

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**  
**AT CRAIGDARROCH INN AT 19:30**

**1. Present**

Kim Burton (KB)	Catriona Fraser (CF)	Phil Crowe (PC)
Dr Jim Cameron (JC)	Liam Longbottom (LL)	Ian Bateman (IB)
Martin Donolley (MDo) – late arrival	PC Dave Elliott	

**Apologies**

Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa) Gordon McAndie (GMc)

**2. Adoption of last minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were adopted with no changes  
Proposed by PC, seconded by CF

**3. Matters arising**

- Deer fence at Boleskine Graveyard. The build up of soil has been moved away from the fence but still remains as a huge mound in the graveyard.  
*KB to contact THC to remove or re-distribute the soil*
- Meeting held with John Taylor of The Highland Council re: Speed limit concerns at Foyers Hotel, Campsite traffic repeatedly accessing Riverside & no signs directing traffic to Foyers Cemetery.  
*MDa & KB chasing John Taylor for actions required – Invite JT to February Meeting?  
KB to re-request speed monitor via Police Scotland as it was felt this was placed in the wrong place during the last monitoring period.*
- KB met with Stewart Eastaugh, Highland Council Access Officer for Inverness, Niarn and East Lochaber to discuss signage of paths and wayleaves around Foyers and Inverfarigaig. .  
*KB to progress ideas further with Stewart Eastaugh and also discuss with the South Loch Ness Access Group and Visit Loch Ness.*

**4. Reports**

- Trust
  - AGM well attended – 50+ attendees
  - Peter Faye was voted in as the new Chair, Sharon Ferguson as Vice Chair with Frank Ellam remaining in his post as Treasurer.
  - Dr Jim Cameron attended his first Trust meeting as Liaison Director.
- Boleskine Community Care
  - Keen to employ a Support & Development Manager to take forward the ideas identified in the feasibility study conducted in 2016.
  - Acquiring the second unit in lower Foyers and creating a paid post is essential to expand BCC services and provide day respite care.
- Police Report (PC Dave Elliot gave an overview of the incidents since the last meeting)
  - 1 vandalism – fence cut
  - 1 theft – rowing boat & 1 theft of a solar panel
  - 1 report of a domestic assault – a male appeared before the Procurator Fiscal
  - All Police reports can be found on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website: [www.stratherrick.net](http://www.stratherrick.net)

**5. Renewables**

- Stronlairg

- Now shut down for an extended Christmas break, although there may be some heavy plant being removed from the site during this time
- Reduction in workers from January
- SSE contacted the SFCC to meet privately to discuss the Community Benefit Proposals from Stronlaig. The SFCC have agreed to hold a private meeting with SSE prior to January's SFCC meeting (30<sup>th</sup> January, 19:30 at Stratherrick Hall), so that any outcome can be immediately discussed at the SFCC meeting.

## 6. Roads

- Aberchalder road end repairs continue – ongoing since November 2016. Damaged a culvert during recent works and now need to do further work to repair the culvert.
- Temporary repairs to the B852 at Dalcrag have been carried out by the FC. FC to monitor the condition of the repairs and road as the timber begins to be extracted.
- Discussions took place around the prospect of a stone 'Stratherrick & Foyers' sign at the entrances into the community (similar to the one at Dores)  
*KB to speak the Heritage Group about their involvement in this.*
- Still a huge amount of complaints to the SFCC and the Highland Council regarding the lack of gritting that is taking place during the adverse winter weather. MDa to advise John Taylor of priority roads (Fire Station). Grit piles/stocks can be requested via John Taylor or the SFCC who will contact John Taylor on your behalf. The community are asked to direct their complaints re: gritting, directly to the Highland Council as well as the SFCC.

*KB to add Highland Councillor details to the community website*

## 7. Planning

- EE mast to be erected 160m east of Compass was passed at the South Planning Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## 8. Correspondence

- Further correspondence from RES re: Glenshero Windfarm Proposal. SFCC to submit a response by 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## 9. Up & coming events

- Children's Ceilidh, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 4pm-5pm – Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck
- Family Ceilidh, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 7:30 onwards – Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck – Tickets £2 per person, available from local businesses
- Santa Fun Run – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 10am, Cameron's Tea Room.
- Boxing day shoot at Torness.

## 10. AOCB

- Inverfarigaig Residents Group has been set up. CF has been invited to attend their next meeting.

## 11. Next meeting

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 19:30, Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck.

Meeting closed at 20:40