

Contin Community Council Meeting

Contin Hall

7.30 pm on Tuesday 04 December 2018

Minutes

Present: Norma Ross (NR), Pam Courcha (PC), Lisa Daines (LD), Laurence Gunner (LG), Selina Rennie (SR), Sid Fraser (SF).

Apologies: Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC). No members 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

PC proposed the previous minutes and SR seconded. There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's Report

SR reported that the bank account balance is a healthy £10,396.20. This includes payments for two grant applications. The unrestricted balance is £3982.

NR explained that the bench for the Bluebell walk had cost a little more than funds applied for. It was **agreed** that, once the Foundation Scotland grant was used, any excess would be taken from the SSE bridge repair fund, where money had been saved.

The Community Council paid for the hall rental for The Big Village Blether.

5. Community Police Report

NR read out PC Peter Holling's report. PC Holling is covering PC McGregor's maternity leave. There have been six people charged with speeding since the last meeting. The main priority remains the speed of traffic through the 30 and 40mph zones. It was noted that the CCC are to contact Dingwall Police Station prior to the Strathpuffer to organise collection of traffic cones and to speak to the Inspector/Sergeant to see whether police presence during peak times is possible, see point 9.

6. Feedback from The Big Village Blether

NR reported that this could have been a really good event for the village, with attendance from the CCC, a Director of the Trust, the Fire Service, Foundation Scotland, Phil Baarda from the History Project, Strathpeffer Saves and Home Energy Scotland, leaflets from Ross-shire Voluntary Action about a transport scheme. Recycling and winter resilience programme information from Highland Council was also available. Disappointingly, only 5 members of the public attended. Some excellent networking took place between those attending and

several articles for the Contin Post will be forthcoming as a result. LG counselled not to lose heart. It was a great idea to promote all that is happening in the village.

Regarding the action plan, NR handed out the list of all suggestions received on the day. Most are larger projects which may be too large for the lifetime of this Community Council and most are path-based. **Action NR** to contact Phil Waite, Highland Council Countryside Team Leader, to discuss. **Action ALL** to look at the action plan before the next meeting and think about prioritising the suggestions.

7. Windfarm Update

£240 has been granted to Contin Community Trust for presents for the children's Christmas party from the Foundation Scotland microgrant.

8. The History Project

NR reported that this project is underway; the bench has arrived and a piece has been submitted for the next Contin Post asking for submissions. PC asked that Councillors also get news of this project out by word of mouth.

9. Strathpuffer Parking

NR explained that parked cars on the pavement between the Contin forest and the village last year forced pedestrians to walk on the road. **Action LD** to contact the Police station in Dingwall shortly before the event to organise traffic cones for this area and to speak to the Inspector/Sergeant to see whether police presence during peak times is possible. After discussion, it was agreed that the Strathpuffer organisers should be contacted with a suite of suggestions regarding parking before the event. **Action LG** and **SR** are to speak to their contacts about parking areas and contact NR shortly.

10. Contin Community Trust Update

LG informed Councillors that the Trust had received four objections to the new hall; one to colour, one to design and two to location. Updated plans have been submitted to take account of these. Planning advised to amend the colour of the building to one similar to the local stone.

PC commented that it was unfortunate that the owners of the campsite had not been able to be contacted by the Trust to be consulted. LG replied that the consultation, which was advertised, was not attended by the owners.

LG reported that Contin Community Matters feel they have fulfilled their remit and CCM members will now become a fundraising sub-committee of the Trust. PC asked for reassurance that the sub-committee would be subject to the Trust's constitution. LG confirmed, explaining that Vicki Ross, a Director of the Trust, will be chairing that group.

11. Co-ordination of Community Events

LG suggested a diary system for co-ordination of local events to prevent clashes. **Action SR** to contact Trish Wedderburn at Strathpeffer Community Centre to discuss.

12. The Contin Post

The next edition is due out w/c 10 December, another example of people working hard to achieve things in the community. It has been financed for a year and costs circa £155 per issue. As to financing in the future, advertising and donations tin in the shop are among the suggestions. Beth King arrived at this point and contributed to this discussion.

13. Correspondence

NR explained there had been no planning applications this month and no correspondence that required any action from the Community Council.

NR explained to SF that the two items that he had asked to be raised on the agenda have been dealt with in previous meetings and copies of those minutes had been re-sent to him.

14. Comments from Members of the Public

N/a

15. AOCB

Thanks to Eddie Dow for organising anchor points for the wreaths at the War Memorial.

LG proposed that, due to changing circumstances, the Community Council take over organising Remembrance Sunday next year. It was noted that this was after the next Council elections. **Action LD** to put on agenda for next meeting.

NR noted that there had been no uptake from members of the community for the winter resilience programme.

16. Next Meeting Date

5 February 2019 at 7.30pm.

17. Proposed future dates

23 April 2019

11 June 2019 – AGM and ordinary meeting