafford

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

SM confirmed that the matter is progressing and Elaine Penny (EP) had confirmed letters were going to landowners as soon finance was available for the project. SM to remind EP to inform those approached in December that the path is now to be on the East side of the road not the West. **(Action: SM)**

- **Village Entrance Signage**

SM handed out examples of Village signs and it was agreed that FCC would decide on the style. It was also agreed that there should be a sign board each for Upper and Lower Rafford. It was noted that Upper Rafford is not commonly known as Moor of Granary. Wording will be finalised by FCC in conjunction with MC . The exact location of the signs will also be discussed with MC road authority. **(Action: FCC)**

- **Vehicle Activated Signs**

EP had been notified by SM that we now want 4 speed activated signs instead of 2 (2 for each part of the village). FDT will also be asked to increase the funding to cover the cost of 4 signs. Quotes have been received for the signs by an approved supplier. **(Action: HD,SM)**

- **Static Speed Signs**

The need for more static speed signs was mentioned and it was suggested that village entrance signs should include the speed limit and that repeater signs should be placed in strategic areas within the village. TH offered to place a sign on his land in Lower Rafford. **(Action: SM, HD)**

- **Unrestricted Speed Area in Rafford**

HD had asked EP how to progress a reduced speed limit between the two Raffords as the absence of housing removes the automatic ability to have a 30 MPH limit. MC roads provided their

procedure for approving a reduced speed limit request. If Rafford complies with this process map we can go forward. **(Action: HD/SM)**

b) Community Broadband

JF read out an email from Richard Allan (RA) on progress in connecting Lineside and adjoining properties to the fibre network (SMcC to be sent copy of email). Also an email from TH regarding R100 website. TH reported that dates and connection details were not to be relied on. JS requested a simple guide to the situation with faster broadband. It was agreed JF to contact FDT to check their current progress and prevent duplication of effort. FCC to post any further information and guidelines on the FCC website and at the next pop up cafes, SMcC asked JF to collate the information for the website. **(Action: JF, HD, TP)**

c) Brochloch Field Development

SMcC proposed discussing this in AOCB.

d) Windfarm Developments

Cairn Duhie

Nothing to report.

Clashgour/Rothes 3

Nothing to report.

Berry Burn 2

Nothing to report.

Lethen

The cumulative impact with adjoining windfarm developments being considered now.

Ourack

Nothing to report.

Craig Watch

Nothing to report.

e) Joint Community Council

SM reported that Moray College is carrying out a feasibility study regarding online consultations with Doctors and healthcare professionals in conjunction with Glasgow School of Art. The aim is to bring work to Moray as part of Moray Growth Deal. It was proposed that a link to this should go on the FCC website. SM to precis the Moray Growth Deal **(Action: SM, JF)**

f) Resilience Planning

SM reported that the application for funding for resilience planning had been “partially successful”. To be discussed further under AOCB **(Action: SM to lead on this)**

g) Forres Health Services

JF had nothing further to report on this. Jf to approach Forres CC, namely Fiona Graham to ask what the Patient/Partnership situation is and how FCC can be involved. **(Action: HD/TP/JF)**

h) **Pending Items**

i) **A96 Dualling**

The Moray Council is awaiting the sustainability report.

ii) **Wild Fires**

We are still waiting for the Scottish Government report on improvements to current practices.

4) Planning Report (TP)

TP had reported that no further applications of any concern in Finderne had been raised.

5) Secretary's Report (HD)

HD reported correspondence received by email:

- Weekly updates from Health and Social Care Moray are received for information.
- Email forwarded by RW re Resilience Funding application.
- Email from JCC who are preparing letter in support of Dr Grey's maternity unit. After discussion with FCC HD had informed Debra Duke FCC will support.
- Email from FACT consulting on future use of Forres Town Hall. SM will investigate. **(Action: SM)**
- Consultation on local Police plan 2022-26 requesting input from CCs. SMcC will look at survey. **Action: SMcC)**
- Email from AM re Dunphail road junction. It was noted that none of the road users were consulted. HD emailed EP to ask for information and understands it is all still under review. It was agreed to wait for proposals before FCC comments further.

6) Treasurers Report (AG)

Updated balance: £399.78, after expenses for Community Consultation Survey. There will be a payment of £40 for data protection fee in September.

7) AOCB

Finderne Community Consultation Survey

SMcC gave a summary of the survey carried out by FCC. The executive summary and the full report will be posted on the FCC website. He thanked JF, HD, SM and TP for their input.

FDT are now owners of the Brochloch site and are currently approaching architects for the project. A significant number in Rafford are not in favour of the development. FCC will maintain a keen eye on the planning application. SMcC is now a director of FDT and confirmed that there will be no conflict of interest between FDT and FCC as he will withdraw from discussions where appropriate. Should it be felt that this had occurred he would resign from one or the other.

FCC normally resists windfarm developments but the Rafford survey showed the community to be in favour or maximising community benefit funds. FCC will change its position from general resistance and future applications will be looked at case by case.

There was a positive response to the request to help with the resilience plan and a working group will be formed on the MC framework. SM has applied for grants for 2 mobile generators and it is thought that the “partial response” to the funding will hopefully cover the cost of one. It was confirmed it will be portable and therefore able to be used at Edinkillie. **(Action: lead to be taken by SM)**

Traffic calming initiatives received positive support.

Forres Academy

SM informed the FCC about issues with Forres Academy. SMcC suggested FCC find out specific issues and write appropriately to MC. **(Action: SM)**

Rafford Church

FCC were informed Rafford Church will be closed. HD added that FCC had last year sent an email supporting the Church staying open, and recognising what a valuable contribution it makes to the community.

Policy Templates

HD felt that MC policy templates should be reviewed re FCC adopting them. He will circulate the link **(Action: HD, TP)**

Email protocol

It was requested that all emails sent on behalf of FCC should be sent from the FCC email account. SMcC, HD and JF to ensure all FCC members have access to FCC email account. **(Action: all members of FCC)**

Rafford – Dallas road

JF informed FCC that this road is now closed during alteration and improvement works.

AM to email SMcC and HD re near-miss at the Half Davoch junction.

8) Next meeting

Next meeting 7:00 pm - Monday 19th September 2022, at Edinkillie Hall.