

# Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council

## Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. Achmore Hall

### 1 Present & Apologies

**Present:** Audrey Sinclair, Ellanne Fraser, Phil Game, Dawn Lupton, Mary MacBeth, Neil MacRae

**Apologies:** Kath Biss

### 2 Approve and adopt previous minutes

July's minutes were accepted, proposed by Dawn and seconded by Mary.

Copies of minutes are on our website at: - [www.stromeferry-and-achmore.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=220934](http://www.stromeferry-and-achmore.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=220934)

Email Phil at [CC@fernaig.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:CC@fernaig.fsnet.co.uk) if you would like to be put on the circulation list.

### 3 Communications received

#### 3.1 By the secretary

Email - Weekly - Various - Skye & Lochalsh planning & Delegated list & 6 Planning - distributed  
Email - Monthly - SLCVO - Community toolkit & Monthly Bulletins - distributed  
Email - Aug - Foundation Scotland - Achieving Impact with Community Benefit 29/9/15 - distributed  
Email - Aug - Policy - Highland 3rd Sector Interface - Community Empowerment Act Road shows - distributed  
Email - Aug - Policy - CC elections - Community Newsletter - distributed  
Email - Aug - Policy - CC email address - to do set up a generic email - AOB  
Email - Aug - L Plenty - Update from NHS Board Meeting - 11/8/15 - distributed  
Email - Aug - Policy - Fairer Scotland Community Event - 16/9/15 - distributed  
Email - Aug - Highland Palliative Care Quality Improvement Group - workshop 27/8/15- distributed  
Email - Aug - Colin Clark - 6 email exchange about recycling - update @ 6.1  
Email - Aug - L Duncan - HC Quality Awards - distributed  
Email - Aug - A Sinclair - 1202537 - Pot hole repair costs - update @ 5.2  
Email - Aug - SLCVO - Invite to AGM - distributed  
Email - Aug - M. Macsween - Green Home Energy Week 5-13 September 2015 - distributed  
Email - Aug - R Bain - Town Centre Capital Communities Fund - distributed  
Email - Aug - Policy - Fairer Scotland Community Council Event - 16 September 2015 - distributed  
Email - Aug - Policy - Community Council Elections- distributed  
Email - Sep - Foundation Scotland - Achieving Impact with Community Benefit 29 September 2015 - distributed  
Email - Sep - A MacLeod HC - Winter Resilience Community Aid Programme 2015 - to discuss  
Email - Sep - High Wide Local Development plan - HwLDP - Forthcoming consultation - distributed  
Email - Sep - Policy - Community Council Election: Nomination papers - distributed  
Email - Sep - SLCVO - Invitation to Police Consultation - distributed  
Email - Sep - Foundation Scotland - Don't Miss out - Book your place today. Seminar 29 Sep 2015 - distributed  
Email - Sep - Policy - Community Transport Grants - distributed  
Email - Sep - Policy - Digital engagement for CCs' workshops - autumn 2015 - distributed  
Email - Sep - A Tanner HC - Digital engagement for CCs' workshops - autumn 2015 - distributed  
Email - Sep - Scottish Gov - Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan - Stakeholder Update - dist.  
Email - Sep - Policy - North Focus/Focus air a' Chinn Tuath - distributed  
Email - Sep - Bruce Crawford Police - Fwd: Speed Survey - Achmore - update @ 5.22  
Email - Sep - Robbie Bain - Exercise Joint Warrior Oct 15 Radar & GPS Jamming - distributed  
Email - Sep - P Hawdon Scottish Salmon - Fish farm open consultation event - distributed  
Email - Sep - R Bain - RE: No of CC meetings in a year - to be discussed AOB  
Email - Sep - HSCN - Highland Senior Citizens Network - distributed  
Email - Sep - R Bain - Community Council Elections - distributed  
Email - Oct - A Tyron - A890 Balnacra to Lair Road Scheme - Letter to Stromeferry and Achmore CC - discuss  
Email - Oct - Policy - Community Council Elections - distributed  
Email - Oct - M Irving - RE: Result of CC election for Stromeferry and Achmore  
Email - Oct - D Lupton - Defibrillator fundraiser  
Email - Oct - C Cornelius - Path to the beach in Strome - distributed & actioned  
Email - Oct - Policy - Transport Consultation - Public Meetings - distributed

### 3.2 By the chairman

Nothing in addition to the items listed above.

If anyone would like copies any of the above documents please contact Mary at [CC@fernaig.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:CC@fernaig.fsnet.co.uk) or 01599 577 296.

## 4 Treasurer's report

Opening Balance	£ 2,096.42
Expenditure this period	£ 0.00
Income this period	£ 973.40
Closing Balance as at 30/9/15	£ 3,069.82

No unrepresented cheques this period. The figures above include this year's grant from the HC and some of the monies raised for the defibrillator which will be forwarded to Lucky2BHere in due course. As the current CC will terminate on the 17<sup>th</sup> November and a new CC cannot be formed before next March we went through all the outstanding debts and payments due to the end of March to ensure everyone is paid. **Action Dawn**

## 5 Ongoing Items, progress reports

### 5.1 AGM chair's report 2014 & 2015

Neil's reports were distributed and are available on the website. **Completed**

### 5.2 TEC Services

We asked Andrew for an update, there was no response.

#### 5.2.1 *New issues reported*

No new issues reported

#### 5.2.2 *Outstanding issues*

##### 5.2.2.1 *831820 - Braeintra bridge, reported by Dave Mockett*

There will be a temporary solution to put a steel deck on top of the existing masonry walls.

##### 5.2.2.2 *984901 - Water running across the A890, reported by Audrey*

This will be tackled this summer.

##### 5.2.2.3 *Speed control through the village*

Bruce forwarded details of the speed monitoring results showing that speed limits are not being exceeded. **Completed**

##### 5.2.2.4 *Braeintra bridge #2, reported by Calum Bulloch*

TECS have inspected the bridge and it is safe. The displaced stone from the parapet will be replaced.

##### 5.2.2.5 *The new road from the Strathcarron junction to Coulags which ends without warning*

As well as the chicane being removed or repositioned further to the west and there will probably be a speed triggered sign warning if vehicles are approaching the blind summit to fast. **Action: Audrey**

##### 5.2.2.6 *672709 - The Achmore Bridge over the river Ascaig*

Cost of signage and potholes we were told it is not possible to provide the information. This was subsequently followed by figures from TECS via Audrey listing average costs to fix a pothole as £35.00 hot patching, £37.00 cold patching £18.25 Jet patching. We will inform the HC finance director how much he is spending fixing potholes and send photographs of the signage. **Action: Mary**

You can see the full presentation from Mark Crowe here:-

[http://www.highland.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast\\_interactive/160168pothole](http://www.highland.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/160168pothole).

##### 5.2.2.7 *Pothole count*

The details came in too late for us to put forward a joint complaint to the HC. **Dropped down a big hole in tarmac**

#### 5.2.1 *Road fault spreadsheet*

Click [here](#) to view the latest spreadsheet.

### 5.3 Defibrillator for local emergencies

#### 5.3.1 *Installation*

The unit seems to be OK without its solenoid; Mary has forwarded photographs of the installation to Lucky2BHere. **Completed**

#### 5.3.2 *Fundraising - Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>*

Dawn organised a joint fundraising event with the Hall Committee that raised £220, we will forward a cheque to L2BH. **Action: Dawn**

##### 5.3.2.1 *SSE cash match initiative*

No progress by Ellanne

## 5.4 Provision of recycling facilities

### 5.4.1 Emptying of Glass Recycling Bins

Mary confirmed the procedure with the HC; subsequently the bins have been emptied and the procedure was not used!

### 5.4.2 Skip

No one wants to tidy up.

### 5.4.3 Recycling

The HC say that councillors will have to put more money to waste before any changes can be made. **Action: Audrey**

## 5.5 Storage of CC records

It has not been possible to organise a meeting with Geoff & Lizzie so far but Mary will complete the task. **Action: Mary**

## 5.6 HC & Islands Core Path Review Completed

## 5.7 Viewpoint above Auchtertyre

Ellanne made no progress since the last meeting and this has now been taken up with the Lochalsh Community Council by Audrey. **Offloaded**

# 6 Update from our Councillor

Audrey's council work is on various levels: Various meetings as Chair of Planning, Development and Infrastructure (Economy, Tourism, Planning, Flood programme, European engagement, HITRANS, CoSLA, Land Reform, Skills Academy). Working on Highland First (the programme/priorities for the present council) Community Council and Ward Business meetings. Preparation work for new Leader programme to run from 2016 (£500k coming to Ward 6, last time it was over £800k). Day to day issues raised by constituents

# 7 Update from Regional & National Organisations

## 7.1 NHS

### 7.1.1 Redesign of Services in Skye, Lochalsh and W Ross

#### 7.1.1.1 Hospital access and transport

Mary forwarded details of local transport information; there are some mistakes on the summary from the NHS which Mary will correct. **Action: Mary**

## 7.2 Tilhill

### 7.2.1 Access

No response.

## 7.3 Reroute of A890

No progress

## 7.4 Highland Council

Nothing this month

## 7.5 Police & Fire

Nothing this month

## 7.6 Scottish Water

As we didn't have a summer this year the odour test will have to wait.

# 8 Update from Local Groups

## 8.1 Broadband - from Phil Game

We now have 26 live subscribers live, 7 more subscribers are ready to connect pending the delivery of the ADSL line in Lochcarron. We expect to have 66 subscribers in total when the project is complete. Our monthly usage is averaging 250 GB. There were no problems apart from power cuts.

The tariff for year 2 has been set at; 10GB - £10, 20GB - £19, 30GB - £28, 40GB - £37 per month which is approximately 30% discount on year 1.

Progress by location:-

**Lochcarron** - The power has been connected, the link to Creag Mhaol is active and showing good signal strength and a good quality connection. Openreach visited on the 6th October to install the new ADSL line but did not connect the telephone line as they should have sent their surveyor first. Zen (our ISP) has made a new application through Openreach and we are waiting for a new installation date.

**The Glen** - Both relays have been erected and the power supply installed by the Hydro, the meter should be installed early in November and our electrician can then connect our consumer unit. The system is expected to be operational in November but it is dependent on the Lochcarron ADSL line.

**Craig** - We have installed the relay and have a temporary power supply available, this installation is now dependant on finalising the location of the Ardaneaskan relay.

**Ardaneaskan** - We have tested a link to Craig and have decided to purchase radios that are slightly more powerful than our normal Nanostations to cover the longer distances. One resident has been connected via a temporary link direct to Creag Mhaol to test the range of the new dishes (NanoBeam CPE). This link has good signal strength but is showing poor quality. Speeds are fine for one subscriber but will need further investigation if the link were to be used for multiple subscribers. We have yet to finalise the location of the relay.

**Portchullin** - The relay to serve Ardaneaskan East and North Strome has been erected. We now have the signed lease agreement from the Forestry and have applied for the power connection from SSE and are waiting for an installation date.

**Strome Ferry** - We have started work looking for a suitable site for a relay to link Lochcarron and North Strome.

There was an open meeting in September which was poorly attended by existing subscribers.

The West Coast backbone project has ordered the 1,000 Mbps leased line in Mallaig which is expected to be delivered in November. Testing has started on high speed radio links to bring the service north, initially as far as Applecross.

There are more details on the website:- [www.stromeferry-and-achmore.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=433827](http://www.stromeferry-and-achmore.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=433827)

## **8.2 Fernaig Trust - From Colin MacAndrew -**

Work continues on the Whole Farm Review which will result in an Action Plan to help the Trust determine priorities for the coming years

A meeting was held with Forestry Commission to discuss their Lochalsh Woodlands Management Plan until 2025, which is in draft form. Further collaboration over the Strome Woods is anticipated.

The hay field will be improved by treatment with lime.

## **8.3 Hall Committee - from Jack Bird**

Nothing received from the Hall committee.

# **9 AOB**

## **9.1 Dissolution of the CC**

Not enough volunteers came forwards to allow the CC to continue. There will be another chance to form a CC next year. Mary will circulate application forms when they become available. **Action: Mary**

## **9.2 Hard play area for children**

Dawn has established that the old school tarmac play area belongs to the HC. It is not possible for the CC to own assets and so if this is to be taken further an existing or new constituted group will need to submit a proposal to the HC. **End of the road as far as the CC is concerned.**

## **9.3 Winter resilience**

Current CC members volunteered, no other applications were received. Mary will forward names to the HC. **Action: Mary**

# **10 Calendar**

Is there a future for the CC?

## **11 Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 p.m. Achmore Hall to finalise the accounts ready to suspend the CC and mothball its bank accounts finances.

## **12 Formal close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm