

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24th SEPTEMBER 2019

AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 19.30

1. Present

Catriona Fraser (CF) Phil Crowe (PC) Jim Cameron (JC) & Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Apologies

Paula Page (PP) & Martin Donnelly (MDo)

2. Adoption of minutes – 27th August 2019

In Correspondence – change ‘Boleskine House’ to ‘Boleskine Burial Ground’. *Admin to action*
Minutes were then adopted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed JC, seconded by CF.

3. SSE Micro Grant Applications

CF has written up the conditions for the singing group grant. JC to write a cheque for the 1st payment. Admin has set a diary for the Jan 20 for 2nd payment due if conditions met.

4. Matters arising

MDa passed on contact no for gritters. *Admin to pass to Stagecoach*

Visit Inverness Loch Ness to do an application to SFCT. Peter Faye (PF) told the meeting that he is to meet with SSE in the next month.

CF hasn't been able to access her monkey survey account to do the speed survey. PF offered then use of SFCT monkey survey account as they have paid to allow for more than 100 replies. *Admin to set up survey*

JC has done the payment for the play park. CF hasn't had a reply yet from land owner.

JC reported that no payment received from EDF yet.

MDa has written to SSE power distribution to ask for a contribution for the Foyers to Dores road.

John Taylor will contact Hugh Nicol re markings outside the hall.

5. Reports

Treasurer

- Main Account – £5,143.50
Within this account is £2,872.50 that is allocated towards the payment of the administrator for the rest of the year.
- Project / Micro Grant Account – £3,674.32
- CF reported that Etape are happy for their £1,000 contribution (in the main account) to be used to finance a toilet/s over the winter at Foyers.
- Discussion had about further funding for a toilet over the winter. Two toilets will cost £273 per month and everyone agreed they would still be needed. *CF to ask if the Stronelairg panel will accept a late application.*

Police Report

- No report

Fire Report

- Fiona Kirkland will be retiring from the local fire crew at the end of October.
- Neil Kirkland has been awarded his medal for 20 years in service and will be retiring next spring
- Willie Fraser will also be retiring soon.
- Recruitment is ongoing but initial training takes about 4-5 weeks which is quite a commitment. Neil to send a poster to SFCT for inclusion in the next edition of the news.
- Home safety reports are still going well.
- Green wood getting burnt at this time of year has been an issue.

Boleskine Care

- No report

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

- Current board fully support the CC and are actively encouraging members of the Community to either stand for election as a Director of SFCT or as a Community Councillor.
- Foyers Bay open day went well. The questionnaire for those that couldn't make it is available on the Trust's website. Closing date for returns is 28th September
- Community fireworks funded by SFCT but run by the local fire service will be on Saturday 9th November this year.

6. Renewables

- Red John - Most of the Community Councillors had received individual invites to a meeting to discuss the development. All agreed that one joint response should be sent by the Chair. CF said she would attend with any other Councillors that wanted to attend. *MDa to circulate planning restrictions*
- Dell Windfarm - MDa meeting with the developers of the Dell windfarm to mitigate the visual impact of the entrance and discuss road improvements in the area.

7. Roads

PF said that SFCT are looking into non-statutory signs to help road users understand how to use a single track road and improve road safety.

8. Planning

There is currently one local planning application in. No objections.

9. Foyers Public Toilet update

Discussed at item 5

PF advised the CC that the Community transfer of the land is now with legal services and all terms are agreed.

10. Correspondence

- Phone box consultation – *Admin to send paperwork to SFCT to see if they could own them*
- Memorial Service – Olaf Olsen had contacted PP to see if the CC would take over the organising of the memorial service. Suggestion was that the Heritage group may be keen to get involved as they had done the work on the memorial. *MDa to contact Alister Chisholm*
- South Loch Ness Heritage Group – PF brought up that if the group were to own the Mort house or obtain a lease, they could then look at applying for funding to save the building. *MDa to contact Alister Chisholm*

11. Up & coming events

- 6th October – Loch Ness Marathon. Volunteers required for start (contact Kim Burton) and water stations at Foyers (contact Morag Cameron)
- 8th October – Closing date for Nominations to become a Community Councillor
- 16th October - Closing date for Nominations to become a Director of SFCT
- 30th October – SFCT AGM
- 9th November – Community Fireworks, Campsite, Foyers
- 15th & 16th November – Loch Ness Luvvies production
- 20th November – closing date for submissions for Christmas edition of the news *Help required for editorial team if any Community member interested*
- Date TBA – SFCT Community Christmas Ceilidh

12. AOCB

- PF alerted the Council that the link on the website to the SFCC's constitution isn't working. *Admin to look into this and rectify*
- JC discussed a community in Orkney that ran three Community minibuses and asked could this not be done in our area. Discussion had about this. There is a transport group currently forming but no straightforward answer as to how to run such a scheme. PF said there was money to be applied for should a plan come together.
- MDa met with the South Loch Ness Tourist group recently; they have been waiting for HIE to do a Tourist Plan for the area but this has not been forthcoming. MDa now taking forward a strategic plan for the area. *MDa to invite the CC and SFCT as stakeholders to a meeting*

13. Next meeting

Tuesday 29th October, 19:30, Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck