STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY 2018 AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 19:30

1. Present

Kim Burton (KB) Catriona Fraser (CF) Phil Crowe (PC)

Dr Jim Cameron (JC) Liam Longbottom (LL) Gordon McAndie (GMc)

Martin Donnelly (MDo)

Alex MacLeod (Area Operations Manager, Forest Enterprise Scotland)

Niall Duncan (Tilhill Harvesting Contracts Manager)

Duncan Mason (Forestry Commission)

John Taylor (Highland Council, Community Services)

PC Elliot

Apologies

Ian Bateman (IB) Cllr Margaret Davidson

2. Glen Liath Timber Felling Update

Alex MacLeod, Duncan Mason and Niall Duncan gave an explanation of the proposed transport management plan and felling arrangements for the felling due to take place in Glen Liath;

- Work due to start in May 2018, likely to last 18 months with 32000 tonnes being extracted per annum
- Most felling to be done by hand rather than machine due to the steep sides in the Glen
- Skylines to be set up to haul the timber upwards out of the Glen onto the Timber Haulage road
- Glenlia road to be closed from the intake pipe to where it meets the Inverfarigaig Pass due to safety reasons
- Lorries to be routed up the Trinloist road and then onto the timber haulage route
- Bellmouth at Craigniche crossroads will need to be updated and widened prior to lorries using this road
- Trinloist road will need to be repaired prior to lorries travelling up it as it is currently in a poor state of repair
- All transport to be carried out by Grants of Ballindalloch and Charlie Hutchinson who will sign up to the terms of the Transport Management Plan
- The Haulage companies operate at GPS fleet management system and will therefore be able to monitor lorry locations and driver performance in real time
- Hauliers/drivers found not to be adhering to the TMP will be removed from the contract
- There will be a need to close a section of the Inverfarigaig Pass for a period of time near to the end of the project to allow for felling of the timber nearest the road. Advanced warning signs will be erected in appropriate places. CC have asked that the last agreement be looked at for when this road was closed previously. CC have also asked that this work be done out of tourist season, and whether the road could be opened on a weekend
- Will return to the April meeting to update on the concerns raised by the SFCC

Dalcrag extraction update;

- Removed 1000 tonnes already
- No more felling to take place until Glen Liath felling completed (there is another 8000 tonnes to be felled and extracted from this area)

 FC to monitor the temporary toad repairs carried out due to concerns raised by the SFCC regarding large stones and rubble on the road. FC likely to arrange for the road to be regularly swept.

3. Roads update

John Taylor, Community Services Team, Highland Council gave an update of work carried out and actions still to be completed from last year's road discussions;

- Foyers Cemetery directional signs now in place
- Crest white lining complete
- Chevron's in place to warn of tight bend on the corner near the Hydro on the road to lower Foyers
- White lining still to carry out to highlight the narrowing of the road at Foyers Lodge
- HC to carry out a signage exercise to determine the need for updated or new signage to warn of road narrowing at Foyers Lodge
- Possibility of rumble strips on the road at Boleskine side of Foyers Lodge
- HC has limited budget this year but is planning imminent resurfacing works at Aberarder,
 Compass and both entrances into Errogie

Discussion took place around other road related concerns;

- Need signage to warn of tight right hand bend before Dunmaglass
- Signage required to warn of road narrowing at the church on the way into Errogie
- Edges falling away on loch side and lack of passing places on the road between Boleskine graveyard and Foyers Lodge
- SFCC concerned that only small, 2 wheel drive gritting lorries are being sent out to our area, which are not suitable. HC advised that only 4wd vehicles are sent out unless there are exceptional circumstances
- SFCC requested that passing places be gritted
- Concerns raised that Foyers School road is not being gritted. HC advised that this is likely to be due to some internal issues within the HC. JT to investigate and report back.
- SFCC too investigate the possibility of utilising the Winter Resilliance Fund for future years, which will allow for the community to carry out some of their own winter maintenance
- KB to upload the gritting route maps to the community council website

4. Adoption of minutes from the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on $30^{\rm th}$ January 2018 were adopted with no changes. Proposed by LL, seconded by JC

5. Matters arising

 Stone 'Stratherrick & Foyers' sign at the entrances into the community (similar to the one at Dores)

KB to speak the Heritage Group about their possible involvement in this

Upgrading the signage on the paths around Foyers.

KB to progress ideas further with Stewart Eastaugh and also discuss with the South Loch Ness Access Group and Visit Inverness Loch Ness.

6. Reports

- Police Report
 - 13 incidents reported to the police
 - > 1 non injury road traffic collision
 - 1 report regarding a neighbour dispute advice given to all parties

- ➤ 1 report regarding suspect persons in the area area searched and persons not located
- 3 separate reports regarding concerns for persons everyone traced safe and well
- ➤ Police provided advice/assistance to members of the public for all other incident including weather related incidents
- ➤ All Police reports can be found on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website: www.stratherrick.net

Trust

- ➤ Liaison Director, Dr Jim Cameron attempted to give his report but was stopped by concerns from the Trust regarding sensitivity of some of the information being made public
- ➤ Lengthy discussions took place regarding the detail of information the Liaison Director should be reporting at the SFCC meetings

Due to the lengthy discussions that had taken place during the meeting, it was agreed to defer the remaining agenda items until the next meeting, and to close the meeting at 22:00.

7. Next meeting

Tuesday 27th March 2018, 19:30, Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck