

Contin Community Council Meeting

Contin Hall

7pm on Tuesday 11 October 2016

Minutes

Present:

Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC); Robbie Bain, Ward Manager (RB); Norma Ross (NR), Pam Courcha (PC), Lisa Daines (LD), Sid Fraser (SF)

Apologies: None

1. Welcome

Iain Cockburn welcomed everyone.

2. Election of Office Bearers

Norma Ross nominated for Chair, proposed by SF, seconded by LD.

Lisa Daines nominated for Secretary, proposed by PC, seconded by NR.

Pam Courcha nominated for Treasurer, proposed by LD, seconded by NR.

3. Constitution and Standing Orders

Action NR asked **all** to read the Constitution and Standing Orders by the next meeting. RB explained that the Constitution has been signed by a previous Council when it was first adopted.

4. Declaration of Interests

RB explained that members of the Council are required to declare any interests at the start of every meeting. Members should refer to p41 of the Community Councils in Highland document.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes / Matters Arising

There are no previous minutes to agree as the last two meetings of the previous council were not quorate.

6. Treasurer's Report

This is not available as this is the first meeting of the new Council. NR reported that there are no outstanding invoices, everything has been paid and is up to date. The final bill for the Five Acre Wood arch was settled in discussion with RB.

Action PC to send RB a copy of the invoices regarding Five Acre Wood.

Action The new Treasurer (PC) is to be set up as a signatory.

7. Co-option of Members

There are two people who have kindly volunteered to be co-opted. We wish to co-opt them at the next meeting and this is to be an agenda item. **Action LD.**

8. Windfarm Update

NR, as she was previously on the Community Council, has been contacted by windfarm representatives.

SSE, the largest provider of funds, have asked for a representative of the CC onto their panel which meets every 3 months. The next meeting is on 12th December at Marybank Hall. Fiona Morrison is looking for a Community Council member to sit on this panel. Everyone was content for NR to fulfil this.

They also provide the CC with a microgrant fund of £1000. Any member of the public can request some of that money up to £250 for any plan they might have, i.e. replanting tubs, an outing etc. There is £800 of that in the bank account at the moment. A letter of application to the CC is sufficient.

Lochluichart – Eneco – this is now on-stream and will supply £3000 per year. Approximately £10-12,000 has been accrued on our behalf. Eneco wish to set up a meeting subsequent to the CC meeting to agree procedures for passing on the funds and to discuss what we wish to use the money for. The previous CC worked hard on making improvements to the pavements along the main road. The consultation open morning showed that the top priority in the community was improving safety along the main road. Bear Scotland can't widen the pavements. The CC can, however, pay for flashing signs to try to slow traffic. We all **agreed** we wish to move forward with this. It is estimated to cost £8-9000 to put signs at either end of the village. The Community Police are willing to work with us over such a project. Marybank are currently working on a speed sign project using Fairburn windfarm money and it may be worth talking to them.

Corriemoillie – EDF – this is not on stream yet, it is still being built. EDF would like 2 members of the CC to be part of their forum. There is a community liaison group meeting on 20 October 2016. They also will attend a meeting at some point. There were no volunteers so **NR** will email them asking to be kept updated. Our share of this will be around £12-13,000 a year (7%).

Foundation Scotland – is an independent charity whose role is to manage the handing out of windfarm funds. They are keen to win a contract to do this for EDF at Corriemoillie. They are to be invited to a meeting. **Action NR.**

It was noted that the windfarm funds altogether amount to around £40,000 per year. IC suggested that we think about investment for the future. A member of the public noted that other groups in the community could help and lots of companies match fund. Robbie asked us to not forget the value of social fundraising events.

9. Police Report

Allyson is our Community Police Officer. She is unable to attend meetings and will send a report for the next meeting. She has asked if there is anything we want her to be specifically looking at. We can ask her to look at getting the other lamppost moved. She worked hard with Bear Scotland regarding the road and pavements.

10. Data Protection

CCs are required to be registered with the Information Commissioner. NR renewed this when it expired in September and has a receipt.

11. AOCB from Council Members

PC would like to see an open session to gather ideas and meet with the community.

12. AOCB from Members of the Public

A member of the public asked if Contin Community Matters could be informed of any matters of interest and dates of meetings to advertise them on their Facebook page. **Action LD.** NR explained that the CC will post notices on their website and in the shop and the petrol station.

George Hay explained that he and Jimmy Low represent the community on the quarry committee. We are all happy for George and Jimmy to continue. George can be contacted by telephone and his number is in the Contin Newsletter.

Play Park – This matter was brought up at a previous CC meeting and the HC found a burst pipe and improved it. The park is still waterlogged and the kids are getting soaking trying to use it or don't use it at all. Is it possible to re-locate the park? **Action RB** to look into ownership of the land at Tor View with HC colleagues. Another option would be a new park paid for by the community from windfarm money. George suggested a questionnaire for ideas for relocating the park. IC noted that there is a group at Garve designing a new park and it may be worth speaking to them. RB noted that if the park was relocated to Highland Council land HC would be responsible for the maintenance and insurance, but if relocated to Five Acre Wood the community would be responsible for those.

Signs – members of the audience asked for the signs to the Church and football pitch to be reinstated. **Action RB** to contact Bear Scotland.

It was also requested that some signs are erected in Tor View as the house numbers are confusing. **Action RB** to contact from Highland Council.

Several members of the public raised issues with paths and pavements. **Action NR** to obtain a map and mark the paths which need maintenance and work out who owns which parts of the village at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

10th January 2017 at 7pm in Contin Hall.