

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th JANUARY 2016
AT FOYERS SCHOOL 7.30pm**

1. Present:

Iain Brown (IBR)

Kim Burton (KB)

Catriona Fraser (CF)

Gordon McAndie (GM)

Martin Donnelly (MDo)

Graham Taylor (GT)

Stewart Goodwin (SG)

Highland Councillor Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Apologies – Ian Bateman (IB)

2. ETAPE – Presentation – Malcolm Sutherland

Malcolm Sutherland presented an up-date on the Etape for 2016.

DATE – 24/04/2016 ENTRIES – capped at 4200 by Police Scotland

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – same road closure times despite increase in numbers.

Only change is the Dores – Inverness section where following issues of safety last year, this will be a full closure not single carriageway.

BCC carers to inform organisers of times access is needed

AP – CF to pass contacts to BCC

Community groups to get involved re marshalling etc – receive a monetary donation from Etape to funds.

3 POLICE REPORT – AROS MATHIESON

As per report distributed.

4. Adoption of minutes

Minutes of 15th Dec 2015 were adopted.

Proposed G Taylor, Seconded M Donnelly

5 MINUTES SECRETARY

Discussion re role. KB agrees to be CC Secretary and will take on role of Minutes Secretary when Job Role is defined.

AP – IBR/CF to write up job specification

WEBSITE - ongoing issues regarding Administrator. Once sorted will be live again.

AP - IBR

6 DATES/LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS

To remain as last Tuesday of every month.

23rd FEB & 29th MARCH – Stratherrick Hall

26th APRIL -Foyers School

31st MAY - Stratherrick Hall

28th JUNE – Foyers School

26th JULY – Stratherrick Hall

7 MATTERS ARISING

Gritting - A few minor issues but so far so good. MDa indicated that the Winter Maintenance budget is to be protected if Independent Budget is voted through.

Community Broadband – update from Steven Watson (SFCT Project Co-ordinator). BT rollout across Ward 13 would still leave “blanks” and periphery would be poor. However money is available from HIE?Community Broadband Scotland to set up Community Broadband initiatives. Desire of CC is still for superfast broadband in the area. Steering group needed to move idea forward.

AP – Mdo will update CC

Noticeboards – needing fixed / replaced Inverfarigaig

AP – IBR

7 REPORTS

Fire – Still on-going issues with toilet/comfort facilities.

Trust – New board appointed at AGM . Foyers Land purchase still in progress; next cut-off dates for funding is 25/02/2016. Community Consultation day at Stratherrick Hall on Thurs 03 March 2016 – 2pm-9pm.

AP – CF to put on community Face book page to encourage attendance

Planning – to reduce costs for Community Groups, the CC was asked to consider submitting applications.
MOTION – The CC will submit agreed Planning Applications for constituted Community Groups.

Proposed IBR; seconded GT.

BCC - Car transport scheme up and running; more trained carers. Other areas are interested in visiting BCC as a flagship model. Funding is available for such "Visit Days" **AP – Mda to investigate**

Foyers – Ward Forum for projects. On-going liaison with SFCT/MDo

Heritage Group – meeting on Saturday 6th Feb @ 12noon at Inverfarigaig FC Centre to discuss possible use of land if released by FC. **AP – CF to attend**

8 TREASURER'S REPORT - PLEASE ATTACH MARTIN

New signatories – MDo/GM/KB

SFCT application – new application to be made to include a variety of funding needs **AP - MDo**

9 RENEWABLES

Stronlaig – next CLG meeting March 2016 – appeal to Scottish Govmt has been lodged.

Dell – Planning Application to HC March 2016

Dunmaglass – next CLG 24/03/2016

Corriegarth – transformer delivered. Complaints received regarding traffic (NPower – spoken to by HC)

Torness – progressing . Few issues regarding extra weekend works/ roads etc.

AP - CF to continue to update Facebook page with road closures etc – also to send to SFCT for web

Knockie – still issues with CB agreement with Green Highland Renewables **AP – IBR/Frank Ellam**

Aberchalder – track re-instated.

Garrogie – still issues with CB agreement **AP - IBR/ Frank Ellam**

10. ROADS

A number of road improvements are now complete but others still in progress. Errogie corner still not completed **AP – Mda to request meeting of residents with Colin Ross**

Mda indicated that there is money available for improvements to the B852 – Foyers – Dores section in the 2016-2019 budget CC to write to HC to request money (W Gilfillan/A Henderson)

AP – IBR to write letter draft and CF to complete and send

AP Mda to arrange for a roads engineer to survey Dores- Foyers section with GM

11 Planning

HSCHT final designs for Gorthleck units submitted.

12 Correspondence

Bus shelters – on-going – awaiting meeting with Ivor Souter. **AP – CF**

War memorial access – received from Charles Stephen - **AP – IBR**

Jan Thomson - complaint received regarding the code of conduct & suitability of a member of CC.

IBR indicated that letter had not been circulated to rest of CC as not a viable complaint. Need to submit evidence to CC and Ward Manager.

13 AOCB

Playpark – grass cutting needs to organised but hopeful that HC will continue to do it in 2016

Toilet Block – CC decision to open for 2016. Proposed IBR, seconded SG. **AP – Mdo to organise**

14. Next Meeting.

Tuesday 23RD February – Stratherrick Hall - 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9:30pm