

## Contin Community Council Meeting

7.30 pm on Wednesday, 08 Feb 2023, Contin Hall

### Minutes

Present:

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

No members of the public.

#### **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: All covered later.

LG proposed and FW seconded the minutes of the previous meeting with one minor amendment to the attendee list.

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

SR reported that there was £16556.60 in the bank account as at 20 January. The two microgrants have been topped up and both pots are healthy. We received £2100 from the Corra Foundation, a lot of it has been spent already. Invoices have been received from HC for the Gaelic classes. The annual accounts were signed off just before Christmas and submitted to HC. Councillors **agreed** to pay the accountant £50 towards the checking of the accounts, with thanks. Unrestricted funds are at £7000 and should include Allt Dearg as it was gifted to us with no specific purpose. Restricted funds are at £10,800. There was a discussion of what to spend Allt Dearg funds on. Councillors **agreed** to organise a seat on Contin Island, a seat and a tree for Contin Hall, and to give the Contin Post £300. There was an undecided discussion about a contribution towards the Home Energy certification course.

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

NR reported there have been two motorists charged with road traffic offences, two motorists under investigation for other RT offences, and one report of anti-social behaviour.

#### **6. Community Transport Update**

The Shopmobility bus is up and running. The Community Transport project will be run through the SCIO. Three meetings have been held with Garve and District Development Company including meeting with the Association who grant Section 19 licences. The aim is to find a Project Manager to oversee this who is employed by a multi-community group to get a demand-response bus up and running between Garve, Contin, Strathpeffer and Dingwall.

A funding application is going to be made from the SCIO with assistance from Tina from Garve. NR has applied to Foundation Scotland for £3000.

#### **7. Ability Net**

Ability Net are offering ICT support to anyone in Contin who needs assistance with technology. They have offered to do one-to-ones and a session at the hall. **Action NR** to put in the Contin Post for the next issue.

#### **8. SSE Fairburn Wind Farm Meeting Outcomes**

NR reported that this meeting introduced the new fund manager, Carol Masheter. NR reported that the CCC does not want to pay for a survey at present because our fund is still closed, the CCC election is due, and it is expensive. Other fund areas locally did not wish to join to do the survey together. NR reported that there is discussion about an endowment to leave community money after the fund reaches term. Surplus funds at present can go into an endowment for the future.

#### **9. Contin's Hidden History**

PB reported that he has submitted two applications, one for £5k to Historic Environment Scotland and one to Foundation Scotland for £2600. The Contin History Project will provide £2500 and £100 will be provided from the CCC. It is hoped to start the project in September.

#### **10. Correspondence**

NR noted that all correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors including information about the next roads meeting. SR raised the issue of safer routes to school and concerns about road safety in walking to school.

#### **11. AOCB**

NR proposed that we co-opt Dr John Heathcote onto the Community Council. All **agreed**.

There has been no further work on the community website. **Action NR** to chase.

SR informed Councillors about a Strathpeffer Primary School initiative called Zones of Regulation. EK suggested applying to the Ward discretionary fund for sensory toys and equipment in support of this.

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

N/A

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

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm in Contin Hall.