

Contin Community Council Meeting

Contin Hall

7.30 pm on Tuesday 29th October 2019

Minutes

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Selina Rennie (SR), Lisa Daines (LD), Laurence Gunner (LG), Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC), Pam Courcha (PC).

Apologies:

Sid Fraser (SF).

3 members of the public observed the meeting.

1. Welcome

NR welcomed everyone to this last meeting of the current Community Council.

2. Expressions of Interest

No expressions of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Under point 7 of the previous minutes, there was some discussion about the path at Craigdarroch. It would be difficult to prove 20 years of use. If councillors wished to pursue this, a questionnaire could be developed regarding Craigdarroch and Preas Mairi at the same time. NR noted that the paths consultation was now closed. No further action at present. Regarding GoByCycle, SR explained that it was not viable regularly due to the high numbers of parent volunteers it would require, but it could be run once or twice in the summer term.

SR proposed the previous minutes and LG seconded.

4. Treasurer's Report

SR presented half year accounts, as required in an election year. IC recommended that they are signed off to make everything tidy for the new Community Council but that they don't need to be sent to the Highland Council. **Action SR.** The account balance is £10,436 as at 30th September, including the monies the Council is holding for other groups. As at 18 October the balance was £10,307.

5. Community Police Report

NR read out PC Peter Holling's report. Between 25th August and 24th October three motorists were charged with speeding. Speed through the village continues to be the focus. Regarding the vehicle-activated speed reduction sign to the west of the village, it appears to be working intermittently. The electrics were replaced in September. NR has emailed Bear Scotland. NR requested that this be added to the Police Report. **Action LD** to ask PC Holling to include in his report.

6. Windfarm Update

There have been no microgrant requests since the last meeting. Funding has been received for the Contin Post for another year from Foundation Scotland. NR confirmed that there have been applications to the Education and Training Fund from Contin residents this time.

7. Community Council Elections

NR reported that the deadline for nominations was extended due to a poor response across the Highlands and the closing date was today. There was some further discussion pertinent to the election and new councillors would expect to hear shortly.

8. History Project

Councillors welcomed Phil Baarda. He explained that an extension had been obtained for this project due to the time it has taken to complete the interviews. Six people have been interviewed to date, with more to follow, transcripts will be made, and the intent is to turn this into a publication along the lines of 'A History of Contin in Ten Trees'. Actors will voice the words of the interviewees to anonymise it over a series of moving photographs.

The Bluebell Walk Leaflet was presented to Councillors. It is almost ready. Councillors agreed a series of changes to be made including addition of further photographs, moving an arrow and the addition of a QR code. PB to follow up with Iain Sarjeant. Councillors **agreed** that payment can be made once these changes are made.

LD reported that a Google My Map has been produced by a local young person to complement the Gaelic in the Landscape Project. This shows pin locations with explanations of the Gaelic placenames in Contin and Strathpeffer. <https://tinyurl.com/y6f2kk4z>

9. Active Ageing Event

LD proposed an Active Ageing Event for February, should the new Council form. A local physiotherapist has agreed to prepare and present at the event new research suggesting that the right type of exercise can have a very positive effect on health outcomes as we age. Councillors **agreed** that LD can go ahead and start to plan this and confirm it with the new Council. NR confirmed that the CC has enough money within its budget to pay the hall rental. Future plans also include refresher defibrillator / first aid training as per a condition of the grant funding. LD then left the meeting.

10. NHS Near Me

PC distributed a leaflet entitled 'What is NHS Near Me?' This is a video consulting service for certain outpatient appointments either at home or at local NHS premises. This should save people having to travel to Raigmore for appropriate appointments. NHS practitioners are liaising with communities through CCs in order to respond to community needs. PC cannot manage the first meeting but has offered to represent Contin. Councillors **agreed** and thanked her. More information can be found here:

<https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/NHSNearMe/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

11. Correspondence

NR noted that the defibrillator had been used by the Ambulance Service in September.

There were no planning matters.

The new Scheme of Establishment should be available for the new council shortly.

Minutes from other Community Council are received.

12. Comments from Members of the Public

N/A

13. AOCB

13.1. Mr Fraser sent his apologies.

13.2. LG raised the matter of the notices near the petrol station on private fencing being potentially distracting to motorists. IC advised that this is not a CC matter. NR suggested that she could contact the Community Police for some advice.

13.3. NR closed the meeting by thanking all Councillors for all their hard work and support during the term of this Community Council. It has been very much appreciated. LG thanked the Chair.

14. Next Meeting Date

To be confirmed, subject to CC election, possibly 3rd December 2019.