

# STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

### AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 19.30

#### **1. Present**

Catriona Fraser (CF)                      Phil Crowe (PC)                      Ian Bateman (IB)  
Martin Donnelly (MDo)                      Jim Cameron (JC)                      Paula Page (PP)  
Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

#### **2. Apologies**

Kim Burton - Administrator(KB)

#### **3. Adoption of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were adopted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed MDo, seconded by PC

#### **4. Reports**

- Treasurer
  - The Main A/C is sitting at £20,038.57, following receipt of a grant of £19,538.00 from SFCT. This A/C incorporates an overspend of £2266.05 on Foyers toilet costs.
  - The separate Project Fund A/C is £797.85 in credit. This A/C was intended to cover playpark insurance costs, which are now met through HC. As this A/C is now surplus to requirements, the contents (less £1) are being transferred to the Main A/C, as agreed by CC at the January meeting.
- Fire Brigade
  - 2 potential recruitment Fire Fighters. One has passed fitness test and the other due to reseat.
  - There is currently controlled burning in the surrounding area.
  - Fire safety tests have been carried out and smoke alarms fitted.
  - No Carbon monoxide alarms fitted.
- Boleskine Community Care
  - Quiz night to be held at Whitebridge this Sunday to help raise funds.
  - The Hub at Lower Foyers from March will be the venue for Soup and Blether and the Coffee Mornings.
  - BCC are looking for volunteers to help out on 13<sup>th</sup> March with a general tidy up of the Hub.
  - Heather MacDonald is currently acting as Interim Community Care Coordinator with a view to making this a permanent position once transition completed.
- Police Report
  - 1 report of road traffic collision – non injury

- No other incidents were reported
- Full police report including neighbouring communities is available on the SFCC website – [www.stratherrick.net](http://www.stratherrick.net)
- Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust
  - Peter Faye, Chair, SFCT informed all that Wildside Hall had now been successfully purchased and that they are looking for input from the community as to its future uses. They have been working on clearing the front of the property for access. The Electrics and Plumbing have been checked. Internally and externally the building is sound and damp free, there is no heating at the moment but some heaters from the Fort Augustus Community Company have been promised for the interim. SFCT shortly hope to open the building for any of the community to go and have a look around and hopefully to put forward their ideas and thoughts as to the properties long term use. The building has approximately 2 acres of land and this goes down to the Rivers edge.

## 5. Renewables

- Red John Pump Storage Hydro
  - CF attended a recent Q & A meeting held in Dores. She felt that there is a lot of discontent from the local community though our concerns as SFCC are solely Road Traffic points.
  - MDa met with Community Councils and Road Traffic Team to discuss these last Thursday.
  - Mark Wilson ILA Developer had no knowledge of Stratherrick Primary School, School transport, the long term Timber extraction / Haulage on our community roads or the condition and suitability of them.
  - CF stressed our objective is to get conditions attached primarily to the plans of stringent controls and sanctions.
- Dell Wind Farm – There was a site visit but no information yet.
- Glenshero Wind Farm – Now moving towards planning
- Cloiche – no update
- Aberarder – no update

MDa arrived at 7.50pm and proceeded to reaffirm that the Planners also have concerns about the Traffic in relation to Red John and these will be circulated to Community Councils. She also stressed she is seeking to get conditions written on the plans. The Planners also have Landscaping issues with the project and it has been suggested that it would take 5 years for the landscaping to settle. MDa expressed that this issue was an impact of huge importance particularly when you take in to consideration that Scottish Water separate to the Red John project are putting in substantial piping from Loch Ness up the hill to Duntelchaig to a water pumping house not far from the proposed Red John site AND that Scottish Water have a 'permitted' piping right. MDa advised that Highland Council could ask for a Public Local Enquiry about the RED John Project but it comes under Energy Consent from Scottish Government.

## 6. Roads

- Neil Kirkland in his Fire Report also stated that the residents at Garrogie are requesting Grit bins, CF said she would pass this on to Alan Johnstone, Roads Team to look into. It was discussed that there is a grit bin at Killin not being used and that it could be moved to a more suited site at Garrogie.
- The signage has still not been erected at the road end in Gorthleck for the Fire Station
- Some road cone replacement is needed from the Stronelaig site.
- PP also said the new passing bays at Glenliath still need signage / snow pole warnings as the drops at the end of them are dangerously deep.
- Suidhe Development – Colin Ross, Highland Council declined an invitation to attend the Community Council meeting in March to discuss this further as the initial plans were speculative and reliant on money from the Dell Wind farm.

## 7. Planning

- Erection of EE Tower at Glenliath has now been permitted by Highland Council despite SFCC and members of the community objecting
- Erection of a house and micro distillery with storage shed and warehouse – land 330m NE of Purple Lodge, Gorthleck Ref: 254449 820560 – The SFCC Objected as follows: Whilst it was noted that normally the SFCC would not object to any application that may bring employment or economic benefit to the area this planning application was objected to due to a number of points;
  - Firstly, that development on the land between Loch Mhor and the B862 has generally not been permitted and other applications over the past few years had been objected. If passed it could set a precedent for any future planning applications along the Loch.
  - The plans submitted detailing the boundary line along the Loch were incorrect, under the Countryside Act the public have the right to access the beach and the stock gate at Aberchalder has been the historical point of entry.
  - Scottish Water who did not object did raise concerns over the amount of water to be used and any effluent.
  - Access shown on the plans is actually a stock gate and concerns about visibility and access on to the B862.
  - The proposed large storage building will be visible from the road and block view of the Loch.
  - Concerns raised over suitability of the main road withstanding the movement of more equipment and vehicles during construction phase and increased traffic due to haulage of end and waste product out of community.
- Erection of house – renewal of planning permission 16/00241/FUL Ref: 19/00260/FUL 160m SW of New Bungalow, Croftdhu, Eroggie – SFCC didn't not have any objections.

Cllr Margaret Davidson joined meeting 7.50pm

## 8. Correspondences

- CF Informed all that SFCT Grant had now been paid in full. JC said there was a discrepancy with the amount as the figures didn't tally. Peter Faye, Chair SFCT agreed and said he would refer to Frank Ellam for clarity and communicate to CF.
- Police Scotland are seeking members of our community to complete an engagement survey "Shaping Our Direction and Delivery 2019-22" the survey is open until 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/consultation/2019shape>
- Knockie Trust – IB and CF advised that they had received a lovely letter from Mr and Mrs Beith expressing gratitude. IB said the Christmas vouchers were well received and everyone liked them.

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

- Stronelaig SFCC Micro Grant applications closing date 28<sup>th</sup> February for amount up to £500.
- Stronelaig Community Panel Grant closing date is 4<sup>th</sup> March for Grants of £501 to £10,000
- Etape Loch Ness – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- Loch Ness Marathon – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

#### **10. AOCB**

- SFCC have applied to the Stronelaig Panel to help fund a temporary community provision of portaloos in the Foyers public car park as the current ones will not be unlocked for this season as they are not fit for purpose. Hopefully SFCC will know soon if they have been successful in applying to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund (70%) and Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust (30%) for grants to erect a new permanent toilet block
- JC stated that the money transfer between accounts had been completed and it was agreed to put the money allocated for the Micro Grants in the Budget Fund Account.

#### **11. Next meeting**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 19.30, Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck

**CF thanked all those who attended, meeting closed.**