

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**AT GORTHLECK HALL 19:30**

**1. Present**

Iain Brown (IB)	Kim Burton (KB)	Catriona Fraser (CF)
Gordon McAndie (GM)	Ian Bateman (IB)	Margaret Davidson

**Apologies**

PC Craig Stuart	Martin Donnelly	Graham Taylor
Stewart Goodwin	Steven Watson	

**2. Adoption of last minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February were adopted after a minor change.  
Proposed by CF, seconded by IB

**3. Matters arising**

- Etape – Updated Pot hole survey carried out by Etape oraginsors – pot hole repairs to be monitored by all road users and reported to the HC if new repairs required.
- Broadband – No new updates this month re: community broadband
- Noticeboards – Most are beyond repair and not big enough for their purpose.  
*Obtain quotes for replacing the noticeboards – KB*
- Toilet Block (Falls of Foyers car park) – Toiler block now open. Continue to look into the possibility and cost of building a new larger toilet block and/or a storage shed for welfare equipment required for the upkeep of the toilet block.  
*Continue to obtain price(s) for construction of new toilet block & storage shed - KB*

**4. Reports**

- Fire – Application window for new fire fighters has now closed.
- Trust – Successfully completed the purchase of the land next to the campsite in Lower Foyers. Successful open day – 80-90 visitors with positive feedback.
- BCC – E-mail received from Jane O’Donovan - £15k from HC transport over 3 years will commence in April. No progress to date for possible journeys to Raigmore using other resources. £60k from Trust over 3 years will commence in March, 6 x £10k payments enabling 2 days per week secured to pay for a Care Manager employed by HHC. i.e one day through BCC and one day through HHC. 2<sup>nd</sup> bid submitted to HIE in relation to unit No.2 in Lower Foyers. There has been no closing date notified as yet and therefore no idea of timescale.
- Treasurers Report – No monies in or out over the past month.  
*Progress changing of Signatories – MD*  
*Investigate possibility of on-line backing – MD*
- Police Report – See attached Police Report.

**5. Renewables**

- Torness
  - 2 week road closure between Calanour Jct & Torness cattle grid from 25<sup>th</sup> April – 6<sup>th</sup> May for tarmac works
  - Calanour Jct is to be re-surfaced using temporary road works. Dates TBC.
- Dell – Nothing to report this month.

- Stronlaig – Liaison Meeting held w/c 21<sup>st</sup> March. Awaiting legal decision – could be September before any decision is made.
- Knockie – still unresolved issues with Community Benefit agreement  
*Still to respond to the latest CB agreement offer (not adequate) – IBR*
- Aberchalder – Road now re-instated.
- Garrogie – Schemes now up and running but still no Community Benefit Agreement
- Dunmaglass
  - Liaison Meeting held w/c 21<sup>st</sup> March – nothing new to report.
  - Road Improvements complete
  - Turbine delivery April/May – dates tbc.
- Corriegarth – Liaison Meeting to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April. Questions re: roads etc...

## 6. Roads

- Gritting – No new issues to report.
- Errogie Corner
  - Road to be closed between 08:30 – 16:00 on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April for tarring
  - All works to be complete by 29<sup>th</sup> April
  - 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 - IBR*
- Timber Transport Road – Update received from the FC; work nearly complete. Short but technical final section a few hundred metres long is about to commence. The FC conveys it's appreciation of the Community's understanding and patience during the works. SFCC Timber Sales Contract allows the local community to stipulate their safe preferred routes for FC timber hauliers. Private hauliers do not have to adhere to the stipulated routes as the local community has no say in their routes.
- Correspondence received from BEAR Scotland stating maintenance work to commence on A82 at the Castle for 2 weeks commencing 18<sup>th</sup> April with daytime traffic management. Directly clashes with the Etape, the 2 day closure of Errogie corner and the first week of the Torness road closure.  
*Maintenance companies to communicate with each other and plan works accordingly - MD*
- 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.  
*Progress update required - MD*
- Speed limit and access road issues still to be agreed for the new houses to be built in Lower Foyers.
- Concerns raised re: number of unrepaired pot holes on the lower Loch side road. In particular a giant pot hole at Boleskine. MD advised that pot holes should be reported to the HC as a CRM (Customer Response Mechanism) via phone or website form. You must get a reference number if logging by phone.

*Post Pot Hole Reporting details on the SFCC website – KB*

## 7. Planning

- 6 applications;
  - House extension at Aberchalder – no objections raised
  - Erection of agricultural storage shed at Foyers Campsite – No objections raised
  - Land owner request to keep the temporary road installed across his land by SSE Contactors at Torness – no objections raised
  - Amendments to new chalet next to the Whitebridge Hotel – no objections raised
  - New house at Whitebridge, behind Deer View B&B on the Garrogie Road – no objections raised
  - New house at Errogie Hill – no objections raised

## 8. Correspondence

- Councillor Questionnaire received from the HC  
*Complete and return - All*
- Letter from EDF Energy stating electric bill for the toilet block has not been paid  
*Bill to be paid in due course - MD*
- Correspondence from HC stating Comfort Scheme payments for the toilet block will remain as per last year until the new rates have been worked out for 2016.
- E-mail from Frank Ellam resigning as Community Benefit Negotiator.  
*Advertise opportunity on the SFCC website – KB*
- HC requesting annual accounts from SFCC  
*Prepare SFCC Accounts for verification - MD*
- Correspondence received from Neil Anderson of SSE clarifying Sunday working protocols – Clarified as ‘No big machinery – work vans only’

## 9. Up & coming events

- Etape – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Road closure map & times can be found on the Etape Loch Ness website.
- 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.
- Man – v – Horse – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Starts & finishes in Does.
- Loch Ness Luvvies – Evening of fun & entertainment at Stratherrick Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

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

## 10. Unspent grant money

- Installation of portable haring loop  
*Check price is still valid before next meeting - IBR*
- Noticeboard repairs – most noticeboards are beyond repair and not fit for purpose. Grant money to be returned to the Trust and a new application will be submitted once costs have been obtained for replacement noticeboards.
- 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 - MD*

## 11. AOCB

- Letter from BEAR Scotland re: A82 road works (detailed in ‘Roads’ section)
- Bus Shelters – HC have stated that a bus shelter at Garrogie is not possible due to health & Safety as the children will have to cross the road to access it.

- Small Houses Community Trust has abandoned their plans for affordable housing at Gorthleck.
- Website training – KB & CF required training to further utilise the SFCC website.
- SFCC News – Trust have requested that SFCC contribute a page for the next SFCC News publication. Possibly pot hole reporting? Page to be submitted to the Trust before the end of May.

## **12. Next meeting**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 19:30 in Foyers Primary School.

Meeting closed at 21:00