



## CREICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8.15pm  
on Zoom

**Present:** Pete Campbell, Chair (PC), Marcus Munro, Vice Chair (MM), Mary Goulder, Treasurer/Secretary (MG), Russell Smith (RS), Norman MacDonald (NM), John White (JW), Rikki Vettors (RV), Keith Williams (KW), Donna Gilchrist (DG)

**Apologies:** Brian Coghill (BC)

**Also present:** David Watson, KoSDT (DW), Colin Gilmour (CG), Michael Baird (MB)

**Police representative:** None present. Report received by email

**Item 1. Welcome/apologies (as above). Police report.** Chair opened the meeting. Police report received by email, circulated ahead of the meeting. No feedback to the police required.

**Item 2. Community Resilience Plan update.** Report received by email from Jodie Ross. Information may be had directly from her at [jodie@kyleofsutherland.co.uk](mailto:jodie@kyleofsutherland.co.uk) Resilience Plan is finalised and will be published in the next edition of the Kyle Chronicle. The team is now considering an economic development plan.

**Item 3. Minutes of April meeting/matters arising.** The minutes of the April meeting, also held on Zoom, were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Rikki Vettors; seconded by Marcus Munro.

#### **Item 4. Regular updates:**

- 1. Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust.** (DW) (1) Funding for Bonar Bridge Post Office project in place. The PO will close in mid-June with temporary premises established. It is hoped that the new premises will open in October/November. (2) Interviews to be held following expressions of interest in operating the Falls of Shin Visitor Attraction. Four campervan stances created with waste disposal facilities and electric charging points. (3) South Bonar campervan site. THC has agreed a site transfer for £1 fee and funding has been secured. Progress hampered by SEPA restrictions – negotiations ongoing. (4) The AGM is expected to be held in late summer and will cover the previous two years. Accounts due to be published soon.
- 2. Planning & Licensing.** (RS) RS had forwarded all relevant applications. Nil of note.
- 3. TECS.** (1) Potholes and general poor road conditions throughout the area, most notably on the Glen Cassley road and the B9176 Struie. Cllr Currie has been asked to stress the need for urgent repairs on both before serious damage is caused to vehicles, especially likely with the increase of traffic expected during the tourist season. **KC Action.**
- 4. Financial report.** (MG) The balance of the Treasurer's account is £3,101.73. Outgoing payments to Faclan Word Service and KoSDT (website/Facebook management). The No 2 account balance is £26,430.83 reflecting one outgoing payment from RbS Training Fund to Brian MacKenzie. Water damaged cheque from the Night Safe will be re-issued. (Refund of unused award, Bonar Bridge Children's Xmas Party). **NM Action.** Donna Gilchrist was introduced and warmly welcomed as the new Treasurer, taking up duties following the AGM in June.
- 5. Rosehall.** (JW/CG) (1) A pop-up campsite is opening beside the Invercassley Tearoom. The café has also been granted an alcohol license. (2) Rosehall Mansion House visitors are still causing problems, especially with random/unsafe car parking around the village. People are coming great distances and it is expected that numbers will increase during the summer due to social media publicity. Rosehall Trails car park has no insurance for these vehicles –

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RADAG is genuinely concerned. Awaiting update from Cllr Currie after April meeting. **KC Action.**

6. **Invershin.** (KW) (1) Inveran. Inveran bridge. KW awaiting update from Colin Howell, THC, re Land Register enquiries. (2) Awaiting update regarding road repairs on the access road to the houses at Inveran. **KC Action.**
7. **Bonar Bridge.** (1) Speeding issues. No progress made since last month. MM requested to work with his contact in THC and go ahead with purchase and installation of speed indicator signs. Invoice the CC for the equipment. Too much time has been wasted over months of discussions. Traffic calming lines could also be painted across the roads on the village approaches. **MM/KC Action.**
8. **Highland Councillor's report.** (KC) Cllr Currie made several attempts to join the meeting at the outset but presumably had connection issues as she did not succeed. Action points are marked for her attention.

**Item 4. Windfarm updates.** (1) Prior to this meeting a private one was held with CCs and local representatives present to discuss CC policy and local opinions on the many proposals for developments in/around the area. RS will submit CC comments on Meall Buidhe, Strathoykel, Garvary, Sallachy and Glencassley based on the discussions. NORoS will prepare a letter to Scottish Government regarding the lack of any cohesive strategies and the swamping of local communities by multiple applications. CC will continue to negotiate with developers to achieve the best possible community benefit arrangements. This does not preclude the CC from objecting to/supporting any application which it will continue to do, reflecting local opinions.

**Item 5. Correspondence.** Any relevant correspondence had been forwarded.

**Item 6. Any other competent business.** (1) NM noted that Lairg CC is questioning the ongoing closure of Migdale Hospital. There appears to be no update available nor anyone indicating future plans. Monitor Lairg CC minutes and add to the pressure for information. **MG Action.** (2) NM reported that the wall around the new section of Creich Cemetery is in appalling condition, dangerous, also distressing for mourners and visitors to the site. It was stated there were similar issues at Invershin Cemetery. **KC/MG Action.**

**Item 7. Date, time and place of next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. This will be the AGM as well as the regular meeting and it is hoped that Bonar Bridge Hall will be open to hold these there. Failing that the meetings will be held on Zoom.

**Item 8. Private session. Beinn Tharsuinn/Rock by Sea funding applications.** BTWF. Application by Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust for £2,000 towards the Bonar Bridge Post Office renovations was approved. Rock by Sea. Training grant of £400 was approved to Hamish Munro towards costs of obtaining a trailer licence. Request from the Bradbury Centre to use surplus award funding towards sanitizing equipment was approved.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.