



Minutes Creich Community Council Minutes of 13/5/24 @ 7pm Rosehall Village Hall

Present: Scott Veters (Chair SV), Donna Gilchrist (DG Associate Treasurer and temporary secretary), Hayley Bangs (HB), Iain Maclean (IM), Caroline Munro (CM), Colin MacFarlane (Cmacf), Norman Macdonald (NM), Russell Smith (RS), Shona Patterson (SP), Iain Bowles (IB), Cllr Michael Baird, John Whyte, Colin Gilmour, Matt Forest

Apologies: David Watson (DW) KosDT

Matters Arising from previous minutes:

HB agreed to take on the role of Secretary, but not Minutes Secretary, proposed by CM seconded by SV.

It was agreed to advertise for a Minutes Secretary.

HB had contacted Phil Tomalin at HC regarding Local Place Plans. He was very helpful and sent over links and also arranged for a call with a person working on these from the HC. The deadline for submission is September 24 but registration of intention needs to take place before. HB outlined the main points;

- Existing local plans can be used to support a LPP such as a Community Action Plan.
- A LPP can just focus on one aspect such as local land development.
- The main disadvantage of not doing a LPP is regarding planning issues, however the CC are already consulted on planning applications.
- The main advantage is in the support of planning applications for example housing which becomes part of the HC development plan.
- There is quite a bit of work needed to produce a LPP with many areas funding such work from external support.
- A LPP can still be developed and submitted after the September deadline but will not immediately become part of the HC development plan.
- Developing a LPP would require a group of people not just one person.

At this late stage no one was able to take on such a big commitment, but it was agreed that it may be possible in the future. IB and Cmacf have signed up to an online event for this.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record proposed by HB, seconded by IM.

Chairs Report- SV

SV thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and an introduction round the table was given by all members.

KosDT:

A written report was provided prior to the meeting outlining the projects and work being carried out by the Trust and a letter requesting Community Council representation on the KosDT Board. The report highlighted the development of a new five-year strategy in process and that community consultations are intended over the next year.

Two main items were discussed from the report:

- The request for CC representation - Unfortunately at this stage no CC is able to commit to this request.
- Community ownership of Sallachy Windfarm in part. The CC will request further information on this from DW around the proposal, benefits, any maintenance costs, community consultation, and proposed funding of the purchase.

Resilience Plan update (*if appropriate*):

Plan is updated and the KosDT are planning a community resilience event.

Planning & Licensing

RS outlined for new members how this works, planning email applications to RS and he forwards relevant ones to the committee, anything flagged can be viewed on the Highland Council web page. There was a planning request for three houses on Tulloch Hill – no objections.

TEC Services

Reported on in Cllr MB updates.

Financial report DG

As @ 13/5/24

A/c 1 balance £260.68

A/c 2 balance £39,010.73

The investment Fund with Foundation Scotland has a balance of £69,571.

Rosehall - SP

SP informed that Charlie Dodd would like to lead a Rosehall Local Place Plan, the community council agreed to act as the body to support this. HB will send LLP information and the Community Action Plan; RS will forward the 2018 plan.

Concerns regarding the Invernauld junction were made, a proposal for installation of mirror were put forward but the HC could not agree to this. There was also dissatisfaction with how the trimming of trees at the road's verges were left.

Several residents had complained about a neighbour with vicious dogs and excessive cameras overlooking other people's property. SP agreed to formulate a written document for the CC to consider supporting with a police report at the next meeting.

Invershin/Bonar Bridge- HB

IB agreed to take over Invershin reports.

HB informed that she had been approached by many residents regarding the Balblair windfarm and the condition of the brae on Migdale road.

HC Councillor's report – Cllr MB

Works to repair the Brae are imminent.

There will be no white line painting for a while.

Road's money will be announced shortly re £2m repair works. CC can identify and put forward priority roads repair requests.

There was a discussion around a strategic timber scheme.

Drumliah road is still on the shopping list.

Signs at the junction before bridge are being inspected for rot, if replaced will possibly be larger to accommodate Gaelic.

Next SSEN power line consultation Bonar Hall 10th June 3.30 -8pm

Windfarms

As the CC had been in obedience there are several outstanding matters which the cc would prioritise according to the stage the proposed windfarms were at.

- Sallachy – two issues the proposed community ownership by KosDT and the proposed Cassley Substation – HB will invite a representative to the next meeting.
- Strathoykel – Representation to object previously submitted by former Community Council
- Garvary- Due to CC obedience representation opportunity has been missed.
- Creachan- Inveroykel at early stages will invite a representative at a later date.
- Balblair- in scoping stages looking at environmental impact assessment CC will ask a representative to a meeting later in the year.

A.O.B

- Facebook and website, it was agreed that the CC would like to take this in house. DG will liaise with the KosDT to arrange transfer. This will allow the CC to be more active at communicating with residents.

Non community Councillors left the meeting for a private funding discussion.

Funding Applications

It was agreed to review all administration/processes and conditions of funding- HB will lead this. In the meantime, all applications must follow existing processes and meet current conditions.

Beinn Tharsuinn – Rosehall Village Hall awarded £1,200 for a new dishwasher

CnC – The following organisations were awarded £1,000 to help with running costs, Bradbury Centre, The Hub, BBFC, Bonar/Invershin/Rosehall village halls, Lairg Learning Centre, Bonar/Ardgay Golf Club.

The Kyle of Sutherland Hub was awarded £4,277 towards the Activity Coordinators post, but payment delayed until end of October 2024

Bonar & Rosehall primaries were awarded £500

Two applications were received to the Rock by Sea fund one was rejected as a non-resident of Creich, the other was rejected as the application was submitted on the same date the training was to take

place. This was therefore considered retrospective funding, it was also submitted for consideration when the community council was in abeyance.

Next Meeting

17th June 2024

AGM followed by Ordinary meeting

Bonar Bridge Village Hall 7pm