

Contin Community Council Meeting

Contin Hall

7.50 pm on Tuesday 11 June 2019

Minutes

Present:

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

1 member of the public observed the meeting.

Apologies: Laurence Gunner (LG).

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. The matters arising are covered in the agenda.

4. Mr Fraser's Agenda Points

SF brought along a number of agenda points he wished to cover:

- i. SF is keen to put up posters about scams to help fellow villagers avoid them. It was agreed he could do so on the Contin Hall notice board.
- ii. Poster on tree – SF is very keen to find out who put up a poster on a tree in the summer of 2017. Councillors explained that this matter was discussed at the time and no further action can be taken by the Community Council. IC noted that it is not the Community Council's job to do any more, the person whose name was mentioned on the poster could take the matter to the Police if they wished. This matter is not to be brought to Council again.
- iii. Local Plan – IC explained that the local plan shows zones of *possible* development. The new local plan is under review at the moment and residents will be invited to comment via drop-in days and cards through the post.

5. Treasurer's Report

SR reported that no bank statement has been received since 18 April. There are cheques which should have been cleared. The bank account as at 18 April was £9798.33 but this is expected to be £8703.41 when the next statement arrives.

6. Community Police Report

NR read out PC Peter Holling's report. From 1 April to 6 June there were 3 motorists charged with speeding. This is being monitored and Police Scotland are continuing to target

this including with education at the roadside and prosecution where appropriate. There were three other RTAs. There was one incident involving a pedestrian, the enquiry was carried out with no evidence of criminal negligence. There were three incidents of anti-social behaviour.

7. Windfarm Update – Allt Dearg

NR reported that Allt Dearg had offered to hold the money for us, rather than set up a panel for £250, to which we agreed. However, the money was given to Strathpeffer Community Centre. We are awaiting a cheque from them. It was **agreed** unanimously that the money is to be used to fund the Contin Post as this benefits all residents.

LD reported that she had spoken with a Jamestown resident to inform them that we were using a microgrant to fix a wee bridge there. LD reiterated to that resident that microgrants are available through the Community Council.

8. The History Project

PC reported that the leaflet and interviews were in hand. Regarding Preas Mairi, contrary to last meeting, Councillors have re-thought and it was **agreed** that Phil should **not** proceed without written permission from the landowner's lawyer or the landowner.

9. Paths behind Church

NR explained that the session clerk had forgotten to raise this at the last meeting and will do so at the next meeting, which is due shortly.

10. Data Protection

LD ran through the Data Protection Policy, flagging that now is the time to delete any emails etc with personal data contained within them from the last year. Minutes are to be kept for 5 years and accounts for 7 years.

11. Correspondence

NR reported that we have received communication from a Kirkan Wind Farm project which has not yet received planning permission. They are offering two potential ways for the community to gain from this, Community Benefit, as with other wind farm funds currently, Kirkan are happy to use Foundation Scotland and Community Ownership, where individuals and community bodies could buy shares. Community Councils should not get involved in this. It was **agreed** for NR to pass the information to Contin Community Trust.

Microgrants have been **agreed** on email and given out to Contin Junior Football Club and Scottish Dancing Group recently. The village tub plant-up used microgrant funds and extra money from the bridge repair.

Speed reduction sign – NR has now taken the matter to Maree Todd, MSP, since Bear Scotland have still not repaired the West end sign. IC suggested contacting our Community Police Officer.

Abilitynet – this seems to be a project in good faith and is to go on the agenda next time.

Call for Sites and Core Paths for the Inner Moray Firth Area. The Highland Council has launched a Call for Sites and Core Paths for the Inner Moray Firth area. This provides interested parties the opportunity to identify priorities and issues for places and to suggest sites for future development. The feedback received will form part of the evidence for a new Local Development Plan for the area. This new Plan will seek to direct development to the most sustainable locations that can be supported by services and infrastructure. As part of the consultation the Council is asking those submitting their ideas, including landowners and developers of existing and newly promoted sites, to back up their suggestions with a clear justification.

Linked to this Call for Sites the Council is also running a Call for Core Paths Changes seeking people's views on the Core Path network across the Inner Moray Firth area including new or improved paths to improve connectivity or changes to routes. The existing plans can be viewed at https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1225/countryside_farming_and_wildlife/161/outdoor_access/4

Find out more about the Plan online at highland.gov.uk/imf or email the team at imfldp@highland.gov.uk or contact us at 01349 886608. For the Core Path review email access@highland.gov.uk with 'Inner Moray Firth CPP Review' in the subject line. Councillors were emailed a link and SF given a paper copy of the link.

12. Comments from Members of the Public

A member of the public thanked the CCC for doing the planters and suggested more will need replaced next year. NR thought that individuals may need to ask for a microgrant to do this next year as so few people turned out to help at the plant-up day. IC suggested investigating setting up a gardening group as exists in Strathpeffer.

13. AOCB

N/A

14. Next Meeting Date

27 August 2019 at 7.30pm.

15. Proposed future dates

29 October 2019

3 December 2019

11 February 2020

21 April 2020

16 June 2020