

# Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 at 7:30 pm. Achmore Hall

**Present:** Mhairi Macrae, Dawn Lupton, Joe Grimson, Lynn McLaughlin, and Biz Campbell.

**Apologies:** John Taylor, Josie Meyer, and Claudia Weegen.

## 1. Approval of minutes

Approved by Dawn and seconded by Mhairi.

## 2. Treasurers report:

Treasurers Report 25 June 2024			
Balance at 28th May 2024			£1,381.06
<b>Expenditure</b>			0
000232 Insurance			£84.00
000233 Domain name			£6.00
<b>Income</b>			0
Mobile CHQ 34562	Credited as CHQ rejected		£6.00
Mobile ChQ 044214	Credited as CHQ rejected		£84.00
Balance at 30.04.2024			£1,471.06
<b>Unrepresented Cheques</b>			
	Insurance (Zurich)		£84.00
	Domain Name CC Website		£6.00
<i>Both paid by D Lupton 28.04.2024, to be reimbursed</i>			
	C Anderson Auditing Accounts		£25.00
Balance			£1,356.06

Hall Hire Meeting Dates 2024/2025	cost
28.02.2024	£12.00
27.03.2024	£12.00
30.04.2024	£12.00
28.05.2024	£12.00
25.06.2024	£12.00

The accounts have been audited and will be submitted to our Ward Manager. New signatories have been added but account needs to be changed to allow internet banking.

*Action Dawn.*

## 3. Local issues

### 3.1 Sewage in Achmore

A concern had been raised about sewage runoff from the community septic tank resulting in visible discharge and a noticeable odour. Scottish Water have responded to say that they are aware that the end of the outfall pipe is damaged, resulting in the effluent not being returned to the intended point in the river, to ensure a good level of dilution. They are seeking to engage a contractor to carry out repairs. CC will check to see it has been repaired in August. *Action Mhairi*

### 3.2 Survey results

Email received from Lowri Richards about the local housing plan and survey. Results from for our local area have been collated into a report, there were 14 responses.

### 3.3 20 mile speed limit

It was noted that the last CC had had a survey done recording speeds through Achmore and the average speed recorded had been 20/21 mph. Stromeferry doesn't have a speed limit.

*Biz Campbell will enquire about speed limit procedures.*

### 3.4 Local Place Plan

3.4.1 Joe and Mhairi had a productive meeting with Nick Wright concerning the Local Place plan where they relayed community concerns that had been submitted to the CC. Nick had also received emails and phone calls from local residents and will now re draft the plan, which will be re-issued in a few months for further consultation before being submitted to Highland Council.

3.4.2 Interest in a community buyout of the old Marconi Yard in Stromeferry - The advice from Community Land Scotland is that a trust or company limited by guarantee would need to be formed, which could then proceed with the application process allowing for an interest to buy to be registered. The CC has taken this as far as they can and Stromeferry residents would need to carry this forward if they were interested.

### 3.5 Local Planning Applications

The CC now has Consultee Access account and is receiving a weekly planning application update.

### 4 AOB

4.1 It has been confirmed that Stromeferry Defibrillator will now be fitted and serviced by Scotrail. No date yet as to when this will happen.

4.2 Community Council Celebrations. It has been 50 years since Community Councils were formed.

4.3 An invitation has been received for the CC to join the NHS District Planning Board. Mhairi has agreed to attend the meetings as a representative of this board. *Action Mhairi*

As there was no other business the meeting finished at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30 pm in Achmore hall.