

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2014  
AT STRATHERRICK HALL 7.30pm**

1. Present:

Iain Brown (IBR),  
Liam MacNally (LM)  
Catriona Fraser (CF)  
Ian Bateman (IB),

Sally McGuire (SM)  
Katie Ellam (KE)  
Morag Cameron (MC)  
Martin Donnelly (MD)

Apologies – All Highland Councillors

2. Police Report – Sargent Craig Stuart introduced himself as the new Sargent replacing Sgt Blakey who now works in Inverness. Craig grew up in the Beauly area, working as a BT engineer before joining the Police, Based in Grampian for 17years he is happy to be back in our area.

He had no news to report but took note of information regarding driver behaviour of contract vehicles passing through our area, especially the Dores - Foyers road. This he will pass on to the Dingwall traffic unit for follow up.

3. Adoption of minutes

Minutes of Sept. 2014 were adopted. Proposed CF Seconded LM, Carried Unanimously.

4. Matters arising

Community website – **AP 1 CC to provide blurb to Eric Law to keep site up to date**

Glenlia bus shelter – THC contractor is no longer in business, until a new one is appointed both the Glenlia and Gorthleck shelters will be delayed. **AP2 Mda to follow up post Xmas**

Sochi Bends – **AP 3 CF/IB to attend next meeting at Farr & feedback at next meeting**

Community Firewood Project – KE in discussion with FCS about ground next to the Fire station, IBR indicated this would not give us woodland to manage but this area could form a project to create secure location with joint facilities with the Fire Service.

**AP4 – KE to follow up this option with FCS land agent**

**AP5 - IB to ask FCS to store Firewood in Inverfarigaig prior to delivery – Ongoing**

Foyers Toilet – KE reported that the Trust were supportive of a project to redevelop the toilet block and chose two members to work on the project group. **AP6 - Mda to call first meeting of project group once THC officer support is quantified.**

Marathon – MC indicated that a number of local groups had received financial contributions from the Marathon, thank you to the volunteers. The organisers were aware of the issues caused by insufficient water at the first water stations

ETAPE – Review meeting to be held in Eden Court the following evening where tightening of timings and local access would be discussed.

BB - KE advised the Trust were supportive of maintaining a Newsletter/publication but would need further information on how it would move forward before funding mechanism can be discussed.

Trust Funding – KE advised 1. The Fraser memorial funding to be held on to for use on another Community project/event, evidence of what it is used for to be supplied to Trust.

2. Trust is supportive of the funding proposal and would need more detail to take back to SSE for discussion.

**AP7 KE to follow up with Trust Chair**

CC/CT communication director – KE indicated the change requested to the role by the CC had been included in the Directors Guidelines

6. Treasurers Report:

KE presented the attached treasurers report. Revised annual accounts were proposed by KE Seconded SM Carried unanimously.

Project a/c balance £1,643.10 No income, No Expenditure

Ordinary a/c balance £3,423.51 No Income, No Expenditure, £1200 ring fenced for Transport Survey, £362 Fraser Memorial, £1,689.20 for Foyers Toilets Leaving working balance of £172.31 £97.84 owed to Secretary for printer consumables

## 7. Reports

Fire Brigade – CF advised Fireworks to be at Foyers Campsite.

The Community Council wish to thank Linda Cameron for the use of her Field for all previous Firework displays. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

Trust – KE provided a brief update on the Trust work over the last month.

BCC – All going well, AGM in November.

Foyers – Land purchase, MD gave an update on progress and ongoing issues. Slipway - ongoing, Paths - Stewart Easthugh meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, Sports facilities - Ongoing.

## 8. Roads

Errogie – Work to start in the next month.

Corriegarh – CF advised RJ MacLeod is the principle contractor, the CC welcoming this news, certain that we and RJ MacLeod will maintain our good working relationship for the wider benefit of the community.

Dunmaglass – Construction is ongoing and wind turbine sections will start to arrive next year – dependant on the Sochi bends timings.

Torness – THC are still negotiating with SSE over road improvements

Sockich's bends – Ongoing, intention to complete tree felling by Xmas and move to traffic lights to maintain access **AP 8 CF to email THC to express the CC disappointment that the promised Calanour-Toress road improvements had not been done prior to instigating the Sochi bends diversion route**, BT cabling being given as the reason.

RJ MacLeod to set up compound and start trial pits from the 6<sup>th</sup> of November

Forestry Road – Ongoing

General discussion on driver behaviour of contractor vehicles and the lack of THC maintenance of drains, vegetation clearance, supply of signage (passing Place signs), use of passing places to permit overtaking... **AP9 IBR to raise these issues with TECS**

## 9. Planning

Dell Wind Farm – **AP10 IBR to confirm objection letter submitted and registered.**

Mhor View Lochgarthside, Gorthleck, IV2 6YP, 14/03910FUL - erection of three dwellings, after discussion it was decided to defer a decision on this application until next month to allow members to view the site.

THC confirmed the Torness Substation had been approved.

## 10. Correspondence

THC

- Tyre damage on road edges – unfortunately THC will not provide recompense
- Budget cuts consultation, please all make comment
- Community Services Consultation 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Town house
- Mda follow up meeting to South Lochness transport meeting

Mower and Strimmer ready for collection – **AP 11 IBR to arrange.**

## 11. AOCB

IBR proposed nomination of KE to be the CC selected Trust Director so she can take up post at/after the Trust AGM, Seconded CF, and Carried Unanimously **AP11 SM to write to Trust to confirm this.**

## 12. Next Meeting.

Tuesday – 25<sup>th</sup> November Foyers School 7.30pm