**Contin Community Council Meeting**

**7.30pm, Tuesday 27th October 2020, by Video Conference**

**Present:** Norma Ross (NR), Selina Rennie (SR), Lisa Daines (LD), Phil Baarda (PB), Laurence Gunner (LG), Cllr Ian Cockburn (IC) (joined at 8pm).

**Apologies:** Frances Welton (FW), Gerry Lowe.

One member of the public joined the meeting.

**Minutes**

1. Welcome and Apologies

NR welcomed everyone to this meeting held by video conference. NR noted that the CCC has been keeping GL up to date whilst he is unable to attend online calls.

1. Expressions of Interest

None reported.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

LD reported that the new website is now live. SR proposed the previous meeting minutes and PB seconded.

1. Treasurer’s Report

SR reported a balance of £11,929.56 which is down a lot since June due to payments going out for many projects notably the Feasibility Study, the History Project, the website, and for Zoom Pro. This leaves roughly £4k in the general pot and £3316 in the COVID-19 fund, with the balance in reserved funds. SR has submitted the application for online banking and is waiting to hear. It was **agreed** that, once the online banking is set up, we should then remove previous Treasurer Pam Courcha as a signatory on the bank account and that Councillors are happy for her to continue to be a signatory until this time.

History Project

NR noted that the end of project report has been submitted and she has received permission for Foundation Scotland to pay PB £260 for consultancy on the History Project. **Update 9 Nov** PB has very kindly donated this to the Community Orchard project. PB explained that the last video would be finished by 2 November and that we have received a lot of very positive comments regarding the walk leaflets. SR reported that £1200 is still there from the Bòrd na Gàidhlig (BnG). PB explained that this is for the Gaelic lessons and the launch of the place names booklet which will go ahead once safe to do so. The BnG are happy for these to be delayed.

1. Community Police Report

NR read out PC H’s report, between 27 August and 12 October 2020 there has been 1 minor RTC, 1 driver charged with careless driving, and 1 theft/ownership dispute

1. Community Transport Project (taken after AOCB when IC joined the meeting)

NR referred to the document circulated and explained that she has had a conversation with Emma Tayler of Highland Council. HC have withdrawn our application for a grant and advised us to find or establish a Trust or SCIO to run this project and enter into any contracts. IC explained Community Councils should not enter into contracts as the post-holders become personally liable for them, whilst a Trust is a limited liability company and can enter into contracts. NR has been researching options and is awaiting a call from the Highland Third Sector Interface (HTSIF). NR asked Councillors if they are content for the CCC to continue investigating transport issues. It was **agreed** that we should continue. LG noted that the CCT and CCC are both keen to discuss a co-ordinated village plan once the new hall is complete and when we are allowed to meet face to face.

**Action NR** to call a meeting on this issue once HTSIF has come back to us.

1. Plan of Action

NR noted that she has been contacted by several community members regarding a safe cycle path from the village to the Contin Forest so she has added it to the action plan. **Action NR** to prioritise the list and **LD** to put on agenda for next time. Councillors or members of the public should contact us with any further ideas. LG asked about road repairs, NR explained that they are on the HC list but they have been delayed due to COVID-19.

1. Remembrance Sunday

NR reported that we will ask the public to observe Remembrance on their doorsteps and not attend the wreath-laying. Jacqui Urquhart and Karen Hedges have been asked to lay the wreaths on Sunday 8 November at 11am. The Rev James Bissett has recorded an online service which we have shared on our Facebook page.

1. History Project 2 – Child Protection Policy

NR explained that the application for the second History Project has been sent in and the money should arrive shortly. Councillors **agreed** to adopt the Highland Council’s Child Protection Policy.

1. Community Larder

NR noted that we require a working party for the Community Larder / Fridge. Liz Kerr and Lisa Daines have already expressed interest. Linda McGregor (member of public) very kindly offered to assist on this project. LG explained that the CCT are keen to liaise regarding this project and for the shed to be well-sited and not too exposed.

1. Update from CCT

LG shared some photos of progress with the new hall. NR asked LG to pass our congratulations to the CCT. LG reported that March would be a more realistic date for completion and that the CCT would alter in nature once the building was complete, from a body managing a construction project to one managing bookings and events. The CCT would like to liaise more closely with the CCC in future.

1. Comments from Members of Public

LM thanked the CCC for the new leaflet and praised its interesting content and quality.

1. Correspondence

NR reported all correspondence has been forwarded to all Councillors. The moved path at Woodland Park has gone back to planning. At Preas Mairi the new gate and fence was simply to demarcate more properly. LG suggested a notice by the arch explaining its history.

1. AOCB

Councillors **agreed** to a small Christmas gift for the Food Bank volunteers by way of thanks for all their hard work. Suggestions to NR, please.

There was discussion about a CCC laptop or tablet to enable Councillors without access to join meetings. This is difficult without broadband in place.

1. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st December 2020, 7.30pm by video conference.

Proposed future meeting dates:

2 February, 20 April, 15 June 2021 (AGM)