

Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council
Online Bimonthly Meeting
Wednesday 26th June 2024, 7.30pm
DRAFT Minutes

Present: Paul Herrington (Chair, Meeting Secretary), Regis Lechatellier (Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary), Gail Ledingham, Andy Wilkins (part), Andy Dickson, Chris Low
Councillors: Yi-Pei Chou Turvey, Ann Ross (part)
Apologies: None
Actions are highlighted in Green

- 1. Welcome/Apologies:** PH welcomed everyone to the meeting, there was full attendance with the exception of Cllr Durno.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting, and review of actions:** RL proposed and GL seconded approval of the minutes. PH reviewed the actions of the previous meeting; meeting frequency confirmed as 5 + AGM per annum, as per schedule outlined in the AGM. Mid-hill funding of the Inchmarlo Hall Resilience project was approved, pending the receipt of a resilience plan, which is in draft form, **RL to circulate when ready.**
- 3. Membership changes:** AW stepped down from the community council. AW was an original member of the new CC in 2019, and was thanked for his achievements including the 40mph speed restriction through Bridge of Canny, and setting up the website. **AW, CL and RL to finalise the handover of the website and IT systems.** AW offered help on anything else if needed, and left the meeting. PH proposed Sue Blow as a new associate member of the council, to take on the role of Correspondence Secretary. GL, RL, CL and AD supported SB's appointment. **PH to contact SB and work with RL to handover the responsibilities. GL offered to approach potential candidates in the Retirement Village to replace her at the September election, as she is not planning to stand.**
- 4. Roles and responsibilities:** PH presented the current table of roles and responsibilities. **CL confirmed that he will take on responsibility for IT, the website, and broadband. SB will take on responsibility for environmental/sustainability topics.**
- 5. Secretary's Report:** PH referred to the Meeting Secretary's meeting schedule presented in the AGM. RL discussed the Correspondence Secretary's emails, and the new approach to send out fewer emails. It was noted that there was no feedback from residents regarding emails distributed, and that no residents were attending CC meetings. It was also noted that the Police Report is no longer being issued. **In future meeting RL will discuss key emails.**
- 6. Treasurer's report:** RL presented the latest finances since end of March. There was discussion on insurance, and RL confirmed this was now arranged by individual CCs.
- 7. Councillor's report:** AR described the agenda for the full council meeting on the 27th including a motion regarding WASPI women, the council's budget position, a petition against losing crossing patrollers, and a discussion regarding the health and social care partnership deficit. AR described the Retirement Village bus stop, and an initiative to source funds to improve access. Regarding A93 speed limits, AR is also hoping that "reduce speed now" signs will be installed around the Retirement Village entrance as a compromise, given that it was not (currently) possible to reduce the speed limit. AR described a traffic speed dataset which confirmed that the 85th percentile speed is less than 60 miles an hour at 56 and 53, west and east of the junction, which

suggests there's no actionable speeding issue on this section of road. GL thanked AR for her efforts, and the progress made. PH described the previous action taken at ISC, for Aberdeenshire Council to update its roads policy once new guidance had been issued by the Scottish Government, for which there was no schedule. **AR offered to chase this action by sending an email to Philip Mackay, asking where they are with the speed limit review.** YT confirmed that AR had covered the Councillor's report items. AR noted that she is no longer on ISC, and then left the meeting.

8. Local Place Plan: AD described the three public meetings that are planned for August, to engage residents on the LPP; one at the Retirement Village, one at Inchmarlo Village Hall and one at Glassel Hall. **AD will propose firm dates for the three public meetings. GL will confirm the availability of the Retirement Village marquee. PH offered to organise an informal meeting for CC member to discuss plans further.**

9. IBG Area Resilience: With respect to mid-hill funding for resilience equipment, **RL will circulate the resilience plan, once it has been reviewed by the resilience team.** Funds have been received so that once the plan has been agreed by the CC, equipment can be purchased.

10. Retirement Village Speed Limit: This was described above by AR. GL also described the Aberdeen-direction bus stop issue, which can only be accessed across grass, which is a problem for those with mobility issues. New paving and a dropped kerb would improve access. The understanding is that the council lack funding for this work. It was suggested that the Mid-Hill windfarm funding could be used. **GL to investigate funding options further, and whether the council could then carry out the work.**

11. Planning applications and development (incl OP2 & Lucallan): GL gave an update on the "OP2" housing development, and the importance of looking at road access if the plan goes ahead. GL had reviewed the Lucallan application and had not found any changes in the form of re-submissions.

12. Hill of Fare Windfarm: PH described the letter from Aberdeenshire Council confirming a delay in their submission deadline until October 17th. The submission will be their case for or against the windfarm proposal, to the Scottish Government. The delay is to allow for additional material to be considered by the council, and to allow for the councils committee schedule. **PH has requested to speak at the Marr Area Committee in due course on behalf of IBGCC.**

13. Paths: PH noted that Neil Campbell has recently been appointed as Chair of the Torphins Paths Group, and that Neil is actively pursuing the "railway" paths extension from Glassel towards Banchory, through Kynoch Woods.

14. Mid-hill windfarm funding: RL had already described the active Resilience project.

15. Website and IT: CL confirmed he had received the passwords and was in the process of taking this over from AW.

16. Date of next meeting: This was confirmed at the AGM to be the 25th of September, and would be the Inaugural Meeting following the election.

There being no other business raised, PH closed the meeting.