

Contin Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held at Contin Hall on 11 May 2015. **DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: June Dow, Sidney Fraser, Norma Ross Tony Williams
The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

June Dow chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Apologies were received from Peter Ross, Fiona Garrow.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were proposed by S Fraser and seconded by J Dow. All councillors accepted the minutes as being a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4. Matters arising / Progress from minutes

Chair's report submitted by P Ross and read out by J Dow

"Roads and Pavements

Police

Following the Chair's contact with the Police there has been a substantial increase in the number of patrols of marked police cars through and towards the village. Chair has contacted them to thank them and to ask what they are doing about the promised action of taking up hazards with Transport Scotland.

Transport Scotland

The Chair met our MSP last week and he promised he would contact Transport Scotland and the Minister of Transport again to take matters further. Action was being delayed by the election. Some work has been done on drains on the main road, but we do not know if that is because of our action, or was already planned. Painted marks have been put on the pavement to the west of Tor View, which suggests they are planning to do something about clearing the pavements there.

Tor View Play Park

The Treasurer is in touch with Highland Council via Robbie Bains and some tests have been undertaken. They think it is not broken water mains, but may be broken drains. Again, action has been delayed by the election and the involvement of Council officers.

PSR "

Treasurer's Report

Nothing has been spent from the account. The balance is £4689.94.

Secretary's report

Minutes relating to Five Acre Wood have been received. The minutes clearly show the works there have been approved. The council are now in a position to pay the outstanding invoices when they are received. This was unanimously agreed.

Fiona Garrow has resigned from the Community Council

Correspondence and Consultations

Nothing to report.

Open Morning Outcomes

The comments gathered on the day were distributed to all present and a flip chart presentation was made by N Ross as a summary of what might be achieved in the short and longer term. It was explained that the existing council has a very short term of office but any member of the community was welcome to lead any of the longer term projects.

The council would maintain pressure on the safety aspects and the flooding, try to get a gate at the Five Acre Wood onto the main pavement and repair stiles in Bluebell Wood with permission from the Church. A summary of the flip chart presentation is below.

Outcomes from Meeting of Sat 2nd May

Fast Fixes to be done now

- a Safety gate at Five Acre Wood
- b Fix stiles at Bluebell Walk/The Island

How?

Provide funding.

Medium term projects

Safe paths/cycleways around village

How?

Find a project manager and seek Lottery/Windfarm funding

History Project and History Trail

How?

Find a Project Manager, recruit interested volunteers and seek funding.

Further improve Five Acre Wood

How?

Assist Five Acre Sub-Group with funding

New Play Park for Tor View

How?

Seek a Project manager and funding.

7. Dates of Future Meetings are:-

AGM on Monday 22 June at 7:00 pm in Contin Hall

Monday 14 September at 7:15 pm in Contin Hall.

7A Police Sergeant Callum Reid from Dingwall Police Station

Sergeant Reid attended the meeting. He informed everyone that there is a police presence in Contin and concerns over speeding traffic and general safety within the area is being taken seriously. There have been 3 speeding offences within the last two weeks and one burglary with a prosecution pending thanks to support from the public. This was by travelling criminals.

Some time was spent discussing an incident at the Achilty Hotel and Sergeant Reid explained that without witnesses or any evidence presented to the police they could not proceed to prosecution although it was appreciated that the situation was upsetting for the owners.

A question was asked about having a special constable but the council was informed that this was not an option at this time.

The police are listening and doing as much as they can.

J Dow thanked Sergeant Reid for attending and he left the meeting.

8. AOCB from Community Council members

N Ross asked for approval to pay the Five Acre Wood Invoices. Proposed by S Fraser, Seconded by Tony Williams. Agreed by all councillors.

N Ross asked for permission to pay photocopying and other administrative expenses. Proposed by S Fraser, Seconded by T Williams. Agreed by all councillors.

N Ross asked permission to pay the hall rental to Contin Community Trust. Proposed by S Fraser, Seconded by T Williams. Agreed by all councillors.

9. AOCB from members of the Public.

Concerns were expressed about the drains and flooding although it was agreed that some work has been in progress. It was explained that Transport Scotland and Bear Scotland are still working on this.

It was pointed out that Bluebell Walk is owned by the Church and permission would be required before any improvements were made. This was understood by the councillors.

It was pointed out that Preas Mairi was private land. It was explained that this comment was being reported on as a comment, gathered at the open morning, from a member of the public.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

