

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26th MAY 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

Guests

Eilidh Todd SSE, Michael Jack SSE & William Jack SSE

2. Presentation from SSE - work around Loch Mhor and the Foyers pumped storage scheme. Report will be provided by Eilidh Todd.

3. Adoption of minutes – 28th April 2020

Minutes of the CC meeting on 28/04/2020 were adopted as a true record of the meeting
Proposed CM, seconded by LL

4. Matters arising

- Green team have agreed to take on the land by notice board near Foyers Stores. Admin to look into CC insurance & whether it will cover their work

5. Covid 19 - Brolly Group Update

The group now has a chair – Gareth Jones. This was proposed by the Trust. The larders continue to be a success as well as the food boxes. A 5th larder has been started at the bus stop in Upper Foyers. Donations welcome. There is funding for a further two weeks of food boxes. Last Friday a complaint was received from a local business directed at PP regarding her actions as part of the Brolly group. PP felt the situation had been misinterpreted but spoke directly to the business to clarify the situation and has also written a letter of apology.

6. Micro Grant Applications

PP stepped away as chair for these as she is on all three groups. CM took over as Vice-chair

1. Boleskine Brolly - £500 to help fund the food box scheme. All agreed. CM and LL abstained from voting as on the group.
2. FIRA - £500 to provide all FIRA aged children with a £20 Amazon voucher to help purchase study books, jotters etc to help with home schooling. All agreed. PP abstained from voting.
3. SFCC - £500 to purchase the CC's own laptop for all documents to be kept secure on and to be used at meetings. All agreed.

The 2020 payment from SSE for the micro grants will be paid in soon. PP reminded all that the Stronelairg panel money is available for larger grants; please pass on to all groups to apply.

7. Reports

Treasurer

- Main account £15,860.65 (Includes - £12,412.72 grant from SFCT, £1,003.55 left from SFCT grant for Admin from 2019 grant, £950 from Scottish Government for winter resilience grant £501.40 from HC for comfort scheme)
- Project / Micro Grant Account – £498.36 minus cheque paid to K Stewart last month of £479.90. Not confirmed if cashed but would leave £18.46

Police Report

- No report received yet. Will be forwarded on when it comes in. Admin has asked for clarification on the issues that have been raised by members of the public regarding recent concerns about individuals in Foyers and Whitebridge.

Fire Report

Couple of shouts have been received, mainly wild fires. They are still undertaking weekly training but only two officers at a time. A couple of home safety enquiries have come in but only the very vulnerable getting done at the moment but they will catch up with them all when they can. Still actively recruiting but can't interview at present. As per last month, they are still available for running prescriptions, shopping etc as required.

Boleskine Community Care

No report received

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

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

Finance - £5000 funding provided to the Brolly Group for provision of food boxes with travel expenses, admin costs also being met. Community Financial Assistance categories widened and re-advertised. 24 applications received and pending board approval for payment.

Community ladders currently being funded for a total of 12 weeks.

Projects - Limited work being undertaken at present on the range of ongoing projects within the Trust.

Other Trust Business – Appointment of Trust Manager - The applications are currently being reviewed with the aim of reducing these to between 4 to 6 for interview. Virtual interviews will be held with SSE once applicants are agreed. Following the virtual interviews, it is hoped to hold face to face interviews with the top 2 applicants before making a final decision.

8. Toilets

Discussion had about the plans for the new public toilets in Foyers. Admin to update the toilet sub-group with the previous plans etc. Sub-group to meet before next CC meeting. Contact to be made with SFCT to discuss ownership and management of the toilets.

9. Planning

- Repair and reinstatement works - Baile Os-Ceann Foyers Inverness IV2 6XT (Boleskine House) – no comment
- Erect sunroom - Carnoch Farm Errogie Inverness IV2 6UH – no comment
- Cloiche Wind Farm - Erection and Operation of a Wind Farm comprising 36 Wind Turbines (maximum blade tip height of 149.9m), access tracks, LiDAR, borrow pits, temporary construction compounds (inclusive of concrete batching area), substation and operations building - Land 9400M SE Of Glendoebeg Upper Glendoe Fort Augustus – all agreed to ask for 28 day extension for comment. [Admin to contact HC planning department.](#)

10. AOCB

- SH pointed out that the De-fib at the shop is requiring a new battery. [Admin to order](#)
- Margaret Davidson reminded the CC to apply to HC for their annual payment. [Admin to action](#)
- CC AGM has been postponed until we can have a public meeting safely
- LL has agreed to stay on as treasurer with support from Admin
- Thanks to Karla Stewart who produced a logo for the Community Council
- Chair written to RH A Fraser to thank him on behalf of the Cc and all Groups involved with Brolly for the donation of venison to residents in our community

11. Next meeting

Tuesday 30th June, 19:30, Venue TBC