**Contin Community Council Meeting**

**Contin Hall**

**7pm on Tuesday 7 March 2017**

**Minutes**

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Pam Courcha (PC), Lisa Daines (LD), Sid Fraser (SF); Charlotte Clough (CC); Laurence Gunner (LG); Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC).

Apologies: None

1. **Welcome**

NR welcomed everyone.

1. **Expressions of Interest**

No expressions of interest were reported.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Councillors. Proposed by CC, seconded by PC.

PC explained that an advert had been in the Strath Times informing Jamestown residents that we are their Community Council, that attendance at meetings would be welcome, and inviting a volunteer contact for that community. One person had come forward but has since withdrawn due to ill health. **IC** will forward minutes to a contact in Jamestown.

1. **Co-option of Councillors**

NR introduced Laurence Gunner. He has volunteered to be co-opted as a Councillor to assist in keeping the Council quorate. Proposed by NR, seconded by LD.

1. **Village Tidy-Up**

LD reported that she had spoken to Miranda from the Youth Club and that they were going to be organising a village tidy-up in the spring. The CCC offered assistance with this and the Youth Club will contact us if required.

1. **Progress with Speed-Activated Road Signs**

NR has sent an application for funding for £10,800 plus VAT to the SSE Fairburn wind farm funding round that closed on 28th February. Various community groups pledged £290 towards this to show their backing. NR also applied to the HC discretionary ward grant for £500 towards the cost. NR reported that she understands these speed-activated signs also include a trigger of some sort that sends information to the Police. Signs for Achilty can be applied for in a future funding round.

1. **Windfarm Update**
2. **Corriemoillie EDF**

This comes on stream very shortly. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ourselves and Foundation Scotland (FS) has had some very minor grammatical and typographical changes. **All agreed** the MOU. NR signed the MOU and will return two copies to FS.

NR then talked Councillors through the Advert, Role Profile and Nomination Form for the EDF Community Fund Panel. **All agreed** to these. The next step is for the adverts to go out for panel members. It was **agreed** to put posters in the Contin petrol station, shop, hall, and bus stop, the Jamestown bus stop, Tarvie Services, and Strathpeffer Community Centre. Advertisements will also go in the Srath Times, the Contin News, the CCC website, the Ross-shire Journal, and on the Facebook pages of Contin What’s On, the Trust and the CCC.

1. **Fairburn – SSE**

NR is the CC rep on this panel. The next meeting is in April. There is approximately £27,000 available per year for Contin from this fund. There is also a microgrant system. £1000 is devolved to the CCC to provide up to £250 per group or individual and these groups can be non-constituted. Julie and Chris have been awarded £40 for some of the village planters, which have been done and look lovely. The Contin Toddler Group have applied for £120 for a paediatric first aid course. This was unanimously **agreed**. **Action** **PC** to send Contin Toddler Group a cheque for this amount.

1. **Lochluichart – Eneco**

NR is in negotiations with Eneco and we are awaiting a MOU.

1. **Micro-grant Application Form**

It has been suggested that a simple application form, rather than a letter, would be a more appropriate way of receiving applications for the SSE Fairburn micro-grant. NR presented a draft form. **All agreed** to use this form, with minor amendments to the title.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

PC reported that as at 20 February the bank balance was £3472. This includes £800 restricted micro-grant funding of which there is a £40 cheque not yet cashed. This leaves a balance in general funds of £2672. The half-year funding from HC has not been received as yet. PC has chased Robbie Bain. Accounts were passed to RB on 23rd February 2017 by NR.

1. **Community Police Report**

Allyson McGregor, our Community Police Officer, is unable to attend meetings but NR read out the main points of her report. The priorities remain the speed of vehicles through the village, the vehicle-activated signs and anti-social behaviour. She contacted D.R. Macleod’s lorry firm and warned their drivers to slow down through the village. She has been instrumental in getting a quote and statistics from Bear Scotland for the vehicle-activated signs on time for the application deadline. Speed checks are to continue when possible. There was nothing that could be done to improve the visibility from the road down to the football pitch as the fences are low and wire. It is just on a bad bend. A mirror would not help as the bend is not sharp enough.

1. **Comments from Members of the Public**

It was raised that Contin seems to have missed out on a new bus shelter where other areas have received them. **Action IC** to look into this with HC.

The drain at the bottom of Tor View is blocked and is causing water to sit on the main road. This is a Bear Scotland issue.

The road signs in Tor View were raised again. HC have them on their ‘to do’ list. **Action** **IC** to chase HC again. It is important for emergency vehicles to be able to navigate quickly round the area.

The Contin Community Trust left a letter and photographs regarding a drainage issue from 5 Acre Wood on to the hall’s grounds. **Action IC** to ask HC’s Flood Management Team to provide advice to the CCC.

1. **AOCB**

None.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

Meetings all at 7pm in Contin Hall:

**16th May 2017**

**13th June 2017 - AGM**