

# STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF Tuesday 24 February 2015 MEETING HELD AT FOYERS SCHOOL

## Agenda:

### 1. **Highland Council Tech Services – Colin Ross SLN Road improvements**

- a. Sochi's bends - Late in starting work but good progress on wall, laying blocks faster than can be supplied. Planned as of 2<sup>nd</sup> April to go to traffic management(T Lights), finishing of wall is being looked into (spray on acrylic resin - local stone colour)  
Flichity Bridge - SSE to carry out strengthening work and install passing place on south side of bridge with new lining and signage.  
Probably finish all the above works June - beginning July, sooner if possible.
- b. Torness - The road planning gain package and other conditions are still being worked on which must go back to ward members for agreement. No planned road closures whilst Sochi's is on, May request plant on site to meet October grid connection date.
- c. Caolanour Junction - SSE to pay for two legs, THC to pay for third, Colin showed the proposed design (proper T junction) CC gave Unanimous support for the design.
- d. Errogie – CC supports proposed design, THC to hold Errogie residents meeting to show final draft when ready. Alternative Bat roost must be supplied to replace old house, this to be built into new Bus Shelter roof space.
- e. Corriegarth
  - i. Loch Tarff, barriers, road safety audit to be done to indicate what are needed, THC agreed to get report, compare to guidance and to come back to CC in next couple of months with proposal.  
Blind Summits are to be double tracked on ridges and tapered back in.
  - ii. Verge and tree clearance, CC to pass comments to RJ MacLeod
  - iii. Monument and other road markings, Center line (double line) to be put in over brow and towards Gorthleck, also a couple of warning signs.
- f. Aberchalder road, Developer can proceed provided junction is improved; THC will inspect present condition of road so left in as good a condition as found.
- g. Misc. Roads, Pot Holes & culvert at Foyers School hill, Trinloist various holes again, Lay-bys with no sign and desire line laybys with big holes.

### 2. **Members Present / Apologies**

Ian Bateman

### 3. **Police Report**

Staff changes mean we only have one officer in Ft Augustus with some cover from Inverness. New officers hopefully arrive by July 2015.

Only crime was a break-in at Dores.

AP26. Secretary, write to police Scotland to enquire if appointments have been made and when in expected in post.

### 4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Dec 2014 Proposed MC, Seconded CF, and Adopted unanimously

### 5. **Matters Arising**

## Brief of Presentations given in January

- i. Firewood Project - site Inverfarigaig spur road, local employment
- ii. Community woodland what do we wish? What is realistic and sustainable?
- iii. ETAPE – Volunteer marshals – training end of March - Names to Morag Cameron
- iv. Trust co-ordinator - consultation/survey opportunity to gather wider information for both the trust and CC – bi annual exercise?

**AP2 Mda** Glenlia & Gorthleck bus shelters. - **Ongoing**

**AP 5 CF** Gorthleck play park. – **Ongoing, Rent to be confirmed in writing.**

**AP 7 Mda** Foyers Toilets working group meeting – **To be after Car park planning given.**

**AP 9 Mda** Ward Forum – consultation on Foyers projects. – **Ongoing Mda to talk to Ward Manager re organisation of a meeting.**

**AP 11 Mda** advise THC Sochi's proposed continued road closure unacceptable -Discharged.

**AP 17 Mda** to ask Ward Manager for Foyers sign advising of facilities at local businesses – **Ongoing Ward Manager ordering sign and arranging erection.**

**AP 24 KE** to email Trust to confirm confidentiality of docs prior to meeting - Discharged

**AP 25 MC** to seek confirmation of winners from Malcolm Sutherland. - Discharged

**Roads - SSE** notice – no response yet to the request for greater notice of deliveries.

**AP 19 IBR** to advise THC of CC concern over Sochi bends delays - Discharged

Aberchalder Wind & Hydro scheme – See THC presentation notes above – Discharged

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

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

**AP 22 IBR** Gritting – to identify contact details to enable local info on gritting need to be passed on to decision makers out with the area.- J Taylor or THC road number, Discharged

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

Play park Graffiti – Damage condemned by all, to be painted over/ left for SSE volunteers.

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.

Gorthleck War Memorial - Access Improvements

**AP 27 IBR** to contact RJ MacLeod

Corriegarth – looking for local ex or presently qualified HGV drivers for on-site work.

## 6. Treasurers Report

- a. SFCT Grant application – Application accepted by Trust
  - b. Kilchuimen French trip contribution – CC unable to contribute but a anonymous contribution given on behalf of CC
  - c. Foyers Toilets (Project balance £1,387.20) – CC wish to reopen the toilets but are still working on the funding aspect, Ward discretionary fund application to be submitted and other sources for funds to be sourced.
  - d. Transport £1200 – KE confirmed Trust agree monies retained until next transport group meeting (March) to see if needed for next step, return if not.
  - e. Fraser Memorial £362 - Community event still to be identified.
  - f. Insurances, KE to revert to THC to check play equip is covered under buildings and if toilet block cost can be reduced due to an over estimate of rebuilding cost.
- MD proposed Secretary take Honorarium, seconded MC, Unanimous  
KE propose, seconded MC, Unanimous cheque issued immediately.**

## 7. Reports

Mda indicated that funding from the new Leader Scheme is unlikely to be available before mid summer and ideas/applications need to be ready to submit as it will be highly subscribed to.

- a. Community transport –see above
- b. Fire - OK
- c. Trust – Ongoing, possible change of Chair due to home move
- d. BCC – All positive news and progressing well
- e. Firewood – Ongoing, FCS proposal for franchise opportunity being looked into
- f. Paths working group – Mda arranging a meeting for stakeholders - 23<sup>rd</sup> March to take forward proposals in Stuart Eastaugh' report.
- g. Foyers – Ongoing
- h. Renewables – see ACOB
- i. Aberchalder - Wind & Hydro CB offer
- j. Dunmaglass – No news, CF attending meetings in IB absence
- k. Corriegarth – See comments in matters arising
- l. Torness – No Liaison group set up as yet

## 8. Planning Matters

- a. Foyers, The Turns – No Objection
- b. LyneM'hor Croft Gorthleck – No Objection
- c. Mandally Gorthleck - No objection
- d. 40m East of Samach Gorthleck – No objection

## 9. Correspondence

George Worrell – War Memorial Access, see AP 27

Harry Whiteside – Contribution to Kilchuimen School trip, see above

David Hass – City Forum on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

THC – Customer services review is ongoing please submit comments

THC – Paper and Can recycling bins to be discontinued

## 10. AOCB

- Aberchalder Wind Turbine – Estate has offered £2.5K per annum, 5 year index link review. **IBR propose this be accepted, Seconded SM, Unanimous**  
**IBR propose these funds be managed by SFCT, Seconded CF, Unanimous**