

Contin Community Council Meeting

7.30 pm on Tuesday, 11 January 2022 via videoconferencing

Minutes

Present:

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

Apologies: Laurence Gunner (LG), Gerry Lowe (GL), Frances Welton (FW) (attempted to join but technology failed)

1. Welcome

NR welcomed everyone.

2. Expressions of Interest

No expressions of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

LD confirmed that the domain name is included in the annual website cost.

NR noted that the potholes in Tor View and Woodland Park had been filled in. Thanks to HC.

SR proposed and PB seconded the previous minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report

SR reported that a lot of income has been received including £1k from HC for the path repair and £2k from Allt Dearg wind farm, £500 of which is to go to the Contin Post. Another £279.88 from Allt Dearg has been allocated to the newsletter. NR noted that she will apply for funds now to cover costs for the Contin Post later in the year. Print costs have increased and a cheaper option is being considered.

SR noted that recent expenditure has been on nursery transport, the Contin Post, Gaelic lessons, path repairs and three micro grants which have gone out; the SCIO postcards, the book club and the community cookbook. Online banking will be chased up shortly.

To the 20 December the bank account had £17,753.99 with £4197.78 restricted.

5. Community Police Report

NR read out PC Peter Hollins' report. Between 25/10/2021 and 10/01/2022 10 motorists were charged with speeding offences through the village and 5 for other road traffic offences. There was one breach of the peace. The main issue within the community is the speed of vehicles passing through the village of Contin within the 30MPH and 40MPH speed limits – regular speed checks to continue when circumstances permit. Local Sergeants are aware of youths congregating at the area of new and old community halls for patrols when duties permit.

6. Microgrant Update

See Treasurer's Report above

7. Winter Funding

Councillors discussed the allocation of the rest of the Allt Dearg funding and the Corra Foundation winter fund, £400 of which has been spent supporting members of the community. It was **agreed** that the CCC can continue to support community members in need using this fund.

8. Path Repair

This has been largely completed. Photos have been sent out along with LG's lovely comments.

9. SCIO

NR noted that most CCCs now have an SCIO, which is like an offshoot of the CC, to enable funding applications.

- A funding application has been made for community mental health and wellbeing projects.
- A complimentary email has been received about the fundraising postcards.
- The community website developer has been ill and is due to return to work shortly enabling this project to move forward.

10. Complaints Procedure

Councillors **agreed** to adopt the Highland Council Complaints Procedure.

11. Location of Meetings

HC has advised CCs to continue to meet online.

12. First Aid Training For Children

This has been organised for the home schooled children of the community after their parents approached the CCC. This is being delivered free of charge by Aultbea Community Councillor Philip Maclachlan and will cost £20 for hall rental.

13. Correspondence

NR and PB queried the recommendations of the **core path consultation**. Philip Waite of HC clarified that the half of the Contin island path which is not currently a core path is being proposed as a core path and that 5 Acre Wood is protected as a core path. The main forest path is also being extended to Strathgarve and into Tor View. Also included is the Glen Marksie circuit at Little Scatwell over Luichart dam.

Flytipping on the A835 near Rogie Falls – Forestry and Land dealt with it quickly. Thanks to Bob Moir for alerting us and providing a photo.

Rogie Falls bridge – IC to enquire as to when it may reopen.

Complaint from Achilty resident about **tree felling** at night – this was stopped immediately we reported it by Forestry and Land.

14. AOCB

Thanks to HC for pavement gritting. This helps everyone, but as it is being done early in the morning, this helps the children get to the school bus safely.

Queen's Jubilee - an idea has been received for a commemorative carved corgi. Others suggested a community gathering or a commemorative tree in the hall garden. **Action LD** to put the Queen's Jubilee on the next agenda.

CCT – PB reported that the CCT would like an official opening or celebration of funders or a community event to celebrate the opening of the hall.

Coul Lane Recycling Bins – folk are regularly putting glass or other rubbish in the wrong bins and they are not being emptied. IC recommended phoning HC to report it.

Highland Council Rangers – IC reported that there has been £1.5 million put aside for Rangers again this summer. Five rangers were kept on over the winter. They have been putting plans together and analysing the data regarding camper vans and target points gathered last summer.

15. Next Meeting Date

15 February 2022 at 7.30pm.

16. Proposed future dates

26 April 2022

14 June 2022 – AGM and ordinary meeting