

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**  
**AT Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck AT 19:30**

**1. Present**

Kim Burton (KB)

Gordon McAndie (GMC)

Catriona Fraser (CF)

Ian Bateman (IB)

Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Jenni Devlin (JD)

**Apologies**

Dr Jean Davis, Martin Donnelly

**2. Adoption of last minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June were adopted.

Proposed by GMC, seconded by IB

**3. Matters arising**

- Change of signatories on the bank – still progressing
- Damage to Inverfarigaig bridges – Still awaiting response from Ian McGilvery at THC
- Flashing speed signs – waiting for an update from Margaret Davidson of THC
- Speed monitoring in Lower Foyers – previously advised this had been installed, but checks show it hasn't - Margaret Davidson to chase up
- Lower Foyers Park regeneration – Regeneration and upgrade works to commence in September.
- Margaret Davidson e-mailed Scott Hays (LSO) re: concerns about lack of welfare facilities still at the fire station. Awaiting update from MDa.
- Margaret Davidson chased up Police Scotland Area Commander re: number of vehicles per turbine delivery – Response received from Police Scotland with new procedures for Dunmaglass convoys as follows;
  - When transporting tower sections – each convoy may travel with 3 sections
  - When transporting mixed components – each convoy may travel with 2 tower sections and 1 blade
  - When transporting blades – the convoy is restricted to 2 blades only.The above procedures are already in place.
- Compensatory planting scheme around the Falls of Foyers car park should now be complete.
- Rubbish on verges of Balfour Beaty working areas – Margaret Davidson to pass concerns to BB.

**4. Reports**

- Trust – Community Broadband feasibility/demand survey – good initial response to the survey. Although the deadline for submission has now closed, the Trust will still accept completed surveys.

MDo resigned as the Community Liaison Director.

*[Advertise vacant role of Community Liaison Director on the SFCC website - KB](#)*

Free lightbulbs still available from the Trust – order forms can be found on the website or on the back of the SFCC News.

- BCC – Shoot Day was very successful with over £1700 raised. Feasibility study is now in progress – don't forget to complete and return your survey. Still trying to acquire the Lower Foyers premises.
- Police Report – 2 reports of non-injury road traffic collisions.
- Fire – The fire station is finally get a toilet facility! It will be a temporary measure of a portaloos until such time as permanent facilities can be installed.

2 new recruits have been through their 1<sup>st</sup> set of courses/tests.

The Fire Service are currently encouraging prevention visits (Home Fire Safety Visits) with 6 new Home Fire Safety Officers being requested. Local funding is being looked into to enable the officers to do more during Home Fire Safety Visits.

- Farigaig Steering Group – The Steering Group is now into it's 5 meeting since establishment and is currently working on proposed project plans and community consultation packs.

## 5. Renewables

- Dunmaglass – Continue to receive delivery schedules and updates on the electronic boards.
- Corriegarth – 1 abnormal load delivery remaining.
- Farigaig Substation – Currently being commissioned with a projected 'on-line' date towards the end of August.
- Stronlaig – permission has now been granted for this windfarm to go ahead, providing the John Muir Trust don't lodge another appeal against it within 30 days. Deliveries to this site will be via Fort August – NO windfarm traffic will be permitted to access the site via the B851. Community Benefit is still to be offered and negotiated for this development but it is hoped that this will provide an opportunity for further road improvements, possibly to the lower Lochside road.

## 6. Roads

- Gordon McAndie met with Ali Nairn of The Highland Council and spent some time travelling the road between Dores and Foyers to highlight areas that need improvement. Main focus will be pot holes and passing places.
- Calanour Junction now complete. New road signs to be erected in due course.
- Aberchalder road end repairs now complete.
- Concerns raised re: Errogie corner bollard damage.

## 7. Planning

- 1 planning application submitted; Log cabin on plot at West Drummond – No objects raised.

## 8. Correspondence

- Communication from ITV advising of a £1000 location fee and donation that is to be sent to the SFCC.
- £500 donation received from the Etape organisers, Caladonian Concepts. It was agreed that the SFCC would keep both these donations, but ring fence them in the accounts for emergency funds.

## 9. Up & coming events

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

## 10. AOCB

- A discussion took place regarding the portion of the grant application that was to cover the cost of the Minute Secretary, as this role is carried out by a member of the SFCC. This discussion highlighted a difference in the constitutions of the Highland Council and the SFCC.

*Check current version of the constitution with Charles Stephen – CF*

As the discussion didn't provide any conclusion, it was agreed that this portion of the Grant application would be deferred until such time as the Trust and SFCC could discuss the issue

further and agree a way forward. Deferring this portion of the grant application will mean that the application for the 3 defibrillators can still be processed.

- 2016 Chair's Report was read by the current Chair, Catriona Fraser.
- Concerns raised regarding missing SFCC members with no apologies

*E-mail to be sent to the members in question to see if they still want to be on the SFCC - CF*

#### **11. Next meeting**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30, Foyers Primary School

Meeting closed at 20:45