

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16th DECEMBER 2014
AT CAMERON'S TEA ROOM, FOYERS 7.30pm

1. Present:

Iain Brown (IBR),
Katie Ellam (KE)
Liam MacNally (LM)

Ian Bateman (IB)
Morag Cameron (MC)
Catriona Fraser (CF)

Apologies – Martin Donnelly (MD), Highland Councillors

2. Adoption of minutes

Minutes of October 2014 were adopted. Proposed IB, Seconded CF, Unanimous.

3. Matters arising

Discharged:

Action Points - 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

Ongoing

AP2 Mda to follow up post Xmas Glenlia & Gorthleck bus shelters.

AP 5 CF to confirm if rent change is needed for the Gorthleck play park.

AP 7 Mda to call a Foyers Toilets working group meeting in the New Year.

AP 9 Mda to call a Ward Forum – consultation on Foyers projects.

AP 11 Mda advises THC Sochi's unacceptability of proposed continued road closure.

AP 17 Mda to ask Ward Manager for Foyers sign advising of facilities at local

4. Secretary Post

Chair indicated that Sally had resigned, after further consideration and persuasion she had indicated she would be willing to continue in the role if the CC wished it.

IBR proposed, Seconded CF to co-opt Sally on to the CC, carried unanimously.

IBR proposed, Seconded IB to elect Sally as CC Secretary carried unanimously.

AP18 IBR to advise THC of co-option and election as Secretary

5. Treasurers Report:

Ordinary a/c balance £3,829.16 of which Foyers Toilets Project balance £1,387.20, £1200 ring fenced for Transport Survey, £362 Ex Fraser Memorial still to be spent on a Community event. Leaving a working balance of £879.96

£94.74 Paid to Secretary for consumables, £600 for comfort scheme is confirmed as on its way.

Play park Project account balance of £1,617.82

6. Roads

Errogie – House cleared, site safe, No further felling as it is understood the taped trees belong to the neighbouring land owner who does not wish them to be felled.

Corriegarth – A couple of signs at car park on side of Loch Tarff to do otherwise all road building works are now complete.

Starting 19th January RJ MacLeod will start to clear scrub and overhanging trees along the delivery route for the turbines from Dunmaglass through to the Corriegarth site. This work is restricted to vegetation between the fence lines demarcating the public road.

James McDowell, RJ MacLeod, would like to talk to all householders along the route before the work starts and would like us to advise as many people as possible of this work and that this will cause temporary delays (stop/go signs).

Anyone with concerns or questions – please phone James on 07918 617352

Loch Tarff – IBR indicated that after spending tens of thousands of pounds on the road improvements, THC now deem the road so unsafe it needs crash barriers, something the

community strongly indicated they did not wish before the project started. The CC is requesting additional tarring to straighten the two corners sufficiently to remove the need for the barriers. SSE notice – no response yet to the request for greater notice of deliveries.

Dunmaglass – The Sochi bends update on the web site provides latest info.

Sockich's bends - no closures between 19th December and 5th January, next community consultation meeting is planned for 22nd January 7:30pm.

Delay of 3 + weeks in starting retaining wall works has been noted and concern expressed that this delay will knock on to delay in the Torness works, ultimately affecting the road network in next year's tourist season.

AP 19 IBR to advise THC of CC concern over delays, knock on impacts and requirement for all future work to be carried out using traffic lights.

Torness –THC/SSE negotiations ongoing

Aberchelder Hydro scheme – Planning had sent a copy of the planning conditions, No. 7 requiring a road/bridge condition survey. IBR has asked CC be given a copy for review by a suitably experienced local before THC agree it with the developer. This will allow any short comings to minimum legal standard to be identified for THC to resolve either prior or post the development taking place. I.e. developer is only responsible to bring roads etc. back to standard they were at prior to construction starting.

AP 20 CF to advise N Kirkland of proposal and future planned meeting.

AP 21 IBR to contact THC and Developer to establish a liaison group/channel.

Gritting – AP 22 IBR to identify contact details to enable local info on gritting need to be passed on to decision makers out with the area.

The CC gave a unanimous vote of thanks to Innis Fraser for his 40+ years of gritting service to the community

AP 23 Secretary to write to Mr Fraser expressing the community's gratitude for his dedication and service.

7. Planning

No objections to Dunmaglass Hydro amendment and new house at Whitebridge

8. Correspondence

SSE – Marianne confirmed work day for Gorthleck Play Park in the spring, also she will supply new contact details for the person taking over during her maternity leave.

9. AOCB

Trust talk in Jan on Community Coordinator/Project Development.

AP 24 KE to email Trust to confirm confidentiality of docs prior to meeting is agreed too.

M Sutherland will give an ETAPE update in January as well as present the Marathon Trophies.

AP 25 MC to seek confirmation of winners form m Sutherland.

Winter Resilience scheme – MC is looking for further volunteers especially in Stratherrick.

Meeting with FCS was postponed due to weather, a clear opportunity to seek support from the top of FCS to the community's aspirations towards firewood supply, community woodland....

12. Next Meeting.

Tuesday – 27th January Stratherrick Hall 7:30pm