

# STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

### AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 19.30

#### **1. Present**

Paula Page (PP) Catriona Fraser (CF) Phil Crowe (PC) Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

#### **2. Apologies**

Ian Bateman (IB) Martin Donnelly (MDo) Jim Cameron (JC)

#### **3. Introduction of new Administrator –**

PP introduced Sharon Ferguson as the new Administrator

#### **4. Etape – feedback from Malcolm Sutherland, Caledonian Concepts**

- This year seen a record 5650 entries
- There was a larger percentage from out with the Highlands and Scotland this year
- 80% of competitors stayed at least one night in the area
- £280k was raised for the MacMillan charity this year from the event
- Thank you to members of the local Community who got teams of volunteers together to marshal at it. They all get a donation to a charity/local group of their choice.
- Donation of £1k to be given to a charity/local group of the CC's choice.
- Next year's event is planned for 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Discussion had about time it took for emergency services to attend an incident in the area; communication was poorer in the area and will be improved but there was also two incidents at almost the same time which did cause some confusion.

PP thanked Malcolm & Mike Dignan for attending the meeting. Both left the meeting

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019; Typo error – Page 1 should read '28<sup>th</sup> May', not '26<sup>th</sup> February', also should read 'at Stratherrick Hall' not 'at Foyers Primary School' and at AOCB, should read 'check' not 'chick'

Minutes were then adopted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed PC, seconded by CF,

## 6. Reports

### Police Report

- 3 Fixed penalty re speeding offence
- Missing person traced safe and well
- Fly tipping reported in nearby area of Dores. (Please be aware and report any suspicious activity to Local Authority, SEPA and Police as required)
- Lead has been stolen from local outbuildings roof. Reminder to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour

### Treasurer

- Main Account – £6,187.10
- Project / Micro Grant Account – £4,169.60
- £1,200 received from HC (contribution to cemetery gates)
- £200 received for toilets from the Comfort Scheme
- £99.50 received back from HC – overpayment of planning application

### Fire Report

- New crew member started two weeks ago
- Home fire safety visits continuing with some carbon monoxide alarms that were provided by the Community Trust still being fitted
- A member of the local crew managed to save someone from choking whilst in a restaurant on a visit to Aberdeen

### Boleskine Care

- No official report but Peter Faye was able to confirm that there recent large grant to the Community Trust was approved and will cover operational costs for the next four years

### Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

- Community Summer Barn Dance, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August has now been advertised with phone number to obtain tickets
- Broadband scheme progressing and resilience being built into the network
- The fencing in now complete at the Foyers Bay project
- The board are considering housing following a meeting with HC, Albyn Housing and other bodies

PP asked Peter Faye the following questions that had been sent to her in confidence ~

- Will the costs of the fencing at the Foyers bay be made public? Yes, all costs will be in the accounts and discussed at the AGM

- What was the need for security fencing? For the safety and security of the equipment being installed and to control the use of the slipway and to avoid the use of jet skis etc.
- When a tender has been advertised, who will make the decision? The lead Directors of each project
- What is the process of registering for tenders that SFCT may have? The procurement process is currently being written
- Peter Faye stressed that the contact details for the Trust are on the website and the lead Directors for each project would be happy to discuss any queries anyone should have

## 7. Renewables

- Upgrading works to take place at Foyers Power Station
- Aberarder Wind Farm – CF attended the 1<sup>st</sup> liaison group meeting. Very little info at this stage
- Dell Farm – no further information at present
- Red John – no further information at present

## 8. SFCC Project updates

### Cemetery

- Invoice for the gates is now paid. MDa remarked on how good it looks

### Toilets

- Application to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund was refused due to over subscription
- Discussion had about other funding sources and costs
- CC to look into much cheaper modular style toilet block **Admin to action**
- Separate tank would have to be fitted for motorhome/caravan waste disposal. MDa to speak with Colin Davidson regarding this. **Action MDa**

## 9. Roads – repairs / roadworks etc.

- Jet packing has taken place on a lot of the top road. Finish is not always great
- PP informed the CC that the Glenliath was now open but the Alt Na Goire bridge was now shut
- Mobile mast at Glenlia is now complete
- Expansion strips at Aberhalder bridge - tarmac is crumbling / eroding around them

## 10. Planning

None

## 11. Correspondences

- Letter received from 'Time to Soar', looking to see if there is Community support for their idea. MDa has suggested to them that they do some local talks, presentations to Schools etc.
- Email received from the South Loch Ness Tourist Group re Dalcrag car park being closed and funding for a Ranger. CF has invited them along to the next CC meeting. MDa expressed her disappointment that both SFCT & FAGCC had refused funding to Visit Inverness Loch Ness for a Ranger. Peter Faye explained that the Trust could not fund as objectives of the group were business based and against funders rules. MDa to discuss with SSE
- CF had been in touch with the owner of the land where the Gorthleck Play Park sits. The lease runs out in 2024 and she does not want to extend this but would like to discuss further with CF. **Action CF.** PP attended the last Parent Council meeting of the Stratherrick Primary School and there had been interest in holding a public meeting with a view to setting up a constituted group to apply for funding and make improvements to the Play Park
- PP attended a meeting at HC with David Liston & David Beaton from Stagecoach. They have been invited to the next CC meeting
- Great feedback has been received about the new smiley face speed detector in Gorthleck. All agreed it would be good to have one at the other end of the Village as well. CF to do a monkey survey to try and get evidence to get the speed limit lowered from 40mph to 30 mph. Stratherrick Primary Parent Council are progressing the Safe Routes to School process at the moment
- Security number has been received from the Information Commissioners Office to allow us to change the registration details. Query if we have to be registered though. **Action Admin**
- Renewal for website hosting has been paid by CF. Invoice to be passed to JC for reimbursement
- Alan McKinnie to provide new bins to go at portaloos.

## 12. Roles & responsibilities of Community Councillors

PP had previously discussed the ideas of roles for all Councillors. All agreed with the following ~

Catriona - Renewables and Toilets - summer season portaloos (and supporting Admin with background to the Toilet project) and Micro Grants

Ian – Planning. Also SFCT reports to SFCC at meetings as Liaison Trust Director

Jim - Treasurer - Continue to present Report at meetings and forward information to Admin for the minutes

Phil - Reports - to extract items from the Police, Fire and BCC briefly present at CC meetings and forward to Admin

Martin - Up & Coming Events – create list each month, present and forward to Admin

Paula - Roads / repairs/ roadworks / gritting and Transport - supported by Admin.

Receive and monitor Admin monthly timesheets / invoice

### **13. Up & coming events**

- Community Summer Barn Dane 17<sup>th</sup> August

### **14. Micro Grants**

- **£495.28** Stratherrick Hall Committee
- Hardship grant also received but told applicant that the application would be passed to the Knockie Trust who deal with hardship grants

### **15. AOCB**

- MDa gave praise for the latest newsletter that SFCT have produced
- Peter Faye requested that Wildside get glass recycling bins
- Neil Kirkland told the CC that there is leaking diesel from an old tank near him. Neil has reported this to SEPA

### **16. Next meeting**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, 7.30pm Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck. Please note there is not a CC meeting in July.

PP thanked all those who attended, meeting closed at 9pm