Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council
AGM

The Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck

With an option of a video link

Tuesday 30th June 2026 7pm

1. **Members Present in person –** Mark Hindley (MH) - Chair, Gary MacGowan (GM), Chris Joyce (CJ), Mike Slater (MS), Jewels Lang (JL), Craig Lightbody (CL).

   Public Present - Ken Sinclair (KS), Robert Main (RM), Peter Faye (PF), Alex Sutherland (AS),

   By video link - Cllr Chris Balance (CB), Cllr David Fraser (DF).

   Apologies – Helen Grainger (HG), Sharon Ferguson (SF) Admin.

2. **Co-option of members**
   MH stated that there has been no interest from any community members regarding the current vacancies (two) for new Co-opted Members. MH asked if there was any additional measure that SFCC could take to raise awareness of this. It was suggested that the use of social media may be used to better affect for advertising of these post to the community.

3. **Adoption of minutes of previous AGM 2025**
   Minutes of the SFCC AGM meeting on 24/06/2025 were adopted as a true record of the meeting, proposed by CJ, seconded by GM.

4. **Chair's Annual Report**
   MH opened his report by thanking all members of the SFCC for their time, effort and diligence during a very busy year. He also thanked former members of the SFCC (Olivia Grant, Janet Hobson) for all their work and contribution to CC. Further thanks towards the office bearers HG, MS, Olivia and admin SF, together with both Cllr's CB & DF 'who do an amazing job listening and representing the CC.' A very busy year started with election of the SFCC office bearers and the introduction of a new scheme of establishment (prepared by highland council) which was adopted by the CC. MH was pleased that the CC had been able to increase its collaboration with SFCT. Although working slightly differently, both SFCC & SFCT have the same purpose, working for the 'betterment of our community, which should be at the forefront of our mind.' There is still a difference in approach between SFCT and SFCC, but MH is very keen that both remain focused on the needs of the community. Thanks to CL for his previous work as Liaison Director, welcoming JL as an associate member of SFCC and thanking GM for currently attending SFCT board meetings and reporting outcomes to CC. Having held a Community Conversation event which was 'very valuable' MH stated that he 'looks forward' to holding a further event in the autumn. A year dominated by large energy planning applications (Loch Kemp PLI, Dell2 PLI etc.), which have been the major focus of CC business and will do so for sometime ahead. Achieving a number of significant items, a new defibrillator (fitted outside Errogie church), completed Firework survey, achieving a high level of response from the community and proving particularly useful for both the SFCT and CC. MH stated that looking forward he had two questions that keep coming up in his mind, which he believes the

community as a whole, should consider over the next 12 months. 1, How to increase influence over Highland Council officers (particularly during planning, Loch Kemp PLI, road issues etc). 2, As a community with significant income from energy projects, we are relatively well-off, but why do I feel that, that income does not make our community feel happy? MH stated that 'these are the two points that the CC and as a wider community, we should think about going forward.' KS stated that the 'unhappy community' may not actually be the case but a 'vocal minority' may be portraying an 'untruth.' MH acknowledged that this may be the case, however he does remain concerned. JL raised the point that following release of a local report, it was noted that community wellbeing remained at a near constant state post the lockdown period. PF expressed his thanks for all the hard work undertaking on the communities behalf by the Chair and other members of the SFCC.

5. **Approval of Annual Accounts**

Annual accounts for 2025/2026 covered by MS and adopted as true by the SFCC, proposed by GM, seconded by CJ.

6. **Election of Office Bearers**

Chair: MH (Proposed by MS , Seconded by CL)

Vice-Chair: HG (Proposed by MH, Seconded by CJ)

Treasurer: MS (Proposed by MH, Seconded by GM)

End of official AGM (normal CC meeting followed)