

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 29th OCTOBER 2019

at Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck 19.30

1. Present

Paula Page (PP) Catriona Fraser (CF) Phil Crowe (PC) & Martin Donnelly (MDo)

Apologies

Jim Cameron (JC) & Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

2. Presentation from Graeme Ambrose re Loch Ness 360 event May 2020

All info on website – LochNess360.com Inaugural weekend is 29th to 31st May 2020.3 events – Ultra Marathon, Mountain bike, 3Marathons in 3 days. Event is being managed by No Fuss Events. Entry is restricted at present to 100 per event. Excellent up-take of places since launching 4 weeks ago. 95% of the event is off road and there will be no road closures. Plan is to have a big event on the final day at Dores – opportunities for local businesses- more info nearer the event. Volunteer groups will be needed – they will get a donation in return for their time. Graeme Ambrose will give an up-date at the February CC meeting

3. Adoption of minutes – 24th September 2019

These will have to be ratified at next CC as PC left the meeting before this point

4. SSE Micro Grant Applications

This item was dealt with first as PC was leaving at 8pm. 2 applications had been received and were approved -

SOSA – new outdoor sports group applied for help with set-up and initial events. A grant of £500 was approved but funds will not be released until a bank account has been opened or if SFCT will have a holding account for them.

SFCC applied for a grant to keep to portaloo toilets at Foyers open during November to January. A grant of £500 was approved and there will be another application from SFCC in January to fund the three months from February to April 2020.

5. Matters arising

Add planning link to website so people can check the planning applications easily themselves

6. Reports

Treasurer

- Main Account – £5523.14
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 – £3474.32

Police Report

- No report

Fire Report

- Recruitment on-going. 3 of the team are retiring – Fiona Kirkland finished on Monday 28th October, Willie Fraser in December and Neil Kirkland in February
- Home Fire Safety visits on-going with a number of carbon monoxide detectors being fitted

Boleskine Care

- Sale of Work on Saturday 2nd November
- AGM is on Saturday 23rd November 2019 with Trustee nominations being sought – deadline for applications is 17th November 2019

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

- AGM on Wednesday 31st October 2019 – 7 nominations for Directors have been received for 5 places so there will be an election
- A tender will shortly be on the Trust website for groundworks at Wildside
- Deadline for the Xmas edition of the News is 20/11/19. Sian Glanrid-Jones has offered to help with editing
- Grant deadline is 21/12/2019 – reminder to SFCC to put in application for the next year's Admin costs

7. Renewables

- Red John - ILI are holding an Open Day at Dores on Monday 4th November from 3-8pm at Dores Hall. They have submitted an up-dated application addressing the initial concerns raised by HC. SFCC will resend our original objections as nothing has really changed as far as we can see. PP and CF will attend the Dores meeting.
- Nothing from Dell/Aberarder/Cloiche
- PP and CF are attending the Highlands and Island Tourism Awards at the Drumossie Hotel on Friday 1st November as guests of SSE

8. Roads

- John Taylor is liaising with Neil Kirkland regarding the 10 ton of grit to be delivered to the Stratherrick Hall car park as happened last year. Fire Brigade will deliver to the grit bins – local haulier has donated a tarpaulin to cover the grit to prevent it becoming saturated before delivery.
- SFCC are applying to the Winter Resilience fund again this year – if successful we should be able to purchase more grit bins for the area.
- Overgrown bushes at foyers Car Park are causing issues when exiting – Admin to liaise with MDa.
- Hugh Nicol has written to JT regarding the verges on the pass not having been cut.
- Verges on the straight mile beyond Whitebridge are a real concern as the drop is dangerous – need sorted/repared

- Send detailed list of road issues to John Taylor – *Admin to compile*
- Gorthleck – traffic calming needed – rumble strips would be ideal – need to discuss with MDa. Local child was knocked off his bike at the entry to 40mph zone. SFCT have been liaising with John Taylor about the possible purchase of non-statutory signs. *Admin to speak to Alan Graham regarding Safe Routes to School. Also find out if the child bike accident was reported to police*

9. Planning

Questions arose regarding work being done on Policeman's Brae in Foyers on land belonging to Foyers House. *Admin to investigate what land is to be used for*

10. Foyers Public Toilet update

Neil Kirkland to take a meter reading and send to Admin. We are liable to pay £142.91 p.a. even though the block is not being used. To disconnect and then reconnect could cost over £1000 for each – *Admin to follow up*

11. Correspondence

- Hear Internet -2 year payment for web-hosting is due. CF will pay on-line and recover costs later. CF will pass log-in details to Admin
- Telephone boxes – Charles Stephen advised that SFCC can own property but are liable for any costs. We are applying for the boxes at Errogie/Dunmaglass which will cost £1 each in the hope we can put defibrillators in them
- Defib training probably needs to be done again – look at in the New Year. SFRS offered to do training as they have done in the past
- Car park zone at Stratherrick Hall - PP has drafted a letter to local residents about the plans to create a Drop-off Zone in front of the Hall. Unfortunately the HC white lining machine is out of order so lines won't be there till the spring. In the meantime SFCC will put signs in place
- Gorthleck Playpark – most of the remaining equipment has been removed and local groups have been the recipients. *Admin to contact Linda Cameron (land owner) and arrange a meeting with CC to discuss the recent changes and to enquire what needs to be done at the end of the lease to restore the land.*
- Remembrance Sunday – PP had chaired a meeting of interested parties and this years' service plans are now underway – SFCT have agreed to fund the printing of the pamphlet. SFRS will liaise with Fort Augustus police regarding traffic management.

12. Up & coming events

- 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
- 23rd Nov – BCC AGM, Stratherrick Hall
- 30th November – Shinty Sale, 3pm Stratherrick Hall
- 7th Dec -Community Children's Christmas Party
- 10th Dec- FIRA Youth Hub, Wildside 5:30-7pm
- 13th Dec – Xmas Ceilidh, Stratherrick Hall
- 14th Dec- Community Christmas Carols

13. AOCB

- PP thanked all members of the CC for their hard work over the last few years - in particular Catriona Fraser, Ian Bateman and Martin Donnelly who have served since July 2013. SFCC are delighted that 9 people have put themselves forward to be Community Councillors – we will go to election if no-one withdraws before 01 November.
- PP also thanked all Trust Directors who are standing down for their commitment and hard work – in particular the outgoing Chair Peter Faye

14. Next meeting

Tuesday 19th November, 19:30, Foyers Primary School