

Contin Community Council Meeting

7.30pm, Thursday 20th August 2020, by Video Conference

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

Apologies: Laurence Gunner, Selina Rennie, Gerry Lowe.

Two members of the public sent their apologies.

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

NR welcomed everyone to this update meeting held by video conference.

2. Expressions of Interest

None reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising. PB proposed the previous meeting minutes and NR seconded.

4. COVID-19

i. Emergency funding

Face masks - The CC bought 30 facemasks in a variety of sizes which have all now gone. They were offered free of charge to any community member through the Foodbank. We have also paid out for several taxis to enable people to attend emergency medical appointments, hospital and doctors' appointments. There are significant funds available. PB suggested paying for the business version of Zoom and making it available for other community organisations to use free of charge.

ii. Community Foodbank

NR has secured an additional £500 funding from NHI (North Highland Initiative). This has purchased a fridge freezer to replace the failing old one. At CCC request, the Foodbank discussed the model with the Trust so that it will fit into a space in the new hall kitchen. A good example of joined-up thinking and one thing the CCT can strike

off their list! NR has also secured an additional £1000 funding for food supplies for the Foodbank from Ross-shire Voluntary Action.

5. Transport Feasibility Study Update

An outdoor meeting was held on 13 July. Thanks to the many who helped us print and deliver leaflets, set up and arrange refreshments, erect gazebos, and ensured health and safety issues were carefully managed. It was good to meet Derek Halden, the consultant in person. There was a good attendance. Thanks to the Football Club for the use of their premises and field. The feasibility study document was emailed to Councillors on 19 August for discussion on 27th August. **Action: all Councillors** to read the report and come prepared with thoughts for the next meeting.

6. History Project Update

The leaflets are at the printers. Podcasts 1 and 2 are on the 'What Contin Means to Me' section of our website. They are really super. Thanks so much to Phil and all those who helped. This project, as initially started, is now complete. **Action NR** to complete the end of project report. We have gained a good response from the public, from Contin residents and beyond, as well as some media attention. IC suggested that it would be good to have the podcasts available at the new Community Hall.

- i. A funding application has been made to Foundation Scotland for Part 2 of the History project for a more in-depth study of the island to enable us to further delve into the history of Contin. PB explained further to Councillors about ideas for the project.
- ii. Noticeboard – to be delayed for the moment.
- iii. Preas Mairi – Still no response from owner. **Action PB** to write to owner's lawyer informing that the vegetation tidying up work will be undertaken outside of bird nesting season unless otherwise instructed. **Action PB** to check the requirements and permissions needed for work on scheduled monuments with Historic Environment Scotland.

7. Online Banking

NR asked SR to research online banking as it would make financial management easier. **Action SR.**

8. Correspondence

NR reported that Robbie Bain left Highland Council on 31 July 2020. NR has written him a letter of thanks on behalf of the CC. Dot Ferguson is our temporary ward manager.

There has been one planning application. The ref no is 20/02781/FUL

The data protection fee has been paid.

Any other relevant correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors.

9. Comments from Members of the Public

N/A

10. AOCB

None raised.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th August 2020, 7.30pm by video conference.

Proposed future meeting dates:

27 October, 1 December 2020

2 February, 20 April, 15 June 2021 (AGM)