

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26th April 2016
AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL 19:30

1. Present

Kim Burton (KB)	Catriona Fraser (CF)	Martin Donnelly (MDo)
Gordon McAndie (GMc)	Margaret Davidson (MDa)	Graham Taylor (GT)

Apologies

Steven Watson

The Community Council has received communication from Ian Brown, resigning from the Chair of the CC with immediate effect. As Vice Chair, Catriona Fraser will chair the meeting.

2. Adoption of last minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29th April were adopted.

Proposed by GMc, seconded by CF

3. Matters arising

- Etape – Now that the event has taken place, the Etape organisers are keen to gain feedback, both negative and positive from the community.
Request Etape feedback via the CC website - KB
- Broadband – No new updates this month re: community broadband
- Noticeboards – Quotes in the process of being obtained.
- Toilet Block (Falls of Foyers car park) – Toiler block now open with day to day duties now taken over by Norman.

4. Reports

- Fire – Application window for new fire fighters has now closed.
- Trust – Currently looking for local stories for the next issue of the Stratherrick and Foyers News. Require ideas from locals for the use of the land purchased in Lower Foyers
- BCC – Transport scheme will now take people to appointments at Raigmore hospital using Trust money, not Highland Council money. Registration with the car scheme is essential. The bid for the Lower Foyers unit has to be reconfigured to meet requirements of the new Community Empowerment Act – Best value scoring will take time and there is still no certainty.
Lottery funding has been applied for in relation to the feasibility study for the day care unit. 14 individuals currently being cared for, with another caring having been trained. These carers are employed by HHC but managed by the BCC Care Manager.
- Treasurers Report – No monies in or out over the past month.
Progress changing of Signatories – MD
Investigate possibility of on-line banking – MD
- Police Report – See attached Police Report.
- Foyers Tenants & Residents Association – Members increasing
- Inverfarigaig Forest Classroom & Land – 1st meeting of the steering group took place. Steering Group now established. Next meeting date tbc in due course.

5. Renewables

- Torness

- 2 week road closure between Calanour Jct & Torness cattle grid from 25th April – 6th May for tarmac works
- Complaints received from locals re: lack of notices and notifications of closure and diversions etc...
- Dell – Nothing to report this month.
- Stronlaig – Nothing to report this month.
- Knockie – Advised to take the Community Benefit offer.
Obtain Community Benefit updated from Ian Brown and Frank Ellam - CF
- Aberchalder – Nothing to report this month.
- Garrogie – Nothing to report this month.
- Dunmaglass – turbine deliveries due to commence on Monday 9th May, and are likely to be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during most of the summer months. Possibility that turbines will be erected into and during the night if the wind and weather conditions allow.
Update website with turbine delivery details - KB
- Corriegarth – Last turbine deliveries to take place week commencing 2nd May.
Update website with turbine delivery details - KB

6. Roads

- MDa advised that THC has agreed to spend £30k on the Loch side roads, concentrating on upgrading laybys and road edges.
- The bridges on the Inverfarigaig Pass require some repairs. 3 appear to be damaged with 1 already being repaired.
Concerns to be e-mailed to Ian McGilvery at THC - CF
- Errogie Corner - All works now complete – the following concerns still require a response;
 - Concerns from locals regarding the length of the new laybys – not long enough to take an articulated lorry. RJ McLeods already lengthening 2 laybys.
 - Concerns re: narrowness of the road – 2 lorries will not be able to pass here and the snow plough will not be able to pass with its blade down.
 - Concerns re: installation of kerb stones and gravel infill between passing places.
Concerns to be e-mailed to Ian McGilvery at THC and cc'd to MD and Colin Ross – CF
- Timber Transport Road – Nothing to report this month.
- CC campaigning for the Highland Council to install “flashing speed/smiley face” signs in numerous villages on the top road (similar to the sign in Dores)
Progress update required - MD
- Foyers residents campaigning for junction and road to Lower Foyers to be reduced to 30mph. Road regularly used by walkers and residents using the bus service and doctors.
Request THC install traffic/speed monitoring for a length of time - MD

7. Planning

- The CC have not been made aware of any new planning applications this month.

8. Correspondence

- Letter received from member of the public expressing concern at the recent newspaper story suggesting that THC will reclaim and re-use unattended grave stones within HC cemeteries.

Letter of response to member of the public - Mda

9. Up & coming events

- Family ceilidh – 7th May 3pm – 6pm – Fundraiser for BCC
- Garrogie Family Shoot Day – 16th July – Fundraiser for BCC
- Charity paddles from Fort Augustus to Dores – 20th August

- Loch Ness Marathon – 25th September. Road closure map & times can be found on the Loch Ness Marathon website.
- Loch Gu Loch – 1st October. No road closure for this event.
- Deloitte Ride Across Britain – affecting routes in Gorthleck on 17th September. No road closures.

Further events and dates will be notified as they become available to the CC.

10. Unspent grant money

- Installation of portable hearing loop & Noticeboard repairs – Grant money to be returned to the Trust and a new application will be submitted once new costs have been obtained.
- Defibrillators. A Skye based charity will install and maintain 3 units for a donation of £5k, and will also train volunteers within the community.

Contact charity and progress installation of units & possible grant application - KB

11. AOCB

- Boat moored at Inverfarigaig Peer – Occupants have stated that they are happy to carry out free repairs to the Peer whilst moored up.
- Lower Foyers Park – Concern raised by local that the park had fallen into disrepair

Look into the possibility of upgrading the park and repairing the fences - MDa

12. Next meeting

Tuesday 31st May at 19:30 in Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck.

Meeting closed at 21:00