

## **Contin Community Council Meeting**

### **By Video Conference**

**7.45 pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

#### **Minutes**

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Selina Rennie (SR), Lisa Daines (LD), Phil Baarda (PB), Laurence Gunner (LG), Ian Cockburn, Councillor (IC).

Apologies: Gerry Lowe (GL), Frances Welton (FW).

No members of the public observed.

#### **1. Welcome**

NR welcomed everyone.

#### **2. Expressions of Interest**

No expressions of interest were reported.

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

LG proposed the previous minutes and SR seconded.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

SR reported £18100.70 in the bank account as at 20 May 2021. This includes money from Foundation Scotland for the summer play and the community website. Some cheques have still to go out. The SSE microgrant is not in as yet and SR will chase if it is not in by the end of June.

- i. Online banking – an email has been received from the bank suggesting the previous discrepancy was an email address. Now that the accounts are finalised, SR will work on this again.

#### **5. Community Police Report**

NR read out PC Peter Holling's report. Since the last report, one motorist has been charged with a speeding offence through the village and two for other road traffic offences.

#### **6. Community Council Representative on CCT**

This point was taken under the AGM. The CCT are delighted to welcome Phil Baarda as the Community Council representative on the CCT.

#### **7. Parking at Rogie Falls**

NR explained that Forestry and Land Scotland will be charging for parking at Rogie Falls, with the money going towards the upkeep of the parking area and the toilets, which are

owned by Highland Council. We then digressed to the mess at Loch Achilty. The relevant authorities are aware and working on the problems.

### **8. Starting an SCIO**

NR reported that this is progressing. There has been an initial meeting with the volunteers, and advice taken from the Highland Third Sector Interface (HTSI). They now have to write the constitution.

### **9. Summer Play**

PB reported that 'Helga!' is progressing well. There has been a meeting at Coul House. The script is being written. We stress the 'fun' element of the whole event. The Child Protection policy has been written and circulated, and no entertainment licence is required.

### **10. Correspondence**

All relevant correspondence received has been sent on to Councillors. Foundation Scotland asked whether CCC would record a wee thank you statement for their publicity (this was done straight after the meeting).

### **11. Comments from Members of the Public**

N/A

### **12. AOCB**

LG noted the appointment of the new minister for Contin, Lochluichart, and Strathconnon: Rev. Ronald Gall. His first service will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Gall to the community.

PB has found more carved stone slabs in the churchyard. It is estimated they are circa 15<sup>th</sup> Century and it is very exciting because one of them shows markings not seen before at Kirkmichael. PB is passing the information on to all the relevant people. Next, photogrammetry and then churchyard recording will be done to provide a good record for the future.

The next Contin Post is due out at the end of June or beginning of July. LG is to do a small piece on the new minister and PB on the churchyard discoveries.

PB wondered whether we might consider twinning with a place of similar size whose name has a similar derivation to Contin. IC suggested contacting Grantown on Spey and District Twinning Association as they have twinned with Notre Dame de Monts in France. **Action NR** to place on the Action Plan.

### **13. Next Meeting Date**

24 August 2021  
26 October 2021  
14 December 2021  
15 February 2022  
26 April 2022  
14 June 2022 – AGM and ordinary meeting