

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th MARCH 2018
AT STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK AT 19:30

1. Present

Kim Burton (KB)

Catriona Fraser (CF)

Phil Crowe (PC)

Dr Jim Cameron (JC)

Liam Longbottom (LL)

Gordon McAndie (GMc)

Ian Bateman (IB)

Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Apologies

Martin Donnelly (MDo)

2. Adoption of minutes from the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th February 2018 were adopted with no changes.

Proposed by PC, seconded by GMc

3. Matters arising

- Stone 'Stratherrick & Foyers' sign at the entrances into the community (similar to the one at Dores) – Heritage Group have advised that this is not within their remit and are not willing to take the project further.
- Still require a 'road narrowing' sign at the church between Errogie and Gorthleck.
- Upgrading the signage on the paths around Foyers.

KB to add agenda item to April agenda for marking up a map with the identified routes.

4. Reports

- Police Report
 - 12 incidents reported to the police
 - 2 reports regarding missing persons – traced safe and well
 - 1 report of concern for person – traced safe and well and conveyed to hospital
 - Complaint about noise coming from a derelict house. Officers attended however no persons traced.
 - Police provided advice/assistance to members of the public for all other incidents
 - All Police reports can be found on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website: www.stratherrick.net
- Fire
 - Foyers Station has been short listed to receive a new fire appliance. This will be the first new appliance to be issued in the North. The new appliance will cost £160k and will carry a lot more up to date equipment. The crew hope to start training in May and with their new specialist equipment, they will be attending far more medical emergencies and travelling further afield.
 - Recruitment is on going as usual. At least 2 new recruits are required.
 - Unfortunately, due to the start of the Trinloist Rd / Glenlia Rd junction, the crew will no longer be using this route when attending an emergency all as they can not risk damaging the fire truck.
 - Some home fire safety visits have been carried out lately, where it has been discovered that some log burners have not been installed correctly, and with no carbon monoxide detectors fitted, this leave homes in a very dangerous situation. Anyone wanting a Home Fire Safety Visit, please see the latest copy of the Stratherrick & Foyers News.
- Trust

- Liaison Director, Dr Jim Cameron gave his Liaison Director report which included updates on, a possible hardship grant collaboration with the Knockie Trust, Stratherrick Film Club's plans to acquire a new projector, Riverside field maintenance and access quotations, broadband continued growth, a possible community summer event, the acquisition of the units at lower Foyers for use by BCC and new grant forms in the near future. The full Liaison Director Report can be viewed on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website: www.stratherrick.net
- The next grant applications need to be received by the Trust Administrator no later than 21st April 2018. Applications received by this deadline will be assessed during May 2018 and a decision made at the Directors meeting in early June 2018.

5. Renewables

- Stronlaig
 - Delay in turbine deliveries due to the adverse weather. Deliveries were due to be finished end May/June, but are now likely to continue until after the summer.
 - Concerns regarding rubbish on the roads to be aired at the next Liaison meeting.
- Glenshero
 - Have not yet been in touch with Stronlaig re: using existing access
- Dell
 - Notification received that this application is now going to be appealed

6. Roads

- Condition of the Trinloist rd / Glenlia Rd junction continues to be a concern. Even more so now that the Fire Brigade will no longer use the road in the event of an emergency call out.
MDa to raise the state of this road again within the Highland Council
- Resurfacing works at Errogie and Compass have been completed, despite some confusion regarding access procedures on the day.

7. Planning

- Installation of fascia signage - Land 170m SW of The Coach House, Foyers
- Erection of a lunch bothy – Land 7600m SE of Glentarff Cottage, Culachy Estate, Fort Augustus.
- Siting of static caravan – Land 35m NE of Sionnaich Cottage, Whitebridge
- Erection of extension – School house, Whitebridge
- Planning permission in principle for the erection of 5 dwelling houses – Land opposite Wildside Lodges, Whitebridge

No objections to be made by the SFCC.

8. Correspondence

- Notification from Scottish Government that Dell Windfarm is going to appeal
- New Comfort Scheme agreement with the Highland Council for running of the public toilets in Foyers from 1st April – 31st October 2018
- Confirmation received from the Highland Council regarding the SFCC's successful bid for £1500 funding towards the public toilet running costs at the Your Cash, Your Choice event.
- Proposal received from the Forestry Commission to landscape the Dalcrag area to prevent wild campers. SFCC discussed and agreed that campers should not be deterred, but that money would be better spent on some 'camping etiquette' signage, and periodic clean up days.

KB to reply to Forestry Commission

- SSE Funding workshop for SFCC, SFCT and neighbouring CC's and Trusts to be held on 17th April 2018. Location and times yet to be confirmed.
- Plans received from HSCHT re: plans to develop a piece of land that they own in Inverfarigaig
- Draft Dear Fence Tender document for the lower Foyers cemetery received from the Project Co-ordinator.

SFCC to discuss, complete the specifics and put out to tender

9. AOCB

- SFCT have erected 'No dog fouling' signs at Foyers Bay.
- Since the erection of the EE mast at Aberchalder, no TV signal is now being received by the houses in the hamlet. EE currently refusing to take any action.
- Margaret Davidson is very keen for the good work being undertaken at Dunmaglass and Corriegarth estates in relation to the Golden Eagle population be publicised locally. Opportunity to schools to get involved.

10. Next meeting

Tuesday 24th April 2018, 19:30, Foyers Primary School.

Meeting closed at 20:40