

Contin Community Council Meeting

Contin Hall

8.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018

Minutes

Present: Norma Ross (NR), Lisa Daines (LD), Laurence Gunner (LG), Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC), Selina Rennie (SR), Sid Fraser (SF).

Apologies: Pam Courcha (PC)

1 member of the public observed the meeting.

1. Welcome

NR welcomed everyone.

2. Expressions of Interest

No expressions of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

LG proposed the previous minutes and SF seconded. Thank you letters have been written to the Church, Highland Council and I Macdonald regarding the bridge work. See point 11 for the protection of historic trees update.

4. Treasurer's Report

No report due to PC's absence.

5. Community Police Report

No Police Report has been submitted for this meeting.

6. Speeding in Contin

SF raised this matter, asking what else can be done to slow traffic through the village. There are now vehicle-activated speed reduction cameras, speed reduction islands etc. After discussion, Councillors **agreed** to look again at a crossing when the new hall is built.

7. History Project

NR reported that PC, Phil Baarda and herself had met on Monday 11 June as a sub-group to plan this project further. They are considering calling the project 'What Contin Means To Me' and to produce a documentary and/or a booklet or a load of images and interviews for a website. This group will prepare an application to the Corriemoillie windfarm for its next deadline in August.

LG noted that the New York Villa Fund might fund the works to Preas Mairi. **Action NR** to send LG's email address to PB.

8. Windfarm Update

i. Corriemoillie EDF

The next closing date is at the end of August.

ii. Fairburn – SSE

This fund is now closed to fund the new hall.

iii. Lochluichart – Eneco

This fund is closed to go to the new hall. **Action LD** to remove from agenda.

9. Data Protection

LD presented the draft Data Protection Policy and Procedures. The CCC does not hold much personal data but all Councillors are to read and follow the procedures. Most actions will be triggered by each AGM. LD is the Data Controller and any issues should be reported to her. Any comments on the Policy should also be directed to LD and, once approved, it will be placed on our website.

10. Contin Community Trust

LD read a statement from the CCT. The new Board have now been in place for 6 months. An enormous amount of work has gone into paying off the old debts and stabilising the finances. The financial situation is, however, precarious. The recent Employment Tribunal saw the Claimant awarded £3100 out of a possible £15,000, however the Claimant has appealed and the Board are awaiting further legal advice and are planning how to pay this debt, once it becomes payable. The legal fees have come to almost £3000 to date and the community have raised around £1700, leaving circa £1200 left to pay. Very many thanks to those who have contributed. We have applied for Gift Aid status, which should add 25% to the funds raised.

The Trust are also delighted that funds are in place in principle for the new hall. An architect has been appointed and plans are being presented to the Board on 13th June. Once these are at a suitable stage, the public will be consulted before moving to planning permission stage. The plan is to start building in Spring 2019.

11. Protection of Historic Trees

NR has met with Nick Richards from Highland Council. The areas which were identified are considered low risk by HC apart from the trees lining the road to Coul House Hotel where quite a number have been felled recently in relation to the development of Woodland Park, with little contact with the Council's Forestry Team. This has meant HC have not been able to control felling in this area. The planners have been alerted by Nick.

12. Bus Shelter

A new temporary bus shelter is now in place.

13. Correspondence

NR reported that no planning applications have been submitted for our area. A Ward 5 Community Forum was held recently. Concerns were expressed over the roads last winter to Steve Barron by Gail Ross, MSP. The response was that it was a very bad winter but that HC has no concerns about the provision of salt stores or gritting. There does not appear to be a pavement tractor covering the Contin area, probably because we are a small village. However, we can set up the winter resilience scheme. **Action LD** to raise in the August or October agenda. IC explained that the public should phone Highland Council direct with any issues and that the role of the CCs is a wider one than just dealing with complaints about HC!

No Councillors were able to attend the recent Joint CC area meeting, though Garve keep us well informed. The main concerns raised were the state of the roads, the lack of public toilets and the cut to CC grants.

14. Comments from Members of the Public

There was one question from the member of the public regarding the Trust. They were advised to attend the Trust's next meeting on 14th June for further information.

15. AOCB

No other business was raised

16. Next Meeting Date

28 August 2018 at 7.30pm.

17. Proposed future dates

30th October 2018

4 December 2018

5th February 2019

23rd April 2019

11 June 2019 – AGM and ordinary meeting