

**Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council**  
**Online meeting**  
**Wednesday 28th September 2022, 7.30pm**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Bill Byth, Paul Herrington, Neil Bisset (Secretary), Regis Lechatellier (Chairman & interim Treasurer)

**Councillors:** Cllr Ann Ross, Cllr Yi Pei

**Apologies:** Andy Wilkins, Cllr Eileen Durno, Bob Russell

Actions are highlighted in **Red**

1. **Welcome/Apologies:** The Chair (Regis), welcomed everyone to the meeting. Neil confirmed that Andy Wikins and Chris Low had sent his apologies.
2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Bill Byth proposed, Robert Russell seconded.
3. **Secretarys Report:** Neil started with highlighting the planning permission review required for the Hill of Fare proposed windfarm application. Although this has been proposed and the CC are aware of it, he suggested the CC should collect local views on how residents feel about this proposal for another windfarm in the area? Neil asked if anyone could run with this on behalf of the CC and that he would be happy to send out emails accordingly. There are 4 events laying out the proposal, which are between 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October in Crathes, Midmar & Torphins. Neil has already sent out to the community the initial information and there was no direct response, so the assumption is that there are no concerns at this point, at least with who have been emailed on the distribution list. **Paul offered to take this on as part of the CC and would report back.** Neil mentioned there is another Road closure on East Mains which he contacted Cllr Yi Pei on, he has gone back to Mr Carlyle. Cllr Yi Pei advised that she has also gone back to the building contractors/ roads asking for a better timeline and what is actually required to be carried out in this location. The local residents there will be affected by this so a resolution is required and for the road to be closed a minimum timeframe as possible. Bill Byth took the opportunity to advise that the signage at the bottom of glassel road where it meets the A93 is misleading and is causing a lot of issues with delivery to Inchmarlo retirement village. **Cllr Ann Ross said she would take up the issue with the signage and report back.** Neil reminded the CC the midhill windfarm funding is due 31<sup>st</sup> October and we will then go into reviewing applications. As previously, the meeting will be 2 weeks after this date. Neil also advised that Chris Low sent an email regarding the funding that Kirsty Keiper from Fred Olsen said that some CC's have been applying for funds to give residents cash discounts for example £50 off of their bills. Neil made a note that Bob is still recovering just now and that Regis has kindly offered to look after the Treasurers side in the short term

4. **Treasurers Report:** Regis presented the figures on screen and informed the group that we are up to date on the funding. There has been expenses from Zoom and midhill wind farm only. There will be more funding (approx £16,000) to come in October which will be reviewed at the Midhill Windfarm application meeting. The Inchmarlo Hall have not spent the whole amount from their previous application and this will be confirmed with Chris if this funding will be returned or otherwise. The outstanding balance is £1,409.82
5. **Councillors Report:** Cllr Ross began by informing the group she is getting back to normal service after being out for a while. There has been an increased amount of graffiti throughout banchory which is being looked into but this is concerning. There is a role out of refuse bins in the coming weeks and Inchmarlo & Brathens will be w/c 7th November. Additionally Aboyne hospital has been temporarily closed and the staff have been moved to Glen o'Dee hospital. This will continue until further information is provided. Cllr Yi Pei advised that the government is looking to go down to 20mph in the villages throughout Scotland. This is being looked into being progressed earlier. She also advised if we would like to plant flowers on Councillors land that we can contact Landscape services and make this request. Bill Byth asked about the Marr meeting held on 14th June regarding reduction of speed limit on the A93 infant of the retirement village. He was advised by Cllr Ross that the petition is going through the process and will come back to the Marr area committee. **Cllr Ross advised if she could get new contact details and will then forward this on.**
6. **Police Report:** Neil informed the group that the most up to date Police report was as per the issued one in September 2022 to the IBG residents. There is no further information at this time.
7. **A93 request for Speed Limit reduction:** This has been covered as per above information. Paul mentioned that Campfield area has a 40mph speed limit now, and although outside of the area this is good to see.
8. **Resilience Meeting:** Regis is the CC representative, he advised that he attended a presentation from Ballater committee which came out after the flooding. They put their action into place after last years storm, what came out was that the communication they had in place did not work due to the storms so they are adjusting their plan at present. Regis met with Richard to see what the setup for Inchmarlo should be, they are going to have the Inchmarlo hall available for instances like this (flooding/ storms etc) and create this as a point of contact. Last year it was used partly for this and Regis will find some more information. He advised it would be good to have a source of heating, some stoves to provide hot drinks and food as well. There is no funding at present but Regis advised the committee to apply to midhill windfarm funding. There is also an electrical constraint at the hall, so the size of the generator would be very large and expensive to supply the hall, this action will not be moved forward. Cllr Ross advised that Finzein community council that they have a generator already in place which is a larger hall than Inchmarlo and she is happy to forward on this information to IBG CC. Cllr Ross advised that we can apply to Mar area for funding for the Hall, **Regis will take this information back to the committee.** Neil

asked if the IBG CC needed to be involved in distributing information as the distribution list is only for the people on the email list. Regis advised they are going to look into how to role this out. Bill discussed the costs of a generator and the potential for the midhill wind farm funding, Marr area funding and SECC funding could pay for this generator. **Regis will take this back to the committee.**

- 9. Paths network** - Paul proceeded to present information he has gathered for the paths joining the surrounding area and related to the Feughdee CAP (community action plan) as well. Paul informed the group the paths are also related to forestry Scotland. When FDW CC highlighted in their CAP was regarding Paths was a concern to be able to link the area from Inchmarlo to Deeside Way and Banchory. Paul will distribute the CAP to the CC's. Paul will be contacting the FDW CC and gather more information to bring back to the CC. Paths have been identified by the community which they would like to see addressed. Cllr Ross advised that Paul should contact the Banchory paths group and Torphins path group as they are all related to one another in the area. Paul has made initial contact with them. Cllr Yi Pei advised she is sending paths information regarding the Deeside way and can help with advise as well through James who looks after most paths in the area. Neil advised that the CC have previously made contact with Banchory Paths and went through high level costs, they said that until planning permission is approved they cannot really get involved. There is a large range of specifications to the paths as well which would all need to be considered once planning permission was approved. Cllr Ross advised we would need to get in contact with land owners if we were planning to go through someone else's land. Paul further advised he will gather more information for the paths and has marked up a map, signage, cycling, e-bikes, possibilities for paths in the area. Bill advised that East Mains are looking to put a cycle path from East mains down through the retirement village which could be considered as part of the paths coming from Torphins area etc but also advised its best if the cycle paths could be kept similar to the Deeside way where there is slight decent between villages. Cllr Yi Pei advised that although there is limited funding from the Council, that there is still an opportunity for local groups to come together, receive funding elsewhere, receive grants and be able to create funding for the Paths. Paul will discuss the Forestry Scotland information in the future meetings.
- 10. Any other Business (AOB)** - Neil discussed that CC 'sponsors' are welcome to champion projects in the area and run with these if anyone has an interest. Paul discussed Strategic needs and also a Path into Banchory from Inchmarlo and we can get a list together and assigned to the CC's. Signage at Inchmarlo Hall and the speed limit along Inchmarlo retirement village were also mentioned for the next projects.
- 11. Date of next two meetings:** The next meeting will be Wednesday 30th November and then 25th January 2023. Meeting will continue via Zoom until further notice.