

# STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

### HELD BY ZOOM CONFERENCING

#### **1. Present**

Caroline Mortimore (CM), Gill Gray (GG), Alannah Graydon (AG), Simon Hargreaves (SH), Patrick Haston (PH), Lorraine Lewis (LL) & Cllr Margaret Davidson

#### **Public attending**

Paula Page, Catriona Fraser, Mary Speight, Keith Readdy, Elin Morgan, Fiona Morrison, Zoe Iliffe and Peter Faye

#### **Apologies**

None

#### **2. Adoption of minutes – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Minutes of the CC meeting on 27/10/2020 were adopted as a true record of the meeting  
Proposed CM, seconded by PH

#### **3. Matters arising**

None

#### **4. Covid 19 - Brolly Group Update**

Brolly group currently focusing on helping to organise the winter wonderland event which will take place at The Wildside Centre on 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> December. All welcome and Community members being asked to book time slots as this will be strictly managed to conform with Government regulations. PP said she was happy to stay on this group to help until after this event if everyone agreed – all agreed.

#### **5. Micro Grant Applications**

Brolly Group – £500 towards cost of the winter wonderland. Most of the event being funded by the Community Trust but this grant will pay for an instamatic camera and backdrop so that attendees can take away a memory of the evening. GG queried if it was just for families; LL confirmed it was open to all in the Community. Approved 4:1

#### **6. Reports**

##### Treasurer

- Main account £13,724.11 (Includes - £11,436.54 grant from SFCT, £178.55 left from SFCT grant for Admin from 2019 grant, £950 from Scottish Government for winter resilience grant)

& £211.30 from HC for comfort scheme & £642 from HC discretionary budget for QS bill for toilet project

- Unrestricted - £305.72
- Project / Micro Grant Account – £2,523.56

### **Police Report**

- On the 22nd of October 2020 police received a report of careless driving which occurred around 1330 hours on the B852 at Foyers towards Dores. A 68 year old man has been charged with the offence and a report sent to the PF.
- On the 3rd of November 2020 a male was given a fixed penalty notice for driving with no valid MOT certificate on the B861 near Farr.
- On the 8th of November 2020 there was a 1 vehicle crash on the B852 near Foyers Fall. No one was injured and the vehicle was removed shortly after by the RAC.
- Please report any suspected anti-social behaviour or criminality via 101 (999 in an emergency).

### **Fire Report**

- No report received

### **Boleskine Community Care**

#### Hub updates

- Many thanks to the SFCT for funding a dishwasher to support us with good hygiene practices. This has been fitted and is awaiting the first use when our coffee mornings can restart.
- We continue to support the community market in partnership with the Green Team. Next event at Cameron's Tea Rooms on Saturday 28th November 10 – 3pm.
- Foot care services are still running. We are working on getting the Therapy rooms up fitted out with equipment thanks to an Age Scotland grant.
- We have a new web page boelskinecc.com and we have launched our logo to accompany it. This also includes my new email address which is sdo@boelskinecc.com
- Brolly Group
- We are still actively involved with the Brolly Group. The Christmas Extravaganza is set to be one of the most exciting activities in this area for months.
- Care at Home
- Our care team continue to provide excellent quality care for our senior community members.

#### BCC AGM

- Our AGM has been postponed until the New Year. It will be held by zoom, date to be confirmed.

### **Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust**

#### Projects

- Wildside – no further update other than is hosting the winter wonderland event.

- Foyers Bay – no further update
- Community Broadband – Work ongoing with the mast at Dunmaglass. Two new base stations are being installed at Dalcrag and Cnoc Beag which will improve the existing network and help manage power outages and external interference. Dalcrag completed and wifi now 'live' at Wildside.
- Riverside Field – A further public consultation has been held and plans are progressing

#### Appointment of Trust Manager

- A Trust Manager has now been appointed and accepted the position. He is due to start in March next year due to the notice period he has to give his current employer.

#### AGM

- Is going ahead on 25 November as planned.

#### Possible Purchase of a Community Building in or around Errochie

- News to be published shortly on this project.

#### Purchase of a Community Marquee

- The Trust has now purchased this and awaiting delivery. It will initially be sited on the Pentanque Court at Wildside.

#### Community News

- Has now gone to print and will be available shortly.

#### Winter Wonderland

- Event to held at Wildside from 17 Dec – 20 Dec. Currently looking for any volunteers who may be willing to lend a hand at any point over these dates. There will be a Christmas light and decoration display for families to walk around. Opportunities for family pictures at photo opportunity stops. Tea and coffee on arrival and kids get to meet Santa and receive a gift before hunting for a candy cane within a hay bale

## **7. Toilets**

The application to the Stronelairg panel for £10k was successful. We still await the outcome of the RTIF on 15<sup>th</sup> December & still waiting to hear if the grant application to stage 1 of the Trust has been successful

## **8. Planning**

- No new planning applications in
- Update on outstanding planning applications

19/05090/FUL | Construction of 5 affordable houses. Formation of access to public road | Land 140M NW Of 1 Hillhead Inverfarigaig – *been postponed from planning committee in December, should be January now but the small housing trust will be at the market in Foyers on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> November to answer questions*

20/02318/FUL | Erection of house and micro distillery with storage shed | Land 330M NE Of Purple Lodge Gorthleck – *going to planning committee in the new Year*

20/02471/FUL | Reinstatement and alterations to fire damaged house; siting of 10 No holiday twin-units, reception, store, car parking; installation of sewage treatment plant | Baile Os-Ceann Foyers Inverness IV2 6XT - *going to planning committee on 8<sup>th</sup> December*

## 9. Renewables

- Loch Mhor Dam – Surveying taking place, still awaiting planning consent. Colin Ross has been in touch with PP re proposed road improvements. PP will pass to PH
- Aberarder (RES) – No progress with Community benefit conversation
- Cloiche (SSE) – Await outcome of planning
- Glenshero (SIMEC) – Await outcome of public enquiry
- Dell (Coriolis) – No progress
- Corriegarh Extension (BayWar.e) – Nothing since pre-planning survey
- Red John – Public enquiry outcome due soon

## 10. Roads

Discussion had about new grit bins – all agreed to purchase yellow bins with a hasp and clip that the Fire service have kindly offered to fit. This will keep the lid closed & avoid the need to put stones on them

Resurfacing completed at Aberchalder

Catriona Fraser asked for the culverts to be dug out to alleviate surface water that could then freeze

Trees close to the road have been reported, await clearance

PP informed the CC that the new passing place signs between Dores & Foyers are now in place.

PH reminded everyone that it was up to all in the Community to report road defects

## 11. Correspondence

- Ultra X have been in touch about running an ultra-marathon round the Loch Ness 360 route next year. Admin had contacted Graeme Ambrose – permission on this side of the Loch is given by individual land owners. The CC can push for community benefit though
- The Etape have notified the CC that hopefully the event will go ahead on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Numbers have been reduced to 4000. There will be no food stops but extra portaloos
- Ward meeting to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December

## **12. AOCB**

- Ward proposals – CC need to make a formal representation. MD will be writing to all CC's but advised to wait until after ward meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December before formulating a response. Proposal is to remove the Stratherrick & Foyers area from Aird & Loch Ness but link us with the City residential areas of Ness Side, Hilton etc that has very different issues
- Local 5 year plan – will be discussed further at the ward meeting
- Catriona Fraser thanked the CC for all their work over this very different & challenging year. She also thanked PP for her outstanding work. This was seconded by Mary Speight. MD also thanked PP for all her work. Catriona Fraser asked if MD could thank all CC's for the amount of work they do as their workloads have really increased. Also requested that Schools get thanked too

## **13. Next meeting**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 19:30, EGM to discuss SFCT liaison officer role & ward proposals

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 19.30, Ordinary CC meeting