

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 28th APRIL 2020

HELD BY ZOOM CONFERENCING

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) & Cllr Margaret Davidson

Apologies

None

2. Adoption of minutes – 25th February 2020

Minutes of the CC meeting on 25/02/2020 were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed PH, seconded by SH

3. Matters arising

- Reply received from BT – install of de-fibs in active telephone boxes is not allowed
- Pot holes – all quarries closed at the moment but some cold tar available. Some jet packing might get done as well

4. Grant from SFCT

The grant application to SFCT was fully approved for £18,112.72 to cover the following ~

Ongoing cost for public toilets and associated costs at Foyers; the running costs of the Community Council including administrator costs; play park rental costs and costs of removing equipment and reinstating land; de-fib maintenance, memorial wreath, Christmas trees and lights

£5,700 of the award will be held by the Trust for play park rental, play park reinstatement, extra admin for RTIF process, De-fib maintenance, cemetery gates/fence maintenance and road signs but will be available if and when required

5. Covid 19 - Brolly Group Update

The Food larders, funded by SFCT, in the three telephone boxes (Errogie, Gorthleck & Lowers Foyers) along with the bus stop in Whitebridge, should hopefully be live by this Saturday 2nd May. Applications to the new Trust grant now at 12. Hampers for all BCC carers and the medical centre have been handed out and gratefully received. Further suggestions was hot meals for the elderly and fuel/oil for heating

6. Micro Grant Applications

1. Cameron Simpson - £200 for fuel to cut wood for the Community. All agreed
2. Karla Stewart - £479.90 to purchase a 'Mud & Bloom' box for children in the area. All agreed

PP told the CC that the Stronelairg panel had not received any applications in this round

7. Reports

Treasurer

- Main account £4,273.63 (of which £1,416.05 left from SFCT grant for Admin, £950 from Scottish Government for winter resilience grant & £501.40 from HC for comfort scheme)
- Project / Micro Grant Account – £498.36

Police Report

- There have been numerous minor road traffic collisions and incidents over this period of time and all documentation of the vehicles have proved in order. Where damage has been caused insurance details have been successfully passed over
- There has been a report of vandalism to a window at a property at Glenlia, Foyers on the 4th of April 2020. A 49 year old woman has now been charged with the vandalism and is believed to be an isolated incident
- On the 24th of March 2020 police attended to a report of a man in the Boleskine area in breach of COVID-19 legislation. Police attended and the man was subsequently arrested for assaulting a police officer. This was an isolated incident and there is no risk to the public
- There has been suggestion of drug (cannabis) use in the Glenlia, Foyers area. If anyone has any information or wish to report concerns please do not hesitate to do so. The police can be contacted on 101 or Crime Stoppers for an anonymous report
- COVID – 19 legislation and calls to police - On the 18th of April 2020 several people have engaged in anti-social and threatening behaviour at Dores Beach resulting in vandalism. One young male has been charged with the offences so far and enquiries are ongoing to identify and charge the other culprits. It is believed they were in the area in breach of the current COVID-19 legislation

There have been numerous other calls to police regarding persons not adhering to legislation and current guidelines in relation to COVID-19 across the Stratherrick and Foyers area. These persons have been traced and advised on the legislation before being moved on where applicable. Where appropriate, fines have been issued

Police are maintaining a presence where possible on reported areas of non-compliance to the current legislation

If anyone has concerns or questions please refer to the Scottish Government website on the guidance and read the current legislation in force in relation to COVID – 19

Fire Report

- The Fire Service like everyone else is practising social distancing, but as an Emergency Service when we get a call we've got to go. Enhanced PPE to protect Crews and any of our "Clients" are in place similar to NHS, various hand sanitisers, gels and Barrier Gloves are also available on Entry and Exit of the station

- We have had a few calls since the outbreak and have managed it carefully. Any crew member who isn't happy with the conditions can opt out and E-learn from home
- Training has been split in to 4 Groups with 1 x Driver and 1 x FF on each team. We have a rota going and take it in turn to carry out our necessary tests which are crucial to our operation procedures
- We have been doing a few deliveries in the area and can do more to help if required. Please remember we are Foyers Community Station = Here for the community. If anybody needs a hand with anything, deliveries, or Collections or a Lift please let us know. There are 8 of us and someone is always available

SH thanked the Fire Brigade for all there help delivering shopping to those isolating

Boleskine Community Care

Report emailed from Kit Cameron, Chair of BBC ~

Gillian Haston left BCC employment on 2nd April. Interviews were held on 10th April with 3 strong candidates. We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Jayne Brinkworth as BCC's new SDO. She came with excellent references and we are now awaiting PVG clearances before her start date in May, more info to follow in due course

Carers have now been supplied with appropriate PPE and continue to provide a service for reduced service user numbers. This is mainly as some families of those receiving care preferred to provide the care themselves during the cv19 period

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

The CC's Liaison officer, LL, gave the following update ~

- There have been some further changes to the Board members of the Trust recently. Firstly a new Chair has been appointed with Peter Faye being co-opted back on the Board on an interim basis until the AGM in October. This is a positive step for the Trust and gives the Community a single point of contact throughout these turbulent times.
- In addition to this I'm afraid to announce that Gillian McIntyre has resigned. Gillian did a lot of good work for the Trust and she will be greatly missed. I am emailing the Brolly Group tonight to advise that another two Directors have offered to be involved with the ongoing meetings re the Community help, so if agreed this will ensure the Trust is still engaged with these discussions.
- The recruitment for a Trust Manager is still ongoing and I'm pleased to say that 16 applications have been received. It is hoped that interviews will still go ahead but held via video conferencing.
- All other projects as you can imagine have been on hold at the moment as the Trusts main focus is to support the Community in any way possible to help alleviate the issues that COVID-19 has posed for us.

8. Planning

- No new plans in

9. Up & coming events

Currently all events cancelled or postponed until further notice

10. AOCB

- Margaret Davidson informed the CC that only the most important bits of grass will be able to be cut as the moment due to restrictions and many of that team redeployed to burial duties at present
- Margaret Davidson also discussed the CC being involved in a future conversation about how the Highlands will come out of lockdown and isolation

11. Next meeting

Tuesday 26th May, 19:30, Via Zoom conferencing