

# STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

### AT STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK AT 19.30

#### **1. Present**

Catriona Fraser (CF)                      Ian Bateman (IB)                      Paula Page (PP)  
Martin Donnelly (MDo)                      Kim Burton - Administrator(KB)

#### **2. Apologies**

Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)                      Jim Cameron (JC)                      Phil Crowe (PC)

#### **3. Stronelaig Micro Grants Fund**

1 application received from Spin & Chatter towards the purchase of an e-spinner.  
Total cost = £565. £500 grant awarded

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were adopted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed IB, seconded by CF

#### **5. Reports**

- Fire Brigade
  - 1 new recruit starting in mid May, the other is still undergoing training
  - 4 shouts this month – boat fire, chimney fire, house fire and a false alarm. No persons injured.
  - 8 Fire safety home visits carried out and smoke alarms / Carbon Monoxide alarms fitted.
  - Now coming into controlled burning season. New Muir Burn code of practice for controlled burning. Now have to inform the Fire Service at the start and end of each controlled burn.
  
- Boleskine Community Care
  - Hub open day to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Broth and Blether will now be held in the Hub
  
- 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
  - Open day on 23<sup>rd</sup> March re: Riverside filed plans was well attended. Consultation with the community will continue.
  - New Directors settling in well

- The SFCC's complaint to the Trust regarding the disappointing outcome to the grant application made in October 2018, was reviewed, with the Trust now agreeing to pay the grant in full.
- The Trust have refused to redact the critical comments made in previous minutes about the SFCC Administrator's work following a complaint from the SFCC

## 6. Renewables

- Red John Pump Storage Hydro
  - Letters received from Strathnairn Residents objecting to the plans on the grounds of the cultural heritage of the site and affected Lochs. SFCC to support Strathnairn in their objections.
- Dell Wind Farm – No update
- Glenshero Wind Farm – No update
- Cloiche – no update
- Aberarder – no update
- Stronelaig
  - Agreement between SSE & SFCC regarding the payment of community benefits is now in place
  - Eilidh Todd has devised a 'funder table' to help people easily identify which funds can be applied for, by who and for what amounts
  - CF to send 'Funder Table' to Strath News for publication to the community
- Stronelaig Panel
  - SFCC submitted an application to fund temporary toilets for 2019 as the current public toilets in Foyers are no longer fit to be opened. Decision due end of April.

## 7. Roads

- Bollards in place at the road narrowing at the Church between Gorthleck and Errogie
- Culverts cleared on Dores Road
- Fire station sign now in place
- Chase Dalcrag landscaping work with the FC (KB)
- New forestry bellmouths on the Dalcrag road have blocked the end of old tracks that lead out onto the road.
- Reports of lots of water on the road at the back of Riverside. Washing the road away. KB to report to John Taylor
- Edge of the road is wearing away on the straight up to the Suidhe. This was as a result of the buses from the marathon. KB to contact John Taylor.
- Passing places between Camerons Tearoom and Craigniche Crossroads need to be finished. Concerns regarding the steep edge drops from some of the passing places.
- Concerns regarding the lack of snow poles either side of the Suidhe

## 8. Planning

- New house – Land North West of Heatherly, Errogie – 19/01022/FUL

No objections or concerns were raised by the SFCC, however the Councillors would be happy to receive any concerns raised by the public and discuss further.

It was also noted that the Micro Distillery application for Gorthleck had been objected to by SEPA, and had received 20+ objections/concerns from local residents.

#### **9. Correspondences**

- Email communication received from Lucky2Bhere seeking a donation of £50 per pads for the replacement of 3 sets of pads on the community defibrillators. A cheque for £150 to be sent.
- Letter received from the Flat Earth Society. Does not warrant a reply from the SFCC.
- Correspondence received from EDF acknowledging the SFCC's complaint to energy charges for the Foyers Public toilets since the electric was de-energised in March 2018. EDF are still trying to sort out the account but a refund should be received in due course.
- Confirmation that a Community Asset Transfer Request has been submitted by the Trust for a lease of the land in Foyers Car park that would be required for any new toilet facility development.
- Email correspondence received from SFCC Administrator, Kim Burton, resigning from the role at the end of March.
- SFCC copied into a complaint to Stagecoach regarding the operation of the Foyers bus into Inverness.

#### **10. Up and coming events**

- SSE Stronelaig Micro Grant applications closing date 31<sup>st</sup> July for amounts up to £500.
- Stronelaig Community Panel Grant closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> April 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

#### **11. AOCB**

- SFCC Administrator job to be advertised in light of resignation of current Administrator
- Contact to be made with Alistar Chisholm regarding the storage of the community owned mower and strimmer.. Perhaps these could now be stored at the Wildside property?
- SFCC haven't received a Hall invoice for a while. Chase this up.

#### **12. Next meeting**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 19.30, Foyers Primary School

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