

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 30th JUNE 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 – 28th April 2020

Minutes of the CC meeting on 26/05/2020 were adopted as a true record of the meeting
Proposed JG, seconded by CM

3. Matters arising

- Meeting with forestry – PP & CM attended a zoom meeting with Duncan & Alex from the Forestry Commission following some complaints from members of the community about timber lorries and the routes they were taking. Complaints were noted & will be dealt with. The Community are asked that if they do see any bad driving with the Lorries or using the wrong routes, to please note the date, time & number of the lorry (either registration number or number on the front of the lorry). There are to be another approximately 100 timber Lorries to come out of Fairy Burn, ½ of which will go through Gorthleck and ½ will go via the haulage route. There are no travel time restrictions on when these loads can be moved.

4. Covid 19 - Brolly Group Update

The food box deliveries continue & the service is well received. There is enough funding for 3 more weeks. Community Larders still ongoing as well. There was a zoom meeting last week for all the Community groups to attend to look at exit strategies. This was well attended. There is hopefully going to be a business group set up as well.

5. Micro Grant Applications

1. BCC - £500 to purchase two gazebos to enable the group to start socially distanced outdoor activities. Some concern about the small size of the proposed gazebos for the cost of them and that a large one or a dome shaped one would be better to fit more people in and cope better with wind. All agreed but concerns/recommendations to be passed on.

6. Reports

Treasurer

- Main account £16,860.65 (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 & £1,550.00 grant from SSEN for food boxes – this will be paid to SFCT as they are paying all invoices on behalf of the Brolly Group)
Unrestricted - £382.98
- Project / Micro Grant Account – £18.46 but SSE paid £5,000 on 18th June to cover this year's micro grant money. Will show on next bank statement

Police Report

- On the 30th of May 2020 a 48 year old man was arrested for breaching bail conditions not to be in the Boleskine area of Foyers.
- There has been no incidents of note.
- Between the 26th of May 2020 and the 4th of June 2020 the Aldourie Primary School have suffered a lead theft from the roof. Enquiries have been conducted and unfortunately the culprit has not been identified.
- Between the 31st of May 2020 and the 5th of June 2020 there has been a vandalism of a vehicle in Dores. Enquiries are currently ongoing.
- On the 29th of May 2020 the area's water bailiff reported an incident of illegal salmon fishing near to the MQWI fish farm on the south shore of Loch Ness. A 50 year old man has been charged a report sent to the Procurator Fiscal.
- Once again there have been several reports of persons breaching current COVID -19 legislation in the Dores and Aldourie areas. These have been from public areas and private settings. The majority of these persons have been traced and advice given. Where appropriate fines have been issued.
- Please report any suspected anti-social behaviour or criminality via 101 (999 in an emergency).

Fire Report

Been quite quiet on the Shouts, just 3 since last month, nothing serious

Home fire Safety Visits are still being carried out on an emergency cover only

All Crews have been issued with enhanced PPE to deal with any Covid cases with personal masks issued

Training is still ongoing with 2 x groups of 4, one group on a Monday, one on a Thursday, we have to keep our Skills up so there is no decay in our knowledge

There has been a few Folk interested in recruitment so we will follow that up when the Virus eases

Lots of Scrap cars have been donated from locals so we will be having a few RTC scenario's in the next month or so

Deliveries have dried up, most folk seem to be getting their own shopping & meds

Boleskine Community Care

- SDO has been in post since 01/05/20 – Jayne Brinkworth mob: 07375303187
- Changes to the layout of the Hub Office area have taken place. It now has a more welcoming feel with an ambience conducive to its purpose, there are seating areas and more room for those with mobility concerns to manoeuvre easily. It is also a more private space, away from the main functions, where conversation can take place with less distractions
- A new web page is being designed to raise the profile of BCC, make it easier to navigate our information and to keep the community up to date with activities, news, and important information
- The process of upgrading the heating to meet regulation has begun
- We are pleased to announce that BCC will be partnering with Highland Hospice to form a Befriending Service named Boleskine Helping Hands. While still in its infancy, the plans are in place to start small, with a view to becoming a major support for the community within the next 12months
- We are working with the Community Carers to support the professional image they desire with the view to improving the uniforms and the provision of protective outdoor wear which will be better suited to our range of Highland weather conditions
- The transport scheme has continued to operate throughout the restrictions with prescription runs and other smaller community errands. It is hoped that PPE can be sought from The Highland Council to aid this as it emerges from lockdown restrictions. This currently seems to be hampered by availability and accessibility of PPE by the Highland Council
- The SDO has been active in the Boleskine Brolly meetings and remains committed to supporting the actions of the group. The Community meeting organised for 22.06.20 was also attended
- Activities at the Hub will recommence with vigour once we have the green light. There are plans to expand the range of available services to a wider audience and improve inclusivity and accessibility to all groups of the community. BCC are in constant communication with our volunteers and members of the community to ensure we strive to identify and meet the needs of our broader audience in facilitating and supporting continued community connectivity, quality of life and wellbeing for all. As an Organisation, we embrace working in partnership with community groups in the area and facilitating their ambitions for the same or similar cause to regenerate the confidence and connectedness for our community

If you have any questions or would like to hear more about any of the above, then please contact Jayne Brinkworth SDO – BCC on 07375303187. It will be a pleasure to share and discuss thoughts, ideas, or suggestions.

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

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

Finance – Latest figures for the COVID-19 Community help to date.

- Cash grants and loans £18,240.00 (+ £800 from Knockie)
- Food boxes £5,158.24
- Food larders £635.02
- Food hampers (surgery/carers) £263.92
- Deliveries £265.76
- Sanitiser/gloves £305.11
- Mailout printing, postage and other stationery £386.03

Total £25,254.08 + Knockie

Projects

- Work is slowly re-starting on a number of projects where possible. The following tenders have been advertised in relation to required work at Wildside:
 - Internal paintwork, – closing date 25th June.
 - Carpet Tiles – closing date 10th July.
- It is also hopeful that a heating system will be installed at some point this year, with ongoing consideration as to what type of system would be most appropriate.

Other Trust Business

- Recruitment for Trust Manager is ongoing.
- The Trust is involved with the Brolly Group in discussing with other community groups an effective 'exit strategy' from the COVID-19 situation.

7. Toilets

Sub group met last week. The Trust has been working hard to sort the lease of the land with HC. Sub group have been looking at funding streams & have put in the expression of interest to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Sub group have written to the Trust to discuss ownership of any new building. Admin has organised 3 portaloos to be in place for the 15th July

8. Planning

- Agricultural building at Trinloist, Gorthleck – no comment
- Outline planning for 3 house in Errogie – no comment. Admin to clarify with HC the name & structure of the road used on the application

9. Renewables

Currently PP & CM are on the renewables sub group. PP asked for one other to join; PH volunteered.

- Aberarder (RES) – No movement on Community benefit offer. Strathnairn in agreement with asking for a better agreement. Contact made with Scottish Finance
- Cloiche (SSE) – PP and MD attended a video conference meeting to discuss transport issues and mitigate issues raised by SFCC and FAG Community Council. All agreed to remain neutral on planning application but raise transport and visual impact concerns. Councillors suggested again that a site visit would be useful. Admin to contact SSE to request
- Glenshero (SIMEC) – All agreed to uphold objection re transport. Now at public enquiry stage. Admin, PH and PP to write letter. Admin to request extension to closing date.
- Dell (Coriolis) – No update
- Corriegarh Extension (BayWa r.e) – CC had pushed for all household to be notified by mail of the pre-planning online public exhibition survey which they did
- Red John – MD meeting with them this week

10. AOCB

- Dog fouling an issue on the Green at Glenlia. MD suggested asking Debbie Sutton if someone could come out. Ask for signs too

11. Next meeting

Tuesday 25th August, 19:30, Venue TBC