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## Minutes for the Fyvie, Rothienorman and Monquhitter Community Council

Date: 26th November, 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Glebe House, Fyvie and Online (Teams)

Members: Kathryn Vincent (Chair), Louise Will (Secretary-online), Fynn Harrison (Minutes Secretary -online), Lynn Clever, Bill Miazek, Paul Dillon (online), Eilidh Thompson, Libby Rae, Laura Geals, Linda Charles

Cllrs: Anne Stirling, Iain Taylor

Guests: Gwen Chalmers (B&F ABE), Laura Taylor (B&F ABE), Ruaridh Danaher (OceanWinds), Craig Milroy (OceanWinds), Robert Grant (Blackhall and Powis for Upper Green Fields BESS)

Item	Description	Actions
1	Welcome and Apologies KV welcomed the members and guests  Apologies: John Mackenzie, Brenda Potts, Elaine Bryson, Brian Davidson,	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3	Minutes from Meeting 24th September BM proposed to accept. LG seconded. Minutes accepted	
4	Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise scheduled  <i>KV to check with Jack Rigby on changes in internet access in Cuminestown - KV contacted Jack Rigby, he says that the telecommunications pole is not strong enough to affect wifi speeds. KV happy to discuss with anyone still feeling they are being affected. Slow speeds are likely a problem with ISP.</i>	

	AHSCP have not provided responses or their notes from last meeting. Cllr Stirling noted that the contact person has been dealing with long-term illness, so the team may be slow in responding	KV to follow up
5	<p>Co-option of new members</p> <p>Bill Miazeck KV Proposed, DW Seconded. Unanimous</p> <p>John Mackenzie KV Proposed, DW Seconded. Unanimous</p> <p>Elaine Bryson KV Proposed, DW Seconded. Unanimous</p> <p>Jr Members:</p> <p>Sinead Davidson; Eilidh Thompson; Libby Rae KV proposed, Linda seconded. Unanimous</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report (Diane Watt)</p> <p>Total in account - £1885.42</p> <p>FRMCC balance - £1385.38</p> <p>Micro Grant Balance - £500.04.</p>	
7	<p>Wind Farm Sub Committee</p> <p>Awards made at meeting on 20th November 2024</p> <p>Rothienorman Hall Committee £4867.00 to Replace Doors</p> <p>Rothienorman Parent Partner Group £1577.00 to purchase play equipment etc</p> <p>Rothienorman Parent Partner Group £1500.00 towards cost of transport etc for swimming lessons</p> <p>1st Rothienorman Brownies £1000.00 to contribute towards outing</p> <p>Formartine United Youth Academy Girls Division £1500.00 to help purchase training and match kits etc</p>	

	<p>Fyvie FC £7000 towards cost to purchase Robotic Mower</p> <p>Next award will be in March 2025</p> <p>Discussion on the split to be held at next meeting</p>	
8	<p>Speed limit St Katherines</p> <p>The council do not seem to understand what is being requested.</p> <p>It is unclear why it has been refused multiple times and what needs to change before it can go through</p>	<p>KV to liaise with BM about getting details down, checking council policy and following up.</p>
9a	<p>Presentation: Caledonia Wind Farm</p> <p>This is a project that is connecting a wind farm offshore via underground cabling to a substation outside Greens. They propose to connect two projects together.</p> <p>They will end up creating a new overground substation in the greens area.</p> <p>You can find the planning and documents here:  <a href="https://www.caledoniaoffshorewind.com">https://www.caledoniaoffshorewind.com</a></p> <p>When questioned, representatives from Caledonia confirmed consultations were not held in the FRMCC Area.</p> <p>Due to later nature of application being submitted and presentation at this event, the discussion and vote on the consultation response for this application will be done via email.</p>	<p>KV to arrange and facilitate conversation and vote on this item</p>
9b	<p>Stromar Proposals</p> <p>This team had agreed to come to present their updates, but there was a break in communication</p>	<p>KV will follow up with company and give feedback on new proposals</p>
9c	<p>Greenfield BESS</p>	

	<p>The site is 3km south of Cumminestown, it will be directly south of the planned greens substation. Battery Energy Storage System.</p> <p>Assertion that there was no wildlife. KV comments on them “not knowing of any wildlife” even though she rides past their on her bike and spots dead badgers all the time.</p> <p>A member of the public had a question at a consultation in Cuminestown ,but due to a lack of a specialist being present the question couldn’t be answered.</p> <p>Their other project is by Newmachar, both are in the same stage of applications/consultations.</p>	
9d	<p>Buchan and Formartine against big energy:</p> <p>The group was started after residents noticed all of the planned projects in and around New Deer, the construction of these is not joined together. This leads to an increased effect of stress on the public. They believe that if this is so important it should be discussed nationally</p> <p>Trees to be planted at New Deer 1 haven’t been planted/grown large enough to create a barrier.</p> <p>Maintenance staff could not access New Deer 1 due to the snow/ice. SSEN do not have a contract to clear the area around for maintenance access.</p> <p>2 young families have had to stop plans for extending their houses because of the fact it will have no effect on house value.</p> <p>KV raises the point to the public to go to the FRMCC meetings as that is the way for you to affect the current situation.</p>	



	<p>Discussion of weekly updates - still appreciated and will continue to be used (instead of emails being forwarded immediately as they come in)</p> <p>Monqhitter have a new resilience lead - Paul Dillon. DW to contact Carol Eddie to see if the villages can link up their plans/experiences.</p>	
11	<p>Membership Bright Idea</p> <p>No Bright Ideas this meeting, but one possible new recruit.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence and Consultations</p> <p>Formartine Community Council Forum. KV attended. An idea that was popular is the web portal used by one CC that allowed members of the community to give feedback easier. We have a form set up already.</p> <p>FCCF are looking for a Vice Chair. All members are eligible.</p>	<p>KV to circulate information on web portal for community feedback.</p>
13	<p>Local and AOB</p> <p>KV was to follow up on why there were changes to bedding plant allocations - still no answers.</p> <p>Member of Meldrum Academy parent council has emailed about survey on Estate Consultation. LG agreed to be schools contact for FRMCC</p> <p>We have been approached to sell our older sound system. We now have a new one for use at events. Monqhitter Amenities team will look into repairing/reusing the older system</p>	<p>KV to send LG information on the Meldrum Estate Consultation</p> <p>KV to deliver system to MAA</p>

14	Police Report Scams bulletin circulated.	
15	Date and Time of Next Meeting 21st January, 2025, Online.	