

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**  
**AT STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK AT 19:30**

**1. Present**

Kim Burton (KB)

Catriona Fraser (CF)

Gordon McAndie (GMc)

Ian Bateman (IB)

Phil Crowe (PC)

**Apologies**

Martin Donnelly (MDo)

Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Jim Cameron (JC)

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were adopted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by IB, seconded by PC

**3. Matters arising**

- Lower Foyers Cemetery deer fence project – work is still on going. Full support has been provided by the Highland Council along with a small financial contribution of £1200 towards new gates.  
*Grant application submitted to the Trust - awaiting decision in early December*
- Quotes obtained from architects to design a new toilet facility in Foyers, obtain planning permission and building warrant.  
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- Forestry Commission to landscape the popular wild camping areas at Dalcrag and a second area further up the same road. The SFCC feels this is the only way to protect the areas from campervan misuse and disrespectful campers that leave large amounts of rubbish.

**4. Reports**

- Police Report
  - A total of 4 incidents report to the police during October
  - 1 road traffic collision – non injury
  - 1 report of a concern for person. Traced safe and well.
  - 1 report of a public protection offence.
  - Police provided advice and assistance to all other calls
  - All Police reports can be found on the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council website: [www.stratherrick.net](http://www.stratherrick.net)
- Trust
  - AGM to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> November in Stratherrick Hall
  - Work commencing on lower Foyers units
  - Still require a Liaison Director appointed by the SFCC
  - Work on the Foyers slipway continues. pontoons have been donated from Drumnadrochit and are now in Foyers.
  - Plans for the Riverside field continue to be developed
  - Community Christmas Ceilidh on 21<sup>st</sup> December – planning a ‘concert’ style event earlier in the day as well
  - New projector and amplifier system now available for use in the Stratherrick Hall
  - Next grant deadline is 21<sup>st</sup> December. The last batch of grant applications received was the biggest to date.
- Boleskine Community Care

- AGM to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 4 current Trustees standing down so very keen to get new people involved
- Expanding into both units down in lower Foyers with many opportunities to explore new care services
- Please get in touch with BCC direct if you are interested in becoming a Trustee and would like further information
- Fire Brigade
  - Now taken delivery of the new fire appliance. The crew are getting familiar with the new appliance and currently ironing out any teething problems.
  - CO monitors still being fitted as part of Home Fire Safety Visits.
  - New recruit will commence training in December

## 5. Renewables

- Stronlairg
  - Stronlairg Community Fund is currently looking for 3 representatives from Stratherrick & Foyers to join the panel and make decisions on the applications to the Stronlairg Community Fund. Adverts and forms advertised within the community by various means. Anyone interested in joining the panel should contact Catriona Fraser in the first instance.
- Glenshero
  - Full planning application has now been submitted, with the proposed transport access being via Fort Augustus and up to the existing Stronlairg access road. Members of the SFCC met with representatives of RES last week to discuss the proposed application. The SFCC have until the 19<sup>th</sup> November to log its comments/objections.
- Dell
  - No new updates – still at appeal.
- Red John Pump Storage Hydro Scheme
  - No new updates
- Cloiche
  - SSE have submitted a Scoping Application for a new 40 turbine wind farm that will sit between Glendoe, Corriegarth and Glenshero. SFCC have respond to the Scoping Application with comments, objections and concerns.
- Aberarder
  - Although not within our community boundary, it was noted that an application had been submitted for wind monitoring for the proposed Aberarder Wind farm to be extended from 24 to 48 months. Aberarder wind farm had previously been refused planning.

## 6. Roads

- An extra £40k of timber transport money was secured for further upgrades to the Tronloist/Dalcrag roads. The money will be concentrated on the Trinloist road in the form of additional passing places. The extra work will require the Glenlia/Trinloist roads to be closed for an additional 3 weeks (worst case scenario)
- The Highland Council have unveiled plans to develop the road/parking at the top of the Suidhe. The SFCC plans to arrange a Drop in Centre, in conjunction with the Highland Council to communicate these plans and obtain feedback/support/opposition.
- Public meeting took place on 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 in Stratherrick Hall to discuss roads and transport issues in Stratherrick & Foyers. The meeting was very well attended by the community, with representatives from the Highland Council and the Forestry Commission in attendance. Unfortunately, representatives from SSE, RJ McLeod's and Vestas did not

turn up as planned. Brief minutes and actions will be tracked on a separate document that will be uploaded along with the minutes on to the SFCC website.

- The SFCC would be keen to have a say in future road improvement schemes within the community. The community residents use the local roads everyday and are the ones best placed to say what needs doing and where. Discussions to take place with the HC regarding this proposal.

## **7. Planning**

- No planning application submitted since the last meeting.
- Highland Council Planner, Tim Stott, will attend the next SFCC meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at 19:30 in Foyers Primary School to discuss local plan position and options for Gorthleck, giving the spate of recent applications within one small area.

## **8. Correspondence**

- None

## **9. Up and coming events**

- BCC AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Community Fire Works Event – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Loch Ness Shores Campsite
- Heritage Group AGM – 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- Loch Ness Luvvies performances – 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets on sale in local establishments.
- Trust AGM – 28<sup>th</sup> November
- Community Kids Christmas Party – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2-4:30
- Community Christmas Ceilidh & afternoon concert – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## **10. AOCB**

- None

## **11. Next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 19:30 at Foyers Primary School

Meeting closed at 8:30pm