

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17th DECEMBER 2019

AT STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK (FOLLOWING ON FROM INAGURAL MEETING)

1. Present

Paula Page (PP), Gill Gray (GG), Alannah Graydon (AG), Simon Hargreaves (SH), Patrick Haston (PH), Abi Kirkland (AK), Lorraine Lewis (LL) & Caroline Mortimore (CM).

Apologies

Cllr Margaret Davidson (MDa)

2. Adoption of minutes – 19th November 2019

Minutes of 19/11/19 were adopted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Catriona Fraser (member of public attending meeting but only other person attending that was at the last meeting), seconded by PP.

3. Matters arising

- Awaiting reply from BT regarding installing de-fibs in active telephone boxes
- List of road defects to be sent round the new Councillors
- PP gave a quick overview on the Foyers toilet situation and where we are at. Admin attended a funding workshop in Dec – more information and meeting with CC and stakeholders to follow soon

4. Reports

Treasurer

- Main Account – £3,999.78 Project / Micro Grant Account – £2,974.32

Police Report

- No report

Fire Report

- Neil Kirkland told the CC that recruitment was still ongoing. Home fire safety visits are available for anyone in the area and there are still carbon monoxide detectors that the SFCT kindly donated available to be installed in houses that do not have one

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

- New Chairperson of SFCT (Margaret Cormack) attended the meeting and thanked all the new Councillors for standing & looked forward to welcoming new liaison Director
- SFCT Christmas Ceilidh made over £300 for the Stratherrick Hall Committee

Boleskine Care

- No report

5. Renewables

- Aberarder (RES) – 1st Community Liaison meeting date set for 9th January. LL, CM & PP to attend on behalf of CC
- Red John – Planning going to public enquiry
- Dell Windfarm - approved at appeal but no liaison group set up yet
- Cloiche – SSE to attend the CC's January meeting with an update

6. Roads

- Road defects - Neil Kirkland encouraged the community to report road defaults online at ~ https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/96/roadside_problems
Admin to post link on CC website
- Gritting - Neil Kirkland also highlighted that the road to the fire station was not being gritted as a priority. CM said that the gritter does go up that road. *Admin to raise that gritting not effective on that route*
- Busses – Still ongoing issues with Stagecoach services. Admin in her role as a parent will be organising a meeting with Stagecoach and CC will be included.

7. Planning

No new planning applications in since last CC meeting

8. Correspondence

- Christmas card from Kate Forbes MSP

9. Up & coming events

- 31st Dec – Hogmanay parties at both the Craigdarroch Inn and the Whitebridge Hotel
- 1st Jan – New Year Party, Loch Ness Shores

10. AOCB

- SFCT liaison Director – Discussion had about the role and who would like to do it. PP nominated LL, seconded by CM
- Winter resilience grant was successful. List to be made of where the CC wants the new grit bins. Suggestion to get grit bins with a catch to stop rain getting in. BCC can apply for a micro grant in 10 snow shovels not enough
- Been brought to CC attention that the battery of the De-fib at the hall will expire shortly – all agreed to a micro grant to cover the cost of a replacement. *Admin to do a paper on running costs of De-fibs & there management*

11. Next meeting

Tuesday 28th January, 19:30, Foyers Primary School, Foyers