



CREICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held
on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.30pm
on Zoom**

Present: Pete Campbell, Chair (PC), Mary Goulder, Secretary (MG), Russell Smith (RS), Norman MacDonald (NM), John White (JW), Keith Williams (KW), Donna Gilchrist, Treasurer (DG)

Apologies: Marcus Munro, Vice Chair (MM), Rikki Vettes (RV), Brian Coghill (BC)

Also present: David Watson, KoSDT (DW), Deputy Lieutenant Christine Mackay (CM), Caroline McMorran, Northern Times (NT), Michael Baird (MB)

Police representative: See below

Item 1. Welcome/apologies (as above). Police report. Chair opened the meeting. Police report received after the meeting with apologies that no officers had been available to submit it on time. Thirteen incidents of note in the last month: three RTCs, 2 abandoned vehicles, 1 animals call, one domestic incident, one lost property, one vandalism, 2 assist members of the public, one disturbance and one fraud.

Item 2. Minutes of November meeting/matters arising. The minutes of the November meeting, also held on Zoom, were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Russell Smith, seconded by Norman MacDonald. (1) Migdale Hospital. Public consultation has not taken place. Invite NHS Highland North Manager to next meeting. **MG Action.**

Item 3. Speed indicator signs/Bonar – Ardgay straight. Approval expected for extending the 30mph limit past Ardgay Game with a 50mph limit across the straight. See also Item 6 (7).

Item 4. Inveran bridge update. No progress.

Item 5. Inveran road update. As at November meeting, residents report there has been no action. KC was told in August that the work was being done. Residents should be updated asap. **KC Action.**

Item 6. Regular updates:

- 1. Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust.** (DW) (1) Report included information regarding the Far North Line Community Partnership, Sutherland Community Partnership, the Community Larder, the Food Stop café, funding received/being sought for various projects, Stonehenge update, Queen's Green Canopy plans, Falls of Shin procurement process, pillar box at Bonar Bridge Post Office. Full details available from the Trust office.
- 2. Planning & Licensing.** (RS) RS had forwarded all relevant Planning applications. Application noted of Kyle Bakery to extend alcohol license, 10am-10pm. RS to circulate details. **RS Action.**
- 3. TECS.** (1) No change to any items discussed in November. Road works on A837 west proceeding well. Glen Cassley road top end now seriously deteriorated. THC indicating it is too bad to simply resurface. It is wondered locally if it will ever be repaired. **KC Action.**
- 4. Treasurer's report.** (DG) No. 1 account balance stands at £2,878.91, reflecting receipt of the annual admin grant from THC. Outgoing payments for secretarial and treasurer services. The No. 2 account balance stands at £42,457.61, reflecting one outgoing payment from Coire na Cloiche fund to KoSDT Helping Hands fund. Breakdown of the No. 2 account was welcomed.
- 5. Rosehall.** (MM) New noticeboard ordered.
- 6. Invershin.** (KW) See Items 4 and 5.
- 7. Bonar Bridge.** Nothing new on speed indicator signs. **MM Action.**
- 8. Highland Councillor's report.** (KC) No report received.

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Item 7. Windfarm updates. (1) MB reported that THC recommended refusal of the Garvary application which will probably go to a public enquiry. Some discussion held regarding future proposals with the CC encouraged not to be blinkered but to consider the financial benefits which will accrue. Each one must be considered on its own merit as always. RS gave update regarding the power line from Dalchork substation to Loch Buidhe which is expected to be switched on in May.

Item 8. Correspondence. Any relevant correspondence had been forwarded. (1) Efforts to contact high schools seeking youth members have so far produced no reply from one and the emails bouncing back from the other. Ward Manager to be asked to recheck contact details. **MG Action.**

Item 9. Any other competent business. (1) CM gave outline of proposed events regarding the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June over the public holiday. Several plans under discussion including the positioning of a beacon. CM was reminded to request funding from the CC if required. Details also available from KoSDT.

Item 10. Date, time and place of next meeting. Next meeting was scheduled for April but was brought forward to 22nd March. Bonar Bridge Hall will be asked if face to face meetings will be allowed and if so, the booking will be made for 7.30pm that evening. **MG Action.**

Item 11. Private session. Beinn Tharsuinn/Rock by Sea fund applications. Coire na Cloiche. £1,000 awarded to each of Bonar Bridge Hall, Rosehall Hall and Invershin Hall. The Bradbury Centre, The Hub and Lairg Learning Centre were added to the list of beneficiaries this year. These grants are not an annual award but at the discretion of the CC after discussion each year around this time. Other local groups may be added in the future. **MG/DG Action.**

Meeting closed 8.50pm.