

Contin Community Council Meeting

7.30 pm on Tuesday, 15 June 2022, Contin Hall

Minutes

Present:

Norma Ross (NR), Selina Rennie (SR), Lisa Daines (LD), Phil Baarda (PB), Laurence Gunner (LG), Gerry Lowe (GL), Frances Welton (FW), Liz Kraft, Councillor (EK).

Two members of the public.

Apologies: none.

1. Welcome

NR welcomed everyone.

2. Expressions of Interest

No expressions of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Matters arising are covered in the updates below.

FW proposed and SR seconded the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

SR reported that the bank balance as at 20 May 22 was £15,162.52. Income is awaited from HC re the Gaelic classes, **Action PB** to chase. The cookbook cheque is outstanding. PB has an expenses cheque to cash for £35. £1200 has arrived from Foundation Scotland for the Contin Post. The £150 to Aultbea is to come from the general pot.

COVID support fund – it was **agreed** to leave the £800 for this winter together with £1500 from Allt Dearg, plus some from the SSE COVID fund, totalling £1935.

5. Community Police Report

It was noted that PC Hollings is no longer available. **Action NR** to contact the Police regarding a replacement.

6. Employment of Minute Secretary

NR raised that both the Treasurer and Secretary had increased their hours at work recently. It was **agreed** that some funds could be used to employ a Minute Secretary and obtain some assistance for the Treasurer.

7. Correspondence

- i. Inner Moray Firth Development Plan
When houses are built in the area, developers give funds to HC towards needs for community. Nairn CC discovered that these funds are, under this plan without consultation, to be given over to High Life Highland for services in the location of

the cluster secondary school, not in the place the homes were built. LG attended an online meeting in which great anger was expressed at this policy from across the Highlands. Nairn CC will keep us updated as to progress.

- ii. Bear Scotland
- iii. NR will email out two consultations from Forestry and Land Scotland and from the Fire Service for Councillors to consider responding to.
- iv. Island Walk Leaflets – more are required, PB has found a cheaper online supplier at £120 for 1000 but they will need to be folded. **Agreed.**

8. Comments from Members of the Public

No comments but one member of the public thanked the Community Council for doing a great job.

9. AOCB

Energy Saving Project – Dr John Heathcote reported that he had had a meeting with Marion from Foundation Scotland and Dean from Home Energy Scotland. It transpires that HES can do all of what proposed and know of grants and can assist both the private and social housing sector. JH suggested community ambassadors, an article in the Contin Post (to include Jamestown and Tarvie), and a presentation in the Contin Hall to inform the community of how HES can help them save energy and cut bills. An application could be put in to Foundation Scotland for low energy light bulbs. To report back at next meeting.

War Memorial – LG has asked for a quote to flatten out the ground around the war memorial. Do we need permission from Highland Council?

Public Transport – EK reported that she is chasing up the demand response minibus funding allocated to Contin and area in the last budget.

Sharing Shed – LD reported that food supplies to New Start Highland are ceasing thus our food supply will dry up. **Action LD** to re-contact FareShare.

10. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday 24 August 2022 at 7.30pm in Contin Hall