

Contin Community Council Meeting

7.30pm, Thursday 17th September 2020, by Video Conference

Present: Norma Ross (NR), Selina Rennie (SR), Lisa Daines (LD), Frances Welton (FW), Phil Baarda (PB), Cllr Ian Cockburn (IC).

Apologies: Laurence Gunner, Gerry Lowe.

No members of the public joined the meeting.

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

NR welcomed everyone to this meeting held by video conference.

2. Expressions of Interest

None reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

NR explained that the planning application reported at the previous meeting involves moving a core path and work has commenced on re-routing the path before the public consultation is complete.

SR proposed the previous meeting minutes and NR seconded.

4. Transport Feasibility Study

NR reported that she had spoken with Data Understood, as recommended by Maree Todd MSP. Data Understood are currently working alongside HITRANS on a project that seeks to drive innovation in travel and transport in the area. They said that the report was excellent and would assist greatly with applying for funding.

Councillors discussed the next steps arising from the transport feasibility study report. It was **agreed:**

- that April would be a more practical timescale to aim to start the service;
- that the £6k start-up funding should be secured and put out to tender first;
- to ask individuals to sign up to direct debits much nearer the launch date e.g. February;

IC suggested that we continue to be flexible and keep looking for ideas and sources of funding. He suggested writing to the New York Villa Trust (**Action NR**). **Action IC** to investigate funding from Highland Council.

Action: all Councillors are to investigate possible sources of funding and also research other voucher schemes, such as Honey and Thistle, to see if they are feasible. It is noted that those with concessionary bus passes may be more likely to sign up to a monthly direct debit if there were some other incentive available to them. This could be a scheme that applies across the whole area, i.e. across all the communities who might benefit from bus service. Discussion with other community councils and the Strathpeffer Residents' Association may help. PB suggested a 'friends' scheme where social gatherings are provided such as film nights with free entry for 'bus friends' and a hierarchy of benefits depending on direct debit payment.

NR noted that we must also allow time to inform Transport Scotland of the new route. FW noted that the suggested timetable was well-planned. SR suggested that Councillors speak to people informally to build momentum.

It was **agreed** that we would offer a public consultation via Zoom. 21/9/20 Note – this has been set for 7th October at 7.30pm.

NR reported that the Black Isle Car Scheme had started up again. **Update:** This is incorrect, it was an old a notice.

5. Plan of Action

NR presented a 'plan of action' document to Councillors which include lots of ideas which have been put forward by the community. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. Correspondence

NR reported that there was one planning application in Jamestown.

7. Comments from Members of the Public

N/A

8. AOCB

LD explained that our current website provider, Spanglefish, has offered a new website specifically aimed at Community Councils and which is more modern and mobile device friendly at £103 per annum including a domain name. The domain name contincommunitycouncil.org is available. The current website content should migrate across easily. All **agreed** to this meantime until we are ready to start a 'whole village' website. **Action LD** to organise.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th October 2020, 7.30pm by video conference.