STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31st May 2016 AT STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK AT 19:30

1. Present

Kim Burton (KB)Catriona Fraser (CF)Gordon McAndie (GMc)Dr Jean Davis (JDa)Malcolm Sutherland (Caledonian Concepts – Guest speaker)

Apologies

Steven Watson, PC William Jones, Margaret Davidson, Stuart Goodwin, Ian Bateman,

2. Etape Loch Ness Debrief & Feedback

Malcolm Sutherland of Caledonian Concepts gave the following debrief of the Etape Loch Ness cycling event that was held on 24th April this year;

- 4239 entries
- 23% of entrants were female and 77% male
- In 2015 7% of entrants lived outside Scotland, in 2016 this figure was 12%
- In 2015 64% of riders had at least one night stay; in 2016 this had increased to 70% of riders.
- Average length of stay in 2015 was 1.3 nights, this increased to 1.8 in 2016.

Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support is currently reported as over £200,000 and expected to grow even more. Expect total fundraising for Macmillan and other charities to exceed £285,000.

There were over 230 marshals and volunteers who helped around the route and in the Event Hub with registration, cyclist services and start/finish teams – a huge thank you to everyone who helped. As a thank you to all the volunteers the event has made donations to the charity of their choice in recognition of their time. Donations have been made to over 40 charities and in particular to:

- Elsie Normington Foundation
- Foyers Fire Brigade
- Foyers Primary School Parent Council
- Stratherrick & Foyers Parent & Toddlers

The team would also like to make a donation of £500 to a project of the Community Council's choice.

Community Council to agree who this money goes to and advise Malcolm - KB

Martin Donnelly (MDo)

Jennie Devlin (JDe)

A number of escorts were carried out on the morning of the event to safely assist local people who had essential journeys to make.

The proposed date for 2017 is 23 April – this is the same weekend as 2016 and falls between Easter and the May Bank holiday weekends.

Feedback from the locals was mainly positive, with a suggestion of some additional toilets and rubbish collection facilities at the top of the Glen Doe hill.

3. Adoption of last minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th April were adopted. Proposed by MDo, seconded by CF

4. Matters arising

- Change of signatories on the bank Mdo still progressing
- Website and Facebook continue to be updated with turbine deliveries. Great to see that electronic information signs are now in place at Daviot & calanour junction.

- 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 waiting for an update from Margaret Davidson of THC
- Defibrillators Prices obtain. Grant application to be submitted to the Trust before 23rd June

Complete grant application and submit to the Community Trust – KB

• Lower Foyers Park regeneration – Currently being looked into by THC. Update from Margaret Davidson at the next meeting.

5. Reports

• Fire – Application window for new fire fighters has now closed. 3 applicants waiting to be recruited. Time delay to medicals and initial 2 week training course not run locally or frequently.

Although RJ MacLeods donated and installed a welfare cabin at the fire station, the cabin on has electrics, and still has no running water or toilet.

Email concerns to Scott Haye (LSO) and request action- CF

- Trust Grant meeting to be held in June for applications submitted before 23rd June. 2nd edition of SFCC news to be issued at the beginning of June.
- BCC Progressing feasibility study and still trying to secure the unit in lower Foyers.
- Treasurers Report 2016 accounts presented and approved at the 2016 AGM. Agreed that
 the full unspent grant money of £2408 would be returned to the trust and new applications
 submitted over the next 12 months 1 before 23rd June for 3 x defibrillators and the fees
 for the Minute Secretary, and the 2nd application in 6 month time for new noticeboards and
 a hearing system.

Progress changing of Signatories – MD Investigate possibility of on-line banking – MD

- Police Report See attached Police Report.
- Foyers Tenants and Residents Association Concerns raised about the running of this group and its intent/purpose. Concerns passed to The Highland Council.
- Inverfarigaig Forest Classroom & Land Group now established with a constitution and a chair.

6. Renewables

- Knockie (Allt Luaidhe) Community benefit agreement now accepted and signed.
- Dunmaglass Electrical information signs now in place at Daviot and Calanour Junction. Concerns raised re: number of deliveries per day and per week. Police Scotland (not local police) did the initial road checks and determined that only 2 loads can be in each delivery. Transporting 3 loads in each delivery would mean less deliveries or reduced delivery times over the summer. Community Council happy to back up communication from Margaret Davidson stating 3 loads per delivery will be acceptable

Campaign to get escorts from local Police rather than Police Scotland - MDa Update website with turbine delivery details - KB

• Corriegarth – All turbines delivered. Project in final stages.

7. Roads

- Gordon McAndie to meet with a representative from The Highland Council to review required repairs on the Foyers to Dores road
- Concerns raised re: state of the road at Compass
- Neil Kirkland has been in e-mail communication with Colin Ross of The Highland Council roads department re: state of the Aberchalder road end. Neil happy to continue this communication.

8. Planning

• One planning application submitted this month. Application for a proposed Studio Wee House at land north east of Keeper's Croft, Glenlia, Foyers. No objections raised.

9. Correspondence

• Bill from Norman for cleaning of the Foyers public toilets

Arrange for payment to be made – MDo

- SSE have advised they will be painting the playpark at Gorthleck imminently.
- Correspondence received from the Hall Committee advising the SFCC owes 2 months hall fees
- EDF energy bill for the Foyers Public Toilets remains unpaid and account needs changing out of Iain Brown's name

Arrange for payment of bill – MDo Change EDF account out of Iain Brown's name – MDo/KB

10. Up & coming events

- 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.

11. AOCB

• Foyers Public Toilets closed due to safety concerns over water leaking into electrics. Agreed that temporary repairs should be made to allow the toilets to be re-opened and agenda point added to June's agenda to discuss long term solutions

Repair toilets – Neil Kirkland

- Volunteers requested to help cut the grass at the war memorial. Fire Brigade agreed to do one month, Pete Faye agreed to do one month and Willie Fraser agreed to do one month. Community owned strimmer available for use.
- Concerns raised re: SFCC's position on the development of the Community purchased land in lower Foyers. SFCC members present advised that the SFCC fully supports whatever development the community agrees to pursue.

Further vote to take place when all members are present - All

• Promised compensatory planting around the re-vamped Foyers Falls carpark has not yet commenced.

Chase up with THC and provide updated - JDa

• Concerns raised re: rubbish in verges of Balfor Beaty working areas. Request Neil Anderson to include this in the agenda of the Farigaig sub-group - CF

12. Next meeting

Tuesday 28th June at 19:30, Foyers Primary School

Meeting closed at 21:00