**Contin Community Council Meeting**

**Contin Hall**

**7pm on Tuesday 13 June 2017**

**Minutes**

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Pam Courcha (PC), Lisa Daines (LD), Sid Fraser (SF), Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC).

4 members of the public observed the meeting.

Apologies: Charlotte Clough (CC); Laurence Gunner (LG).

1. **Welcome**

NR welcomed everyone.

1. **Expressions of Interest**

No expressions of interest were reported.

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

Under AOCB the previous draft minutes had said SF is the representative of the CCC on the Trust, this is not correct. SF merely sits on both. SF asked that anything from the CCC is passed to the Trust in writing. Apart from this correction (amended 19/6 LD) the minutes were approved. Proposed by PC, seconded by SF.

Five Acre Wood – It is becoming clear that the CCC have responsibility for this wood, a fact not known by Councillors upon election. PC asked about public liability insurance, we want to be certain this is in place. **Action IC** to check. This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting and to invite any willing member of the dissolved group to provide a report. NR noted that we would all have to think about how to go forward with the wood. It will require community volunteers.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

PC reported that there has been no new bank statement since the last meeting so the figures are the same i.e. £4935 in the bank account, £3435 excluding restricted funds - £1000 for microgrants and £500 from HC for the vehicle-activated speed reduction signs. There are no microgrant applications in the pipeline. There are three pledges still outstanding from community groups for the Vehicle-activated speed reduction signs – Contin Community Matter, Contin Community Trust and the SWRI.

PC mentioned that there is an option to employ a Minute Secretary to allow the Secretary to take part fully in discussions. LD thanked PC and will ask for assistance if necessary.

1. **Community Police Report**

There is no report this meeting as PC Allyson McGregor is on annual leave.

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

These should be in place by late August / early September. SF queried whether this was enough to prevent accidents. NR noted that the next logical step is to explore a crossing. It is understood that, since the A835 is a trunk road, we are not entitled to a crossing. NR will write to Bear Scotland to clarify this matter once the vehicle-activated speed reduction signs are in place.

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

The panel induction will take place shortly. The website should be live soon too.

1. **Fairburn – SSE**

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

1. **Lochluichart – Eneco**

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

1. **Open Morning**

This is to be added to the next meeting agenda. 5 Acre Wood and the re-pointing of the War Memorial are the top of the list.

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

IC has chased the new bus shelters.

There has been a slight misunderstanding regarding the street signs on Tor View. It is now realised that the public are not meaning house numbers (which is the responsibility of the house holder) but the street signs themselves. **Action IC** to chase. It is felt that there is a safety issue here because of the confusing nature of the layout of Tor View for emergency services to find houses.

A member of the public reported that the grass in the church graveyard had now been cut. IC explained that grass cutting has recently been taken in-house by Highland Council and they are running a little behind but catching up.

The HC Flood Management Team will give advice to the CCC re the 5 Acre Wood in or around August.

There are two blocked drains causing problems, one on the Tor View brae and one on the main road at the junction with Tor View. **Action IC** to contact HC about the one on the brae. **Action LD** to contact Bear Scotland about the one on the main road.

A member of the public mentioned dog dirt in Five Acre Wood. **Action LD** to ask the Trust to include in the next newsletter.

Regarding large potholes on Woodland Park, the householder is to telephone the main switchboard for Highland Council and report there. They should be fixed within 3-4 weeks.

1. **AOCB**

SF introduced a letter regarding a proposed football fundraiser. Following discussion, there was no support for Community Council involvement at this time.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

22nd August 2017 at 7pm in Contin Hall.

1. **Proposed future dates**

24 October 2017

5th December 2017

6 February 2018

17 April 2018

12 June 2018 – AGM and ordinary meeting