

Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council
Online meeting
Thursday 3rd June 2021, 7.30pm
Approved Minutes

Present: Katy Rumbles (Chair); Regis Lechatellier (Treasurer), Neil Bisset (Secretary), William (Bill) Byth, Andy Wilkins

Councillors: Cllr Ann Ross, Cllr Rosemary Bruce

In attendance: Gill Whatling - Local resident

Actions are highlighted in Red

1. **Welcome/Apologies:** The Chair (Katy Rumbles), welcomed everyone to the meeting and Neil confirmed that Robert Russell, Chris Lowe, Cllr Eileen Durno, Alice Lewsey had all sent in their apologies.
2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting:** Regis proposed, Bill seconded.
3. **Secretarys Report:** Neil advised that we have made contact with the Banchory paths people and advised there will be a meeting taking place in the coming weeks regarding a foot/ cycle path from Inchmarlo to Banchory. Neil advised that the local Police have advised him that they will not be attending these community council meetings unless absolutely necessary but the monthly reports that are issued will provide all the information required. Although there will be no attendance it was requested that a section for the Police report agenda item is kept as a point on our bi-monthly meeting. Neil advised that any MidHill windfarm funding and the community benefitting projects that the community council would be interested in taking forward may have a conflict of interest. Neil contacted Chris Lowe to see if the CC would be allowed to apply for funding for community projects even though the CC would be approving these projects. Chris contacted Fred Olsen and first response has been positive for us as a CC to be able to approve our own requests provided they were for community use. Neil advised there were no responses on the one page newsletter sent out asking for volunteers but as part of another email sent out regarding the speed limit reduction on the A93, there were 4 people interested in helping and 2 of which are happy to form part of a sub team. Neil also reminded the CC that there were a number of plants that have been donated to the area and is to be picked up the following week. The discussion continued onto MidHill Windfarm and Bill mentioned that it might be worth contacting Glassel Hall to notify them that they can apply for funding. **Neil to attempt to contact Glassel Hall again.**
4. **Treasurers Report:** Regis shared his screen and we went through the CC funding. Funding shown from 31st March to 31st May. The midhill wind farm funding was shown and approved. Cllr Ross asked if we have applied for the resilience funding which was confirmed for 12 months.

5. **Councillors Report:** Cllr Ross mentioned about the Aberdeenshire council pitch strategy which is the sports side of the council that looks after sports centres & libraries etc. They have an open pitch strategy which was agreed to endorse a network of pitch plans submitted across Marr to prioritise and enhance the area and settlements working with the sporting organisations in the area to see if they can be enhanced. Cllr Ross shared that the roads teams have been given more money for pot holes and repairs but in Marr area they are poorly resourced so they will be prioritising their work going forward. Cllr Bruce mentioned the road repairs are the priority just now and is overdue since last year requesting that people are patient and that road works operations will be more frequent in the area. Cllr Bruce mentioned that the education and children services committee have been awarded funding. The budget was brought forward and £2m reserve fund for helping young people recover from this lockdown. There will be an educating and services list distributed for any emotional and physical help and also helping the young people any way throughout the summer. There will be programs in place including transport to these facilities. **Details on where this will be forwarded by Cllr Bruce.**
6. **Police Report:** As discussed above.
7. **Website/ Facebook:** Andy shared the statistics of the website. In the last 90 days there were 88 unique visitors and Andy requests general feedback on the website. Andy advised there have been some comments through the website as well which have all been responded to. In terms of Facebook it is deemed not beneficial to use Facebook for the CC at this time and the CC will continue to use the website and emails for our communicating.
8. **Speed Limit reduction:** Andy gave an overview of the history of previous attempts to reduce the speed limit reduction on the A93. Andy has the figures from the police speeding and accidents for the area. A meeting is going to be arranged to combine this information together and discuss the way forward in how to approach the Marr council. A Sub group meeting will take place and a petition will be raised for the area and presented to the council. Letters will be posted throughout the community advising on where to fill out the petition.
9. **Planning Applications:** There have been no new planning applications this month. Neil advised that Bob Russell has written a letter regarding the Inchmarlo estate and the proposal for a through road from the new Hotel and housing development which brings in a safety concern for the retirement village and the children on their bikes making their way to school.
10. **Any other Business (AOB) -** Katy advised the Secretaries email is not responding well and keeps locking out once to twice a week. A new email address is to be created with a paid subscription. Katy mentioned that CC information should be put into the Inchmarlo hall or the bus stops. Cllr Ann advised the bus stop signage would be up to Stagecoach. **Katy asked if she sent on information to Regis to put information into the Inchmarlo Hall and Bill would check with the management if he can put this up in Inchmarlo Village.** Katy asked Bill if Charles Skene would be interested in coming along to a

meeting and give us a background on the Inchmarlo village. Gill mentioned that Charles would be interested in suggestions. **Katy advised she will email Chalres Skene.**

- 11. Date of next two meetings:** The next meeting would be 28th July Wednesday at 19:30 followed by Thursday 30th September at 19:30.