

Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th of May 2024 at 7:30 pm. Achmore Hall

Present: Mhairi Macrae, Dawn Lupton, Claudia Weegen, Joe Grimson, Lynn McLaughlin, Josie Meyer and Kathleen Inman.

Apologies: John Taylor and Biz Campbell

1. Approval of minutes

Approved by Dawn and seconded by Mhairi.

2. Treasurers report:

Balance £1500.65.

Dawn is still waiting for the signatories on the bank account to be changed and is going to put in a complaint about the time it is taking. Accounts are presently being audited. *Action Dawn.*

3. Local issues

3.1 Sewage in Achmore

A concern has been raised about sewage runoff from the community septic tank, resulting in visible discharge and a noticeable odour. It was decided to contact Scottish Water to investigate the issue. *Action Mhairi.*

3.2 Local Place Plan

Issues discussed about the Place plan were.

3.2.1 A proposed route of the footpath from Achmore to Stromeferry needs to be adjusted to avoid passing through a resident's garden and exiting on their driveway.

3.2.2 It was agreed that the old Marconi yard in Stromeferry should not be considered for industrial use, and any future developments should avoid negatively impacting the local community. There was discussion about registering interest in a community buyout if the land came up for sale. *Joe to investigate procedure.*

Overall, any new housing developments in the area would require improvements to the sewage and water supplies. Kathleen informed us that surveys conducted by previous owners of her property in Stromeferry, indicated there was space for only about five more house on the hill before the council would need to construct a community septic tank for all households. Additionally, there are ongoing issues with Scottish Water and general infrastructure improvements required. However, all agreed that we do need new affordable housing in the local community, but we also need new businesses to provide jobs. *Action Mhairi.*

4. AOB

4.1 Planning applications

Mhairi had contacted the Highland Council to ask that the Community Council be informed of new housing applications in our ward. In response, the process has been changed and the Community Council has been invited to apply for a Consultee Access account with HC. This means that the CC will have access to detailed planning documents that the public doesn't see, and comments will be dealt with in a more timely and consistent manner. It was agreed that we should have a Consultee Access account. *Action Mhairi*

4.2 Concerns have been raised about the possible danger from trees beside the road down to Fernaig, due to trees recently falling or dropping branches on to the road. *Action Mhairi*

4.3 There was an enquiry about getting a 20 mile speed limit through Achmore, the CC will enquire about this. Residents in Stromeferry would welcome a 20 mile speed limit as it doesn't presently have one. *Action Dawn*

As there was no other business the meeting finished at 8:44 pm.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday the 25th of June at 7:30 pm in Achmore hall.