

**Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council**  
**Online meeting**  
**Wednesday 25th January 2023, 7.30pm**  
**Draft 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 their apologies.
2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Paul proposed, Regis seconded.
3. **Secretarys Report:** Neil started with highlighting he received an email from Colin Champion regarding tree planting for the jubilee and for the canopy project, there is now not much enthusiasm or interest in this project so this isn't going to go any further. He was just informing us of this. Kirsty Leiper from Fred Ollson is requesting people to attend community benefit fund meeting with Chris Low. I know Paul has agreed to attend this one but if anyone else is interested to speak with Chris. The Amber weather briefing correspondence emails that came out were received by the residents and communication was reported as good. **Regis to forward on the IBGCC verified accounts to Kirsty MacLeod.** During the recent exceptional storms in November which flooded several houses, it also washed away a very long standing wooden footbridge over the Canny Burn. Chris Low had sent a request to the CC, there has been a footbridge over the Canny for at least a 100 years. It would have been used in the past by local school children attending Inchmarlo School but in more recent years has been used by walkers, dog-walkers and joggers to cross the burn avoiding the use of main roads. A group of local residents have formed an informal group to investigate options for replacing the bridge and have enlisted the help of a local architect. We would like to know potential sources of funding for this type of project?. Councillor Ross responded asking who's land this is on, it was unknown the land owner but it was assumed they have been engaged. Cllr Ross stipulated the land owner would be responsible for the bridge, there is possibility of applying for funding through Janelle Clark through Marr Area office. Grants can be given out this way but responsibility would be with the land owner and costs. Cllr Ross also mentioned that planning would need to be involved and assumed this would be in place as there is an architect involved. Marr area partnership can also be contacted on. Cllr Turvey confirmed Cllr Ross's response and added that if there is a group, then there is also Aberdeenshire voluntary action. Neil added that there is Midhill Windfarm funding that could be applied for as well.

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, and all Fred Ollson payments have been made to the local projects. Chris informed the CC by email that documents should be attached to meeting minute which also shows a credit of £506.09. There will be more funding (approx £4,000) to come in March which will be reviewed at the Midhill Windfarm application meeting.
5. **Councillors Report:** Cllr Ross began by informing the group they have meeting regarding budget (March 4th) this will lead to a transformation of council services. This looks to be potentially different due to the lack of funding and resources will be depleted. Cllr Ross has received a lot of questions on the gritting of roads which are priorities from town centre outwards. After this it is up to the manager of the local depot depending on resources. Trunk roads are a priority. This is different to the past but will be the way it will progress now. Scottish Government are taking all the care services (National care services) when this comes into place, the council will lose a lot of what they currently have to make decisions on. One minister will be responsible for all the decisions in Hollywood which is a concern for us locally. Cllr Turvey mentioned that local areas will have to do more locally, more on your doorstep to aid in this area. Cllr Turvey has reiterated Cllr Ross concern with the budget and says that the councillors will have to manage expectation going forward. Cllr Turvey also highlighted that the local school did an embroidery panels which will be going to banchory library.
6. **Police Report:** Neil informed the group that the most up to date Police report was as per the issued one in 16th January 2023 to the IBG residents. There is no further information at this time.
7. **Inchmarlo Residents flooding:** Regis informed the group he was invited yesterday with some people from the council who are starting an investigation on what the local area can do next. He said this was interesting and some good ideas were mentioned on what the local residents could do. There didn't seem to be much the local residents could do so they were disappointed in the outcome but will prepare some actions that they can do themselves and will map the area to show the level of the ground giving elevations and protections that they can use. There were suggestions on some tunnels could be made across the road and will be looking into this as well after the mapping is done. Regis mentioned from the resilience group there are options that he can use from the findings from the storms. Cllr Ross advised that at the previous meeting infrastructure services meeting that she would ask for the Bridge of Cannay area to the flood risk plan but unfortunately they cannot add this to the plan due to resources and it depends on the amount of residents at each area. Head of service for ISC said he would take the matter away. Janelle Clark had also been involved and directed the local residents to the correct location. Councillors are limited with what they can do. This area is not a focussed target at this time. He has asked the team for a further response. Cllr Ross advised that from the learnings from Storm Frank that there are areas like this that will be targeted and it is an unfortunate position we are in for Bridge of Cannay. Regis also mentioned he

was disappointed that they could not get more than 6 bags of sand at the time but Cllr Turvey reminded us that there was a shortage of sand due to the amount that were handed out in Ballater.

8. **Inchmarlo Speed limit update:** Bill informed the group he did watch the recording of the Marr area meeting and praised Cllr Ross on her comments to where the report is for the speed reduction at the inchmarlo retirement village. Cllr Ross advised she was told it will be available in February or March and advised she required a date from them. In February or March there will be a request to speak at the meeting and Cllr Ross recommends to speak about the petition at the meeting. Bill will take this opportunity to speak at the meeting.
9. **IBG & Banchory CC Boundaries:** Neil informed the group that we had received an email from Banchory CC requesting that a boundary is changed which is currently under IBG CC which was sent to the group. Neil went through the area in question which is the cricket park next to the Inchmarlo driving range and across to Banchory golf course. There was some discussion between the group and Paul made comments on alternative options however, it was put to a vote and IBG CC unanimously agreed to the scope boundary changes as this made more sense for these areas to be under Banchory CC jurisdiction. Cllr Ross advised that this still has to go to the area office and a decision will need to be made. Neil advised he will contact Kirsty McLeod.
10. **Hill of Fare Windfarm -** Paul informed the group that there is now a new group of people that are an extension of Banchory CC who do not have resources to deal with the windfarm. There was an interesting meeting before Christmas and there was a lot of information gathered from the questionnaire there were 500 responses gathered and around 70% are against the windfarm, 10% in favour and 20% undecided. The Banchory group have contacted the Energy Consensus unit in the government and asked to be consulted and the response was yes, so Paul recommends that IBG CC do this as well. **Paul will be happy to take this forward and contact the Energy Consensus unit to become consultees.** Bill made comment that he is strongly in favour of the wind farm.
11. **Any other Business (AOB) -** Paul mentioned the local development plan (LDP) that since it is published, it's worth us having a look at it and discussing the content. There is quite a major impact on Inchmarlo that we should be a part of. Neil mentioned that the information in the LDP is for information just now and there are some areas where houses will be available as it's unknown if even the land is sold for these areas. Paul mentioned there are 2 parts to it, there's the area of East mains and extension to the retirement village. Bill mentioned that there is an early stage of building in Inchmarlo retirement village at the west gate and the plan is that the site traffic would come in through the South gate and through the main road to the construction site which is not built for these vehicles. Neil mentioned that we could make comments on how the IBG CC feel on the LDP at present and potentially wait for any residents to take their comments forward, or do nothing at all. Paul mentioned we should find out how we fit into this. **Cllr Ross mentioned that we should meet Neil Mair of the planning area and he would be happy to discuss this all with us. Bill to ask his**

contacts to contact Regis (IBG CC) and a meeting to be setup to discuss their findings on the LDP. Cllr Turvey had put Neil Mairs email in the chat box. Neil invited the councillors to come a long to the Deeside Compassion cafe centre which his wife is involved with is also CAP Lifeskills.

- 12. Date of next two meetings:** The next meeting will be Wednesday 29th March 2023. Meeting will continue via Zoom until further notice.