**Contin Community Council Meeting**

**Contin Hall**

**7pm on Tuesday 16 May 2017**

**Minutes**

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Pam Courcha (PC), Lisa Daines (LD), Charlotte Clough (CC); Laurence Gunner (LG); Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC), Iain Catto of Foundation Scotland.

9 members of the public observed the meeting.

Apologies: Sid Fraser

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 LG.

PC suggested we record the number of members of the public in attendance from now on. All **agreed**.

A village tidy-up was held on the 5th May, thanks to Miranda and the Youth Club.

Contin Baby and Toddler Group held their paediatric first aid training on 6th May.

Thanks also noted to Bear Scotland who have erected the signs to Munro Park and the Church as requested.

IC has put Contin and Garve on the Highland Council (HC) list for new bus shelters. He will raise the matter, and the Tor View house numbers, in his next meeting with Robbie Bain on Monday 22nd May.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

PC reported that there is £4935 in the bank account, £3435 excluding restricted funds - £1000 for microgrants and £500 from HC for the vehicle-activated speed reduction signs. The full year’s grant was awarded by HC for 2016-17 - £797.

1. **Community Police Report**

NR read out the Police Report kindly supplied by PC Allyson McGregor. The main issue remains the speed of traffic through the village.

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

NR reported that the CCC have been awarded money from SSE for the signs. Several groups in the village contributed towards it, as well as HC, demonstrating good local support. Official notification has been sent, Bear Scotland have ordered the equipment and they should be installed within 10-12 weeks. Bear will decide on their style and location. PC noted the enormous amount of work involved in filling in the forms and thanked NR.

The question of applying for similar signs at Achilty was raised. NR reported that Achilty was much lower down Bear Scotland’s list of speeding trouble spots than Contin and, therefore, it would be more difficult to secure funding. It was **agreed** that **NR** will periodically ask for fresh data to monitor this and re-think if the situation changes.

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

Iain Catto from Foundation Scotland, the body EDF use to administer the Corriemoillie fund, joined us to update the Council on progress (this section was taken at the beginning of the meeting). He explained that the windfarm has been operational since Dec 2016 and that 20% of the community benefit from it is going to an education and training fund just launched and 7% of the remainder to the CCC area. Iain reported that there had been an exceptional response to the call for panel members. The panel will have seven members, one nominated by the CCC, and six other members of the local community, and he will send out invitations to begin meeting shortly. The panel was chosen by Foundation Scotland to represent different parts of the community, different ages, genders, and ranges of interest and expertise. A webpage will be set up shortly and that will contain the panel members’ names and the minutes of the meetings. The panel will use the results of the CCC open day to help inform their priorities but noted that it is the people from the community running the panel, not the CCC. Iain will provide updates to the CCC after each funding round. PC gave thanks to all who encouraged people to come forward and to those who had applied, even if not selected on this occasion.

1. **Fairburn – SSE**

The next closing date for applications is the end of August.

1. **Lochluichart – Eneco**

Eneco are working with the Highland Council Legal Department on a MOU currently. The funds continue to accumulate.

1. **Five Acre Wood**

A letter has been received from Contin Community Trust regarding flooding of their grass area after a recent spell of very heavy rain asking this matter to be raised at our next meeting. The Five Acre Wood working party, now thought to be dissolved, were contacted and a member of that working party noted that water is running down from the hills higher up and that there are 50% more heavy winter rain days now than in the 1960s. The Highland Council grant for the maintenance of the woods is no longer available. It was **agreed** that it was important to discover whether there is a problem first. **IC** to contact the HC Flood Management Team as a first step.

1. **Open Morning**

A CCC open morning was held on 13 May 2017 to ask members of the public to look at the priority list from 2015 and to formulate a new one. NR reported the successes since the last open morning, most were about improving the safety of the main road. Concern was expressed over the small number of people who turned out to the open morning. Thus the priority list may not be representative of the Community’s views. However, the CCC agreed that it was still a worthwhile list of priorities. NR is to apply to the War Graves Commission for funding to re-point the war memorial. This funding runs out in March 2018.

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

The matter of the bridge leading to the Church was raised. NR reported that a bid has gone into the SSE by the Community Trust to repair the bridge. The Church has taken over maintenance of it and have agreed to pay for half the cost. NR to chase SSE re this.

A member of the public reported that the grass was rarely cut in the church graveyard. IC explained that HC only do it twice a year due to budget restrictions.

1. **AOCB**

NR reported that rail concessions for the over 60s is ceasing from 21 May 2017.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

**13th June 2017 – AGM** plus a short ordinary meeting to catch up on matters arising.

1. **Proposed future dates**

22nd August 2017

24 October 2017

5th December 2017

6 February 2018

17 April 2018

12 June 2018 – AGM and ordinary meeting