

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th November 2013
AT THE STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK 7.30pm**

Present:

Ian Bateman (IB)	Whitebridge,
Liam MacNally (LM) & Catriona Fraser (CF)	Gorthleck
Morag Cameron (MC) & Sally McGuire (SM)	Glenlia, Foyers
Martin Donnelly (MDO)	Foyers
Roz Rowell (RR)	Torness

Apologies – Iain Brown
Sally volunteered to take the Chair

Agenda

1. Greener Ways

Still to arrange date

2. Adoption of Minutes of 29th Sept (as amended)

Proposed Martin Seconded Catriona

3. Matters Arising from last meeting

Gorthleck Housing - 3 replies received – all visited. Notice in BB inviting others to get in contact

Community Transport voted to accept grant from SFCT to develop business plan along side Fort Augustus

Road Issues – awaiting reply from TECS

Foyers Car Park plan – no comments received – query on provision for buses

Drummond Woods – awaiting response

Marathon Trophies – to be presented by Drew Hendry at Craigdarroch Christmas CC Meeting on Dec 17th

Woodland ownership – awaiting response from FCS meeting on Oct 27th

IRA bus service – Angus Fraser explained the history & rationale behind the gritting routes & complication introduced by 3rd bus route – Catriona aware

Audibility – ongoing

Notice boards - pins/ magnets have been supplied – awaiting to hear from Statherrick Primary re offer of notice board.

Telford Centre – bus is picking up even when less than 4 booked passengers

Community Social Care – constitution & committee in place – public meeting 1st Feb – notice in BB

Foyers Projects Working Groups:

Access – (pathways etc) meeting imminent (Sally)

Sports (development of old Shinty pitch etc.) ideas welcome meeting soon (Morag)

Overall Foyers Development (Margaret) meeting Jan/Feb

Fireworks – great night, well supported – letters of thanks to Neil K & Brigade (Sally) Query re funding route protocol (who applied on behalf of who to the SFCT). Clarify next time round.

Accounts – presented by Liam – thanks to Frank Ellam for reviewing. Full details will be on website. Proposed Morag seconded Martin

Community Trust – articles working group – ongoing.

Complaint – Sally to write to Liz M apologising for delays & poor communication on behalf of SFCC.

Chloromafication. The process has been approved by water / health authorities. Health concerns raised. Folk encouraged to write to MSP, Scottish Water etc.

Memorial Wreath – more folk encouraged to attend next (WW1 centenary) year. Guides Brownies & Rainbows primed, project in schools investigating names on memorial?

Antisocial behaviour – in the hands of relevant authorities

Dunmaglass Connections – Ros to follow up the options of providing connections for the Torness houses currently with no electric.

Reports:

Police: Aros M reported on travelling criminals & spate of rural thefts. Targeting machinery & possibly using a white van. Beware.

Some antisocial behaviour reported in Gorthleck.

Spate of wildfires in the Foyers Dores area

Reports of Youth from Inverness visiting Boleskine House.

Fire Brigade – not present

Community Trust – Frank reported a useful session with SSE with concessions gained on both Glendoe & Dunmaglass benefits.

Wind Farms – Corriearth Liaison Group to be set up. Liam & Catriona to attend. Alan Speight also put forward to be co-opted proposed Ian, seconded Sally 1st Meeting in January
Rash of posts along roadsides indicating new passing places are speculative & yet to be agreed with TECS & CC. Contractors R McLeod wish to set up contact list to inform folk on road works etc. Contact numbers to be in BB.

Dunmaglass Liaison IB to take CF's place on this group.

Roads:

Rubbish left by roadsides/lochsides? Folk invited to contact Ros who will contact the appropriate section of THS directly.

New Laybys: new laybys for Corriegarth will be 3m longer & less abrupt than those at the Farr end. (15m rather than 12m) & more gently tapered in and out of the main roadway.

Planning

Sally explained from latest HC publication that CC's have very narrow remit for planning objection. House at Errogie – site visit took place. plans circulated. Individuals invited to write to THC directly. CC will forward any communication received to THC.

Vote on CC objection to Errogie plot 6 for, 1 abs.

House at Boleskine – plans circulated no objections – but a letter to encourage planning to follow up (for all applications) commitments to screening / landscaping during & post construction. (Ros left meeting at this stage for Health reasons)

House at Whitebridge – plans circulated no objections

Correspondence

Bus Shelters

Whitebridge – Revamp? Iain to investigate

Gorthleck – idea to erect bus shelter near Hall – could tie in with road upgrades. Morag to pursue

Glenlia – bus stop provision? Morag to pursue

Timetable boards for all bus stops & for Foyers shop area ?- Catriona to investigate

AOCB

Village Gateways: Ian wondered if all were aware / happy with proposed signage. Some comments on urbanisation. Purpose of more obvious gateways was to “calm” traffic through settlements. Could Lochgarthside be included or 40 mph speed limit extended ?

SFCT Logo Competition: Could the result be clarified? Various issues – see article in BB.

Online banking for CC? Approved in principle Sally offered to be second online signatory.

Community Website: Could CC have direct access to site for posting info? Agreed that website could be more widely used & more input encouraged. Further discussion required. Morag to contact Andy Holt.

Winter Resilience:

Morag has taken delivery of 30 snow shovels which will be disbursed & further grit bins are in place.

Foyers toilets: Now closed for winter. THC wish decision by 20th Dec on whether CC will take them on. Failing that they will remain closed permanently. SFCT do not currently have funds to support this. Morag to seek stay of execution until Spring & contact Charles Stephen. Other funding available? Public outcry to encourage THC to keep running this facility?

Next meeting

17th December 7.30pm Craigdarroch Hotel by invitation of Martin. Informal, essential business only, Marathon presentation. CC members to chip in.
New minutes secretary (starts in January) to be invited & introduced. Might the secretary be available for CC sub groups?

Meeting closed 10.05pm