

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council

Minutes of Public C.C. Meeting

Foyers School Tuesday 25th August 2015

1. Members Present

Iain Brown (IBR)	Whitebridge	Katie Ellam (KE)	E.Boleskine
Morag Cameron (MC)	Foyers	Martin Donnelly (MD)	Foyers
Catriona Fraser (CF)	Gorthleck	Margaret Davidson (Mda)	Councilor

2. Apologies

Ian Bateman, Liam Sally, Sally McGuire

3. Police Report

Road safety - 2 minor collisions due to driver errors,

Missing person - found safe and well,

Theft - advertising banner in Foyers and clothes from a washing Line,

Vandalism – Stratherick Hall damage to roof, handrail and a surveillance camera.

Police have charged a local person (minor) for the damage

Air Safety – A laser pointer/pen was shown at a rescue helicopter from the Foyers Area. This is highly dangerous as it can cause pilots temporary blindness from flight reading equipment. Anyone with any information is asked to please contact the Fort Augustus Police Station.

KE asked about antisocial behavior of Campers in the Lower Foyers Area and campers using a layby – police attended but no persons present. Please phone Police directly as soon as possible to report such behavior.

4. Adoption of Minutes – June 2015

Proposed by CF, Seconded by MC, adopted unanimously

5. Matters Arising

Letter re Fire Station facilities – Advised Fire Brigade now in process of buying toilet block and office so hold on letter as may not be needed

Foyers Bus Service – unsuitable old bus will soon be replaced by a new one

Culvert near Caolanour Junction has been repaired but there is subsidence already noted in the repair

Planning – Aberchalder, awaiting response from Planning officer over Hydro reinstatement issue, Mda now aware of CC thoughts on new wind turbine proposal

Camper vans – Overnight use of road verges and/or laybys is a HC and Police issue respectively and should be reported ASAP for action.

Lower Foyers Circus – **AP Mda to talk to community services for more signage** to clearly indicate campsite entrance and unsuitability of Circus for campervans and trailers

Bus Shelters – **AP Mda to talk to Ivor Souter re supply of three shelters, Glenlia replacement, new ones outside Stratherrick Hall and at Garrogie road junction**

6. Treasurers Report See attachment, Cheques to be paid proposed IBR Secoded KE, Unanimous

7. Reports

Fire Brigade - recruitment drive all around Loch Ness which includes working with local employers to encourage a partnership as initial year includes 4 weeks away at the Cambuslang training center. Please contact Neil Kirkland if interested in joining.

Further information and job application can be found at My Job Scotland

BCC – Progressing well, lunch club is now advertised within the BCC web site

Sub Groups – **AP Mda will call a community meeting on sports etc. within the community** and the Trust Project Coordinator will work with Mda and interested people to develop projects and funding applications

Foyers Toilet block – Trust Project coordinator is working on this with Mda, Ward Manager and Trust.

8. Renewables

Corriegarh (CB & Update) – concern over visibility of substation building on skyline will be discussed at next CLG meeting (Wednesday) to see if anything can be done.

The last Turbines for this stage will be delivered next week and completion of Errogie corner road works will start soon after.

Knockie (CB) – to confirm CC position IBR proposed the offer from GHR be accepted with no seconder this motion was rejected. After discussion the CC consensus was

that one particular condition of the CB offer to be vague and potentially open to abuse. **AP Frank Ellam to forward info to Mda, AP IBR to write to FCS to**

express concern over principle it establishes which is contrary to Government Policy, enquire over one off payment at commissioning stage and to seek support from FCS in resolving this issue.

Dunmaglass - next CLG will be held in two weeks. Play park work group will tackle work in the next couple of weeks and SSE has agreed to pay for the materials.

It was agreed to ask for a dark color stain to match that of the Hall

Stronlaig – IBR gave an update based on conversation with SSE Project Manager, awaiting court decision on judicial review, expect appeal whichever way it goes,

they must have a turbine connected via a new substation to the grid and generating by February 2017 so SSE are progressing with the Wind farm substation using aggregate won from an on-site Borrow Pit. First CLG meeting will be held in early October in Fort Augustus

Dell Wind Farm – Mda indicated she is unaware of further developments on this application,

Torness CLG – following the second CLG meeting the email received to minute discussion did not accurately record what was agreed on extended working hours and proposed Sunday working. IBR confirmed planning officer was made aware.

9. Roads

AP Mda to follow up with Community Services re;

- Loch Garth side visibility issues???

- passing place signs on the Foyers road either being overgrown or none reflective

- to ask for an investigation into making the road to Lower Foyers a 30mph speed limit (Route to school, plus Campsite patrons walking up to village)

- to ask for an investigation into making the Ault Na Goire road a 30mph as well

- Safe route to Schools in Lower Foyers Com. Services to be asked to look at suitability/growth on foot path up from the turns

Winter Gritting – contractors have been meeting with THC and being asked to carry out works with only one lorry but starting earlier. So would not reach Foyers until approximately 11am

AP CF to follow up and write to John Taylor, THC to demand minimum of 2 Lorries to ensure public safety on the roads.

AP IBR to write to Planning officer over road condition to Aberchalder post Hydro construction

10. Planning Matters

CC had no objections to this month's applications.

11. Correspondence

THC - Email address and contact point,

- Annual survey of performance and employee attitude
- CC elections timetable

Marathon – 27th Sept and looking for volunteer marshals

SSE – plan to do play park work on 3rd September

Forestry Commission – In Forest haul road update

Festive Lighting Company – Advertising

12. AOCB

Stratherrick Village Hall - Hugh Nicol updated the meeting on position regarding damage and 8-9 years of ongoing issues. He indicated that THC insurance officer confirmed that if similar vandalism were to happen again it may be impossible to insure the Hall which would lead to its immediate closure.

So the hall committee is asking for strong representation to THC by CC and Mda to bring a positive resolution to this situation. If a positive resolution cannot be found the Hall will close as the committee will resign en mass.

AP Mda to follow up with housing etc. possibly arrange a meeting with officials and concerned parties

AP CC to write to Tracey Urray Community Services Manager, Town House to raise community objection to ongoing situation, calling for positive action by THC.

13. Next Meeting

29th September 7:30pm, Stratherrick Hall