

Contin Community Council Meeting

Contin Hall

7.30 pm on Tuesday 24th April 2018

Minutes

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Pam Courcha (PC), Lisa Daines (LD), Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC), Selina Rennie (SR), Sid Fraser (SF), Susan Cruse from Arch.

2 members of the public observed the meeting.

Apologies: Laurence Gunner.

1. Welcome

NR welcomed everyone.

2. Expressions of Interest

No expressions of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

PC raised two amendments to the minutes of 6 February 2018. Point 6, amend to Maggie Bridges. Point 8, NR to write to SSE instead of PC, once final legal document received. NR noted that an amendment of the previous minutes at point 7iii should be made regarding the release of the full 25 years of Eneco funds to the Trust for the new hall project. LG would have had a conflict of interest due to being on the Contin Community Trust, LD was appointed to the Trust after that decision was taken. **Action LD** to amend.

PC proposed the previous minutes and SR seconded.

PC reported that she had attended the GP contracts meeting in February. A lot of concerns and issues were raised especially in respect of rural practices. A report is due out in April from all the groups regarding this.

4. History Project

PC presented proposals following an initial history project meeting in March. Their discussions included previous activities regarding information already gathered, especially regarding the Church and Rogie Falls, and the original aims of the previous Trust. The area the project should cover was agreed to be the CC area. A new project brief was designed:

- To build on information already gathered.
- Oral history project involving group discussions / interviews, cross-generational
- To develop a history of local schools using research and local knowledge
- To create a local history information board / walking route in Contin, involving children in its development
- Provide training opportunities in researching local history

- Develop skills in putting current and new information online. Create a website for this possibly linked to other local groups.

Action LD to ask the new Trust to look for the old registers and make sure they are not thrown out, and pass them to Archive Centre. (Update 29/4 – none have been found).

SC mentioned that Heritage lottery fund like ways of presenting material that are not just standard, so a play that children produced would stand out to them. She advised to keep under £10,000 if possible. Susan explained there is such a lot of history here, from burial cairns in mediaeval times to the war years. It was a closed village in the 1800s! The Mackenzie of Coul papers are in Edinburgh.

All **agreed** to go ahead with this project.

Action PC/History Group to organise a stall at the Gala day on 23rd June to ask people what they think, possibly focusing on the war years. Publicise via a newsletter or leaflet drop. SC explained it is really important to get people to sign up to say they are interested which provides evidence for funding applications. Using photos on a board is always a way to get people talking. The next step is for the history group to meet to figure out exactly what we want to do, then work on costings.

It was suggested we could keep the school room to make a display in the old school building in the future. **Action LD** to advise the Trust.

5. Notice Board

SF had asked for an agenda point to be included in this meeting called 'Notice Board'. He raised the issue of the posters put up regarding the previous Trust Secretary. SF proposed putting up notices around the village asking for information regarding the culprits to be sent to a member of the public who had not been asked for their consent. NR replied that a response was made to the person who made a complaint, it was referred to in the minutes and the matter is now closed. It was **not agreed** to send out these proposed notices. **Action SF** to destroy the copies of the notice brought along to the meeting both in paper and electronically as it is a breach of Data Protection Regulations.

6. Treasurer's Report

PC reported that the last bank statement balance on 20 March 2018 was £5366 with two cheques to go out. The grant from HC is now £345, compared to £795 in previous years. Both figures are after insurance.

7. Community Police Report

NR read out PC Allyson MacGregor's report. There have been two road traffic offences and one incidence of fuel stolen from the filling station. No speeding offences. NR to check with Bear re reports on speeding subsequent to the installation of the vehicle-activated speed signs.

8. Contin Community Trust

LG had submitted a statement in his absence which LD read out. In it Laurence called for the development of community spirit, he praised the amount the new Trust have achieved since December and asked for discussion of practical ways in which the CCC can support the CCT. NR responded that the CCC has been very active in supporting the CCT, by agreeing the release of the SSE wind farm funding and the Eneco funding, and putting the Trust in the way of the Leader funding.

Anonymous correspondence from a member of the public has been received. It was requested that the matters be aired in public. This person also mentioned the way that money was devolved to community groups.

NR explained there are three groups working for the village and working together very hard. The CCC, CCT, CCM, all with different functions but working towards the same aim. NR explained the wind farm funding and that Eneco have offered a lump sum upfront in lieu of 25 years of small annual payments. This would leave £13000 annually available from the Corriemoillie fund for residents to apply forms well as £1000 annual micro grant from SSE and £678 micro grant from Corriemoillie which can be applied to from the CC. The village is not left bereft of funding.

SSE's comments were that the legacy project must come from the community. The evidence is that smaller projects happen first then a legacy project is focused upon. Small groups could apply to microgrants for hall fees.

The anonymous correspondent was happy with the reply made by the Chair and SSE.

The Leader panel meets on 15 May to consider the funding request from the Trust. Councillor Cockburn confirmed that NR, who sits on the panel, can answer questions at that meeting as she is not a Trustee but will not be eligible to vote.

NR read out a Trust update email regarding the employment matter and the risk to the Trust if the Employment Tribunal find in favour of a previous Trust employee. There is a risk that the Trust may be made insolvent. The Trust are taking advice from solicitors. NR urged everyone to attend the meeting on Friday 27 April where more information will be available from Trust Directors.

9. Data Protection

A sub-committee meeting is to be organised regarding this before GDPR comes into force on 25 May to ensure we are compliant. **Action LD** to organise. **Action IC** to check with HC to see if there is any available support for Councils re GDPR. Privacy Notices were handed to all Councillors to be signed.

10. Protection of Historic Trees

NR raised this matter as there is a wide selection of ancient woodland in Contin, particularly in Five Acre Wood, the avenue lining Coul House Road, the road to Preas Mari, and the road to Jamestown. Some of these historic trees are coming under threat from indiscriminate felling. After discussion it was **agreed** that we should select individual trees in these areas

for preservation, as there is no way to put a TPO on a whole area. **Action NR** to contact a local tree surgeon and to contact HC.

11. Windfarm Update

i. Corriemoillie EDF

Nothing to report, no requests for last closing date.

ii. Fairburn – SSE

NR reiterated that the CCC had agreed to allow close down of funds for five years for the new hall.

iii. Lochluichart – Eneco

NR reported that the CCC is working with the CCT to try to release funds for a new hall.

12. Bus Shelter

IC reported that the bus shelter is to be installed in May. The War Memorial is on the list to be done.

13. Footbridge to Church

NR will write thank you letters to Nigel Shaw, Contin Church and Highland Council for their support in this initiative. The work is now complete.

14. Correspondence

NR reported that grass will be cut by HC on the following basis: amenity grass cut weekly, open space grass cut fortnightly and paths/verges monthly. Wildflower meadows will be cut annually. Contin Hall is still on the Polling Places list. The CCC carries out contact with other CCs through exchange of minutes.

15. Comments from Members of the Public

A member of the public noted that the vehicles are not slowing down well coming into the village from the West. **Action NR** to raise with the Police.

16. AOCB

There was a micro grant request received prior to the meeting for £80 towards repairing and replanting the flower tubs at the Hall. All **agreed** to this micro grant from the EDF/Foundation Scotland fund.

17. Next Meeting Date

12 June 2018 – AGM and ordinary meeting