

## **Contin Community Council Meeting**

### **By Video Conference**

**7.30 pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

#### **Minutes**

Present:

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

Apologies: Gerry Lowe (GL),

Two members of the public observed the meeting.

#### **1. Welcome**

NR welcomed everyone.

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

No expressions of interest were reported.

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

Community Survey – NR noted that SSE are waiting to see if the CCT need further funding for the hall car park, and so it is not the time to undertake a survey presently.

Preas Mairi – IC advised, and Councillors agreed, not to undertake tidying work on Preas Mairi without permission from the landowner. It would not be covered under our public liability insurance and we do not wish to bring the Community Council into disrepute.

The previous minutes were agreed. FW proposed the previous minutes and PB seconded them.

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

SR reported £11979.66 in the bank account as at 25 October 21. £1400 is expected shortly from Foundation Scotland for microgrants. FS have kindly given extra this year as we have exceeded our allowance. An invoice is due to leave for £320 to Highland Council for Gaelic lessons, we are paying £320 for lessons for Sept/Oct.

Online banking – FW is now added as a signatory. It has been discovered that Anthony Williams remains as a signatory from 2015 and needs to be removed. Councillors **agreed** for the Treasurer to fill in the form to remove Anthony Williams as a signatory.

Finance Updates – Councillors discussed the various pots of money:

- The £336 left over from the footpath work on the island is allocated as our contribution to the next footpath work.
- From the Bòrd na Gàidhlig pot, there is £376 allocated for the village trail with QR codes and audio files, which is awaiting sign off from BnG.

- Transport Feasibility Study – there is £448 left to go to CSI Ross-shire as our contribution for the community bus service.
- Highland Council polling station travel fund - £110 left. HC have kindly agreed this can go towards the Contin Island project.
- Orchard donation – Councillors **agreed** to give that to the CCT for trees in the grounds of the new hall. Thanks to Phil Baarda for that donation.
- Summer Play – it was **agreed** that the £18 overspend can be taken out of the general CCC pot.
- Thank you to Inverness Playwrights and Word on the Street for the donation for Zoom usage.
- The website cost for the year has been paid. **Action LD** to check that this includes the domain name.

## **5. Community Police Report**

NR read out PC Peter Holling's report. Between 24/08/2021 and 24/10/2021 5 motorists were charged with speeding offences through the village and 5 for other road traffic offences. There was one charge for vandalism on private property. The report notes youths congregating at the area of the new and old community halls, with local Sergeants aware for patrols when duties permit.

## **6. Looking Back Reviews**

- i. Baby and Toddler Group - they received a microgrant recently. The group is doing really well with excellent attendance. £350 was raised at a sale event in October. They are now having two sessions a week, one of which is a feeding support session.
- ii. Sharing Shed – this is ticking along with food being used slowly. There is a food shortage at the Food Hub as a knock-on effect of food shortages nationally due to the recent road haulage issues and fewer donations from supermarkets. The shed may become more widely used over the coming winter.

## **7. Looking Forward - Finances**

Councillors discussed their concerns that this winter may prove difficult for members of the community with increased fuel costs, loss of the universal credit uplift and with national insurance increases to come. IC reported that there is money in the HC COVID fund which we can apply to. After some discussion, it was **agreed** that it would be easiest to provide electricity top ups for key cards and garage, shop and Tesco e-vouchers. Any further ideas to NR.

## **8. Funding Application Outcomes**

NR reported that the CCC has been awarded funding from Foundation Scotland and Highland Council for the Contin island path improvement project.

## **9. Remembrance Sunday**

CCC has asked PB to lay our wreath in recognition of his hard work for the Community this year, to which PB replied he would be honoured. IC has asked HC for a wreath for Contin. Update 4 Nov – NR has collected it and asked the CCT to lay this wreath.

#### **10. SCIO – CJT Projects**

NR reported that the first meeting of CJT (Contin, Jamestown and Tarvie) Projects is on Monday, 8 November 2021. Under the constitution, meetings are not required to be held in public but minutes are to be kept, an AGM is required and accounts are to be sent to OSCR annually.

#### **11. Complaints Procedure**

Councillors were issued with HC guidance before the meeting. LD read out a précis of it. Councillors **agreed** to adopt the standard procedure. To be put on the December agenda.

#### **12. History Project**

NR reported that, from the responses received from Councillors via email, there was enough agreement to go ahead with the film-making workshops using spare funding. In return the filmmaker will produce a short film of the history and culture of the village. PB noted that £500-600 will be needed for accommodation.

#### **13. Correspondence**

There was discussion about the changes to rules regarding the changes to the rules for home fire alarms. An article went in the last Contin Post.

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

The issue of potholes in Tor View was raised, and subsequently Woodland Park by a Councillor. IC asked NR to send him an email and he would forward to the correct person.

#### **15. AOCB**

LD raised four matters on the Community Councils' newsletter:

- SHIFT grant - £800 to promote cycling in the community – to go on FB.
- Action Earth Grants - £50-500 – to go to CCT
- Active Travel Grant – £3k - to send to On Yer Bike group
- Scotland Loves Local Card – send to Liz Kerr.

PB mentioned the two upcoming events at the Coul House Hotel.

**Action LD** to add the location of the meetings in the New Year on December's agenda.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

14 December 2021

15 February 2022

26 April 2022

14 June 2022 – AGM and ordinary meeting