

Contin Community Council Meeting

7.30 pm on Tuesday, 15 February 2022 via videoconferencing

Minutes

Present:

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

Two members of the public.

Apologies: Gerry Lowe (GL)

1. Welcome

NR welcomed everyone.

2. Expressions of Interest

No expressions of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

NR reported that the SCIO had not been awarded funding from HTSI for mental health and wellbeing projects as the fund was vastly oversubscribed. NR has put in a reduced bid to Foundation Scotland.

We have had very positive feedback from the Children's First Aid course so an Adult Session is being organised for the end of March/ beginning April.

PB proposed and SR seconded the previous minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report

SR reported that the bank balance as at 20 Jan 22 was £17, 275.69. There have been lots of hardship fund vouchers going out, the first aid training cost will come out of the general pot, the microgrant for the cookbook has come out, as have the print costs of the Contin Post.

We are to invoice Dolina at HC £480 for the Gaelic Lessons. PB asked what to do with donations received for the Gaelic lessons. It was **agreed** that the money should come into the CCC account.

5. Community Police Report

NR read out PC Peter Hollings' report. Between 11/01/22 and 14/02/2022 3 motorists were charged with speeding offences through the village and there was one report of theft. 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. NR has emailed PC Hollings about

the complaint of speeding traffic through Achilty after not hearing from Bear Scotland. She has also emailed about incidents of anti-social behaviour around Woodland Park.

6. Insurance Renewal

Councillors **agreed** to renew our insurance with Zurich again for the same price as last year, £86.

7. Community Resilience / Emergency Plan

Thanks to Liz from Contin Stores for distributing hot water to houses without power after the recent storms.

Following these storms, a meeting has been organised for Thursday 17 February with multiple community groups to prepare an emergency plan. Thank you to IC for the information from the Scottish Government.

8. Queen's Jubilee

Councillors largely agreed on a tree and a plaque to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Consideration should be given to the type of tree and soil improvement. LG suggested a bench in Achilty stone would be more representative of the community. He feels that the Jubilee is a gentler idea than that of some others, a moment marked in the sand for the community. Update 18 March 22: A community meeting is planned for 25 April.

The CCT are planning a summer gathering largely marked as the launch of the new hall.

9. Correspondence

Meeting face-to-face – NR reported that HC say we are now able to do this with a risk assessment in place. It was **agreed** to first meet in person for the AGM on 14 June.

Emails – NR explained that she only forwards relevant emails to Councillors and that only the post holders have access to the inbox. She asked whether all Councillors would like all emails forwarded. All **agreed** that they only need relevant emails and they are happy for only the post holders to have access.

10. Comments from Members of the Public

Dr John Heathcote followed up his informative piece in the Contin Post noting that domestic heating is not a lifestyle choice and asked what we can do as a community. John proposed a plan to offer community members simple advice with a view to installing some measures to reduce heating costs. **Action LD** to add to the next agenda. IC suggested an information session at the hall, however, we held one in 2018 with excellent presenters and almost no one attended. NR thanked John.

Pam Courcha suggested a Jubilee Walk - a network of paths with more seats, and also a series of small snippets in the Contin Post on climate change ideas. PC noted that the CJT Projects were not required to hold meetings in public and asked how do people engage with it? NR explained that this SCIO is an offshoot of the CCC to raise funds for community projects which the CCC can't do. The public will be kept informed via the CCC and Contin Post.

11. AOCB

It was agreed in general that more seats and benches around the village would be welcome and that a piece should go in the Contin Post asking for ideas for spots for benches.

PB reported that the village history trail audio is to be recorded next week.

Thanks were expressed to NR for her efficient running of the meeting.

12. Next Meeting Date

26 April 2022 at 7.30pm.

13. Proposed future dates

14 June 2022 – AGM and ordinary meeting