

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**  
**AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 19:30**

**1. Present**

Kim Burton (KB)  
Ian Bateman (IB)

Catriona Fraser (CF)  
Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Gordon McAndie (GMc)

PC McGill

**Apologies**

Dr Jim Cameron (JC)

Phil Crowe (PC)

Martin Donnelly (MDo)

**2. Adoption of minutes from the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were adopted.

Proposed by GMc, seconded by CF

**3. Matters arising**

- Lower Foyers Cemetery deer fence project.  
*KB to liaise with Hugh Gardner of the Highland Council re: new gates, possible contribution towards the project and to gain their support*
- GMc advised at the last meeting that with the recent increase in alleged thefts, he is no longer happy to store the community lawnmower and strimmer.  
*SFCC to source a new storage facility for these items*

**4. Reports**

- Police Report
  - 119 calls in total this month, of which 8 were in relation to the S&F area
  - 1 non injury road traffic collision
  - 1 report regarding a missing person. Police traced the person who was then conveyed to hospital
  - 1 report of concern for person. Person traced and no concern was highlighted
  - 1 report of vandalism – enquiries ongoing
  - Interviews taking place soon to hopefully fill the vacant PC role at Fort Augustus
  - Advised that as it is not peak tourist season and the school holidays, that the area will be much busier than usual. Requested locals be patient.
  - Concerns raised to the police regarding speeding vehicles through Whitebridge. PC McGill to request speed monitoring equipment be installed and also to request road side speed checks via the Traffic Department
  - Discussed possible traffic calming measures that could be adopted. SFCC to speak to the roads department about flashing speed signs.
  - All Police reports can be found on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website: [www.stratherrick.net](http://www.stratherrick.net)
- Trust
  - Jim Cameron resigned as Liaison Director
  - Amended road design for Riverside Access submitted to the Highland Council
  - A local young male has secured an apprenticeship at the Dell Estate
- Boleskine Community Care
  - Development Officer Role has now been advertised

- Fire Brigade
  - Busy spell of wild fires, including assisting on the West Coast
  - Helicopter training undertaken
  - Recruitment remains ongoing
  - New appliance is now in Inverness. Crew need further ICAT training before the appliance can be handed over for full use.
  - New appliance will be on display at the Community Fun Day on 11<sup>th</sup> August.
  - 11 Carbon Monoxide detectors were gifted to Foyers Fire Station by the Community Trust, and will be fitted where required as part of the Home Fire Safety Visits.

## 5. Renewables

- Stronlaig
  - Summer delivery agreement – no daytime deliveries to take place during July and August. All deliveries during these months will be in the evening. Transport Scotland fully supportive of this agreement
  - Clarification that the yellow ‘possible delays’ signs on the top road, relate to possible delays after the Stronlaig entrance only. There will not be delays in the top road due to windfarm deliveries.
- Glenshero
  - Will use Laggan as access not the existing Stronlaig entrance
- Dell
  - No new updates
- Allt Luiadhe Hydro Scheme
  - Community Benefit remains unchanged as a result of the recent take over of a similar named company
- Red John Pump Storage Hydro Scheme
  - Public meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm – 8pm in Dores Hall.

## 6. Roads

- KB contacted Colin Ross to request a number of signs around the community;
  - Fire station directional signs at Foyers and Gorthleck
  - ‘Slow blind summit’ sign at Ault-na-goire
  - More ‘Use passing places to allow overtaking’ along the loch side road – many current signs are old and unreadable
  - ‘Road narrowing’ signage at the church between Gorthleck and Errogie – fire brigade frequently have to pull vehicles out of the ditch that haven’t realised the road goes from dual to single track

*MDa to chase internally within the HC*

- KB requested an update from John Taylor on the signage exercise and road markings he promised at Foyers Lodge
- Timber Transport Money approved, with Dalcrag and Trinloist roads the priority spend
- Concerns raised by the public that the current service bus times, don’t allow people to get to the UHI college on time for a 9am lesson.

*MDa to speak with D&E to discuss possible solutions*

## 7. Planning

- Erection of house and garage with associated works – Land 60M NE of Highfield Gorthleck – Ref: 18/02585/PIP
- Erection of house (Amended design to Planning Permission 11/00477/FUL) – Balgorton Torness

- Erection of house, Land 55M NW of West Drummond Cottage, Whitebridge – Ref: 18/02500/FUL
- No objections to be made by the SFCC.

## 8. Correspondence

- Letter passed to CF by Ian Brown (previous Chair) relating to an SFCC insurance policy that has been cancelled due to non-payment.  
*KB to contact Zurich to re-instate the insurance policy*
- Advice received following concerns about the poor state of Boleskine House;
  - Building was issued with a Dangerous Buildings Notice in 2016 following a fire at the house
  - As long as the site is fully secured then there would be no danger to the public should the chimney, or other sections of building collapse further
  - THC to carry out another inspection, given that the initial notice was issued in 2016

## 9. Up and coming events

- Rat Race Coast to Coast – Will affect local roads on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September
- Ride Across Britain – Will affect local roads on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Loch Ness Marathon – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – local road closures apply
- Loch Gu Loch – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Community summer event – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 12-4 at Dell Estate
- Community Fire Works Event – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Loch Ness Shores Campsite
- Community Christmas Ceilidh – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## 10. AOCB

- IBC of oil still at Dunmaglass Forestry road end – FC to relocate
- SFCC discussed the possibility of holding an interim election with a view to gaining more elected councillors. Currently only 4 are elected, and the other 3 are co-opted or associate members.
- KB to obtain quotations to design new public toilets and get the project through planning to building warrant stage, with a view to submitting a grant application to the Trust before the end of the year.

## 11. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 19:30 at Stratherrick Hall, Gorthelck.