

Contin Community Council Meeting

Contin Hall

7.30 pm on Tuesday 27th August 2019

Minutes

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Selina Rennie (SR), Lisa Daines (LD), Laurence Gunner (LG), Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC), Sid Fraser (SF).

Apologies:

Pam Courcha (PC)

6 members of the public observed the meeting.

1. Welcome

NR welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves for the benefit of the members of the public attending.

2. Expressions of Interest

No expressions of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

SR proposed the previous minutes and LG seconded. SR reported that the Allt Dearg monies have been received.

4. Treasurer's Report

SR reported that our monies for the year from Highland Council have been received, as have the annual allocation of microgrant funds from SSE and Foundation Scotland. As at 20th August there was £11,232.61 in the bank account.

5. Community Police Report

NR read out PC Peter Holling's report. Between 7th June and 24th August two 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, NR still has not heard from Bear Scotland. **Action IC** to chase with Maree Todd's office.

6. Windfarm Update

There is no particular update this time, other than the deadline for applications for the Education and Training and Contin fund has just passed.

7. Core Paths Consultation / Proposals

NR explained that the recent Highland Council core paths consultation proposed including the whole of the Contin island path as a core path as well as the link between the village and the woods, i.e. Old Rogie Road. A member of the public suggested that the path from

Craigdarroch Drive to Loch Achilty should be made a core path to preserve it. **Action NR**, Phil Baarda and Maggie to contact Phil Waite.

8. Gaelic in the Landscape Project

Phil Baarda explained that this event on 7 September is fully booked. From this, Phil hopes to produce a leaflet for Contin and also one for Strathpeffer. After discussion, it was decided to see if the larger room is available in Strathpeffer CC to allow more people to attend. Councillors **agreed** to pay £150 for the strimming work to make the bluebell path passable for the afternoon session of this event.

9. Bluebell Walk

Phil handed out draft leaflets which were well received. NR asked PB to ensure that the disabled access is marked on the map, as it is a condition of SSE funding. A member of the public asked who the walk is aimed at. There is a need to preserve the peace and quiet of the area. NR reported that the Church have given their blessing for the project designed for local people and a few interested visitors.

Regarding the Oral History part of this project Phil asked that people please get in contact with him to share their stories so that they can be captured for posterity. **Action NR and PB** to meet to discuss this part of the project. NR thanked Phil for his enthusiasm and hard work.

PB has spoken to Ian Blackford regarding Preas Mairi and he is keen to help. The owner has still not been in touch.

10. AbilityNet

NR explained that, having now researched further, she concluded that this offer of free of charge computer assistance is in good faith. However, AbilityNet have been inundated and have no capacity at present.

11. Correspondence

NR encouraged Councillors to complete a survey on the visitor transient levy which has been sent by email.

No one has contacted the CCC expressing a wish to retain the phone box in Tor View which is due to be removed.

Information on assistance from the GoByCycle project has been sent to Councillors. **Action NR** to forward to the Parent Council of Strathpeffer Primary School.

Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan – In the CC's response to HC, NR requested that Five Acre Wood be retained as wooded space. NR commented that SSE has forwarded a suggestion of three small sites around Tor View should be considered for housing. IC explained that these are suggestions for sites and not a public consultation yet.

12. Comments from Members of the Public

N/A

13. AOCB

13.1. SF enquired about scam posters and NR confirmed that SF is welcome to put them on the notice board from time to time. Regarding the poster on the tree, the matter is closed and not to be raised again at Community Council.

14. Remembrance

LG proposed a resident to lay the wreath, all **agreed** to this suggestion and LG will contact this person. It was **agreed** that the wreath is to be ordered and paid for by the CCC, **Action LG**. IC suggested placing a few cones for a short time across the access road with a sign at the garage saying Remembrance Sunday Service in Progress.

15. Next Meeting Date

29 October 2019 at 7.30pm.