

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24th JUNE 2014 AT STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK 8.00pm

1. Present:

Ian Bateman (IB)		Cameron (MC)	
Iain Brown (IBR)	Whitebridge,	Sally McGuire (SM)	Glen Lia, Foyers
Liam MacNally (LM)		Martin Donnelly (MDO)	Foyers
Catriona Fraser (CF)	Gorthleck	Katie Ellam (KE)	Boleskine

Highland Councillor Margaret Davidson (MDa)
Apologies – Drew Hendry

2. Adoption of minutes

Minutes of 10th June 2014 were adopted subject to minor amendments. Proposed Martin Donnelly
Seconded Catriona Fraser

3. Police Report - no Officer present – see below. Cllr Davidson informed SFCC that Constable Fiona had returned to the Fort Augustus station.

4. Matters arising

Affordable housing. Interest is increasing. Folk are encouraged to get in contact – details will be advertised in the Boleskine Bulletin

Road signs advertising businesses A meeting had been held by a group of businesses to clarify the situation, explain the planning regulations and find a way forward. It was suggested that the relevant planning regulations be posted on the Community website. One suggestion was to establish clusters of business signs at key locations – e.g. Chapel Bridge junction. THC advised that it was best for the SFCC to apply for permission for such clusters as the fee would be half that applied to individuals. It was requested that any further meeting of the signage group be better advertised – notice in BB etc. and that all local businesses must be included.

Community Website: Eric Law has offered to host site for £100 per annum. This included setting Host site with up to 25 sites, unlimited, and pages/sites for all community groups. Andy Holt's projected annual cost was £1,500 for present site. Ed Ley-Wilson's was quoted £100 plus for unlimited email addresses only. To be asked to consider Eric's design as an option for SFCT. It was proposed that the CC offer the contract to Eric Law. Proposed Iain Brown Seconded Katie Ellam. An offer of said contract to be written to Eric Law and to express our thanks for his tender and website mock-up. Andy Holt had submitted an invoice for the current website (£80) which SFCC would invite SFCT to pay.

Boleskine Bulletin funding. The SFCT were bound by funders not to settle retrospective applications. It was suggested that CT approach funders to relax the ruling and a sum to be set aside for the discretion CC. This was line with the president SSE use elsewhere

Bus times. Awaiting clarification of recent anomalies.

5. ReportsPolice : Chair read published Police Report (available on notice boards and community website)

Fire: Catriona Fraser spoke on behalf of Neil Kirkland. The defibrillator was current stored in the Hall kitchen awaiting the installation of CCTV outside the Hall on July 5th. It was hoped to have a press release when the outside installation is complete. Folk were again encouraged to sign up for Home Safety Checks from the local Fire Service.

Treasurer: Project a/c balance £1849.02 (Previous £1861.66) No income, THC Play Park Ins. (June) £12.64
Ordinary a/c balance £3391.31 (Previous £3392.31) [£1200 ring fenced for Transport Survey, £362 for Fraser Memorial, £1500 for Foyers Toilets leaving working balance of £329.31]

6. Liaison Groups

Eon – nothing to report

Dumnaglass – SSE Community at Heart volunteers are lined up to do work at the Gorthleck Play Park – and possibly around the Hall. Other suggestions welcome.

Corriegarth -

During a discussion of a meeting between North British Windpower and CT Peter Faye said he had accompanied Graeme Ambrose represented the CT to said meeting. North British Windpower will fund the “straightening” of Smiddy Corner at Errogie and gave some information regarding discussion. While discussion was taking place Alex Sutherland had suggested and Colin Ross agreed that the trees felled in the work be donated as firewood to the community. Alex Sutherland then intimated that he been at a meeting where a developer had tried to offset Planning Gain with increased Community Benefit Gain. The chair confirmed that the Errogie improvement would be a planning gain should the Extension Planning Application be consented.

Ian McGillivray advised that SFCC write to THC to request white lines and passing places to ensure that the work gets included in planning and the awkward bend at Brin to be sorted soon.

7. Sub groups Poor state of road between Farraline and Calanour

Firewood – on going

BCC – Care provision has been increased - 4 local carers have come forward and 3 more possible. Soup Drop In has started – but could be better attended. An issue over signage for the venue is to be resolved.

Paths – a map of paths around Foyers was circulated highlighting existing paths and areas for footpath improvement – could SSE Community at Heart volunteers help?

Foyers Toilets – the lease was awaiting signatures (Katie Ellam). Toilet cleaning – agreed that current cleaner be retained (Proposed Iain Brown seconded Morag Cameron)

Land Purchase – application in hands of SFCT

Sports facilities/playing field – Morag Cameron and Margaret Davidson to convene an opening meeting in Autumn

Community Forest – FC are processing information gleaned from open meeting of June 11th.

8. Correspondence

Highland Leader funding – info to be passed to Glenlia & Foyers residents associations

Cleaning Invoice

Cleaning of Road signs

9. SFCT

Community Benefit Negotiation – During discussion The CT directors present agreed that the procedure needed clarified. It was that the CBN's were CC only and that the selecting of a second CBN from trust was important to keep a good flow of information on how negotiations were proceeding. The SFCC sign off the negotiated figures and only then does SFCT take it from there. It was agreed that Chair would write to SFCT chair proposing that Frank Ellam and Graeme Ambrose continue their work as negotiators. Chair to circulate letter to SFCC prior to sends to SFCT chair.

10. Planning

The Applicant From the land adjoining Myrtle cottage was successful in their appeal for 2 dwellings on land near Myrtle Cottage

Garrogie – Bothy planned above Stronelairg – no objection

House beyond Mandalay – no objection

11.Roads

Pot holes between Calanour and Farraline – see above – SFCC to write to THC
Request to more verge cutting and control of ragwort

12. AOCB

Fraser Memorial – Contractor no longer in business. Iain Brown and Sally McGuire are to sort.
Port-a-cabin has been moved away from War Memorial

13. Next Meeting.

Tuesday 26th August Stratherrick Hall 7.30pm