

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd OCTOBER 2012
AT THE STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK**

Members present:

Mr K. Fraser (Deputy Chairman)	Mrs E. Merther (Secretary/Acting Treasurer)
Mr L. MacNally	Mr A. MacPherson
Mr F. Ross	Mr A. Sutherland

Ex officio members present:

Councillor M. Davidson

Also present:

Mr N. Kirkland (Fire Brigade)

Apologies received:

Mr M. Houston	Mrs M. Cameron
Councillor H. Carmichael	Councillor D. Hendry
Police Sergeant A. Blakey	P.C. A. Mathieson

1. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2012 were adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Mr A. Sutherland

Seconded: Mr A. MacPherson

2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) Affordable Housing Scheme - Gorthleck

Further information on time-scales for the scheme still awaited from HSCHT. Cllr. Davidson has a supply of leaflets on their Rent to Buy scheme. Information will be distributed in the community.

(b) Foyers Public Toilets

Paperwork still with HC lawyers.

(c) Parking - Foyers Shop and Cafe

Discussions on land are ongoing and progress is being made. A detailed plan is awaited.

(d) Foyers Schoolhouse

Cllr. Davidson noted that further discussion on the future of this building is needed. The Boleskine Bulletin could be used to get community input, and the Headteacher must also be involved.

3. Correspondence

Highland Council Correspondence

Scottish Government - Third National Planning Framework consultation (circulated)

Other Correspondence

Coriolis Energy - Notice of public exhibition - Dell Estate Wind Farm proposal

Forestry Commission - A82 Forestry operations - Notice of public exhibitions

Forestry Commission - Proposed Dunmaglass woodland expansion (circulated)

SSE - Information on Staff Volunteering scheme (circulated)

Hall Committee - Query on photocopier - Members agreed this is no longer needed.

Best method of disposal will be considered.

NHS Highland Briefing Note 5 (circulated)

4. Treasurer's Report

Ordinary A/c:	Balance:	£7688.55 (This includes £5663.03 paid by Highland Council in error. This should have been paid to Project A/c.)
	Corrected balance:	£2025.52 (Includes £362 for Monument survey)
Project A/c:	Balance:	£7066.71 (unchanged)

5. Planning Matters

(a) New applications:

Erection of house - land SW of Cuil-Na-Sith, Errogie. A site visit will be made.
Conservatory - Aspenwood, Inverfarigaig. No objections

(b) Any other planning matter:

Enquiry regarding neighbour notifications. Enquiries will be made to clarify this.

6. Fire Brigade Report

Mr Kirkland reported a collection made at the funeral of local boy Matthew Ricketts had been very generously donated to the local Fire Brigade. Consideration is being given to possible purchase of a defibrillator.

7. Policing Matters

Sgt. Blakey has informed the Secretary that results from speed wire checks are still awaited. He also reported no problems for Police so far with the Scottish Water road closures.

8. Roads and Signage

(a) Outstanding matters:

Further information still awaited on:

- Calanour junction priorities
- Aberchalder causeway
- Boleskine bridge surfacing
- Patching of 'corkscrew' road

Bridge parapet and drainage, Inverfarigaig pass. The parapet is repaired. Drainage is being looked at.

Signs at junction Inverfarigaig pass/Glenlia road. Signs are ordered.

Bridge Lower Foyers. Cllr. Davidson reports Capital Programme up for review and she is pushing for the bridge to be given higher priority so that design work can be done. She advised that with new Local Plan in progress this is a good time for the community to write regarding the need for the bridge. This will be done.

Dores/Foyers road. This is on the list for improvements. Noted recent flash flooding has left much stone debris on road which needs clearing. Request will be made.

Errogie corner re-alignment. Meeting on site held today. TECS now wish to clear this corner site and carry out road re-alignment, after which site will become available again for re-development.

(b) Other roads items:

Dores road past Calanour junction - reflective roadside posts missing. Report will be sent.

White lining junction of road to bailey bridge/Hydro road, Lower Foyers. Still to be done.

Mr Sutherland noted he had found the new cycle/walking route past Aldourie School to be excellent.

9. Water and Sewerage

SW have agreed to fund ten or more passing places on the Newlands road. Negotiations ongoing regarding their costs to cover essential extra winter gritting work. Cllr. Davidson noted this needs to be resolved urgently.

10. Community Project - Gorthleck

The grant has now been paid and the final bill received from HC. Details at next meeting.

11. Renewable Energy and Community Benefit

Road improvements from Dunmaglass scheme should start before the end of the year. There is a community liaison group representing community interests.

Discussions regarding Corriegarth are ongoing but little progress being made.

12. Any Other Competent Business

Mr MacNally - Enquiry if Headteacher being kept informed regarding Schoolhouse. Cllr. Davidson will contact her.

Mr MacNally - Further enquiry regarding street lights. Defer to next meeting. Cllr. Davidson will enquire about other areas.

Mr MacNally - Enquiry on community benefit from Stronelairg. Advised not decided as no planning permission as yet.

Mr Kirkland - Enquiry about arrangements if firework display is planned for this year. Secretary will contact Mr Houston.

Mr Speight - Enquiry about number of water tankers passing through the Strath. Cllr. Davidson will enquire.

Mr Sutherland - Noted with interest the report of a Buddhist centre planned for Loch Ness.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th November 2012 at the Foyers Primary School.

The meeting was closed at 8.25 p.m.