

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**  
**AT STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK AT 19:30**

**1. Present**

Kim Burton (KB)

Martin Donnelly (MDo)

Gordon McAndie (GMc)

Catrina Fraser (CF)

Phil Crowe (PC)

Ian Bateman (IB)

**Apologies**

Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Liam Longbottom (LL)

Cllr Helen Carmichael (HC)

**2. Adoption of last minutes**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were adopted

Proposed by GMc , seconded by MDo

**3. Co-option of new members**

Dr Jim Cameron has requested to join the Community Council as a Co-opted member.

As nearly 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the CC is already made up of co-opted members, it is not currently possible to co-opt another member, however it is possible for Dr Cameron to become an Associate Member. As an Associate Member, Dr Cameron will have no voting rights within the SFCC. Dr Cameron was happy with this proposal, and the 4 elected councillors unanimously voted in favour of this. Dr Cameron joined the SFCC as an Associate Member with immediate effect.

Dr Cameron has also agreed to become the SFCC's new Liaison Director to the Community Trust.

**4. Alex MacLeod (Forestry Commission) – Extraction of felled timber on the B852 at Dalcrag**

Mr MacLeod firstly apologised for the lack of notice of the felling that took place on the B852 at Dalcrag.

The FC would like to extract the timber as soon as possible, but firstly need to agree transport & extraction routes with the Highland Council and the SFCC.

The SFCC raised concerns about the poor state of repair of the B852, and felt adamant that the road, in its current state of repair would not withstand the impact of around 600 timber haulage trucks.

Mr MacLeod advised that the FC had submitted a Traffic Management Plan to the Highland Council and proposed taking the lorries from the forestry entrance nearest Foyers, through Foyers itself and along the loch side road to Dores, with lorries from the further 2 entrances turning left and heading onto the B862 to join the Timber Haulage Road at Gorthleck, or head north towards Fort Augustus. Mr MacLeod also advised that there might be the possibility to use smaller lorries, however this would mean an increase in the numbers required to remove the timber, and over a longer timescale.

The FC are currently in talks with the Highland Council about the cost and responsibility for carrying out some initial repairs to the road to allow for the extraction to take place, with further more permanent repairs being carried out once the extraction is complete.

The SFCC were assured that no timber extraction from this location would take place until adequate initial repairs have been carried out to the B852.

Mr MacLeod will updated the SFCC on this matter accordingly.

**5. Matters arising**

- Deer fence at Boleskine Graveyard

*Unable to progress further until the Highland Council move the build up of spoil*

- 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 January 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.*

- Buses – D&E have agreed to do an extended service from Dunmaglass to Whitebridge. Further details to be advised as they become available.

## 6. Reports

- Fire
  - Another new recruit.
- Trust
  - New Liaison Director – Dr Jim Cameron
  - Continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday on each month.
  - Currently preparing for the AGM which will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November.
  - Progressing work to replace the community noticeboards at Lower Foyers, Torness, Whitebridge and Errogie – Hopefully before Christmas
  - Next grant deadline is 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017
  - Next issue of S&F News is due out in December. Any stories or info for inclusion should be passed to Project Co-ordinator, Steven Watson
  - Have invited tenders for access to the Riverside Land
  - Ongoing work to secure the 2 units in Lower Foyers
- Police Report
  - New style police report issued this month which gives details of the surrounding community council areas of Dores & Essich, Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston and Glenurquhart. Full report is available on the Stratherrick & Foyers CC website.
  - Full police report can be found on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website: [www.stratherrick.net](http://www.stratherrick.net)

## 7. Renewables

- Stronlaig
  - SSE propose to implement different ways of allocating the community benefit, however the communities have advised that they would like to continue with the existing allocation arrangements.
  - Currently ahead of schedule and looking into the possibility of a lengthy winter shut down.
- Dell – Planning application refused

## 8. 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.
- Still awaiting repairs to the section of the B852 between Dalcrag and Chapel Bridge.
  - See earlier comments on this issue in section 4.

## 9. Planning

- Erection of conservatory extension at 9 Riverside, Lower Foyers – no objections
- EE mast to be erected 160m east of Compass;
  - Formal objection lodged by the SFCC and acknowledged by the HC

## 10. Correspondence

- Communication received from RES regarding planned wind farm and other developments at Glenshero. Keen to come and speak to the local community and provide further info about the project and how this may impact on our community

*KB to invite to November meeting*

## 11. Up & coming events

- Fire Works – 4<sup>th</sup> November – 7pm at Loch Ness Shores Campsite
- Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust AGM – 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Friends of Inverness Royal Academy – Halloween disco & auction – 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 9pm until 1am - Whitebridge Hotel
- South Loch Ness Schools Halloween Disco – 1<sup>st</sup> November – 6-8pm - Stratherrick Hall
- Remembrance Service – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 3pm
- Boleskine shinty sale – Gorthleck Hall – 25<sup>th</sup> November – 3pm

## **12. AOCB**

- Signage of paths and wayleaves around Foyers and Inverfarigaig needs to be revisited. Tourists frequently walk down the road as they can't find the paths due to lack of signage.  
*KB to speak to Charles Stephens for details of who to contact about this.*

## **13. Next meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 19:30, Foyers Primary School

Meeting closed at 21:15