

KILTARLITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 18th FEBRUARY 2016

7.45pm KILTARLITY VILLAGE HALL

In the chair:

Norman Grant (NG)

Present:

Members - Dorothy Wood (DW), Eunice Ramsden (ER), Lucinda Spicer (LS), Elaine Cameron (EC)

Ex-Offio members - Cllr Helen Carmichael, Cllr Dr Jean Davis

1. Welcome, apologies and minutes of previous meeting

These items were dispensed with since this meeting followed on from the Establishment meeting.

2. Public concern about the state of the building site opposite the Hall

ER notified the meeting that there was public concern and it was resolved that the planning conditions for the site would be checked and a letter would be written to the responsible party asking for the site to be tidied - ACTION LS

3. State of certain roads around the village

DW notified the meeting of continuing public concerns. Suggested actions were

- hold a special meeting on roads;
- co opt Bill Fraser onto the Committee to deal with road condition issues

It was resolved that NG would email Bill Fraser to progress this - ACTION NG

4. Felling licence application for 171 Ha of Druim Ba forest

LS notified the meeting that an application was submitted by Druim Ba Sustainable Energy Ltd (DBSE) on 8 January 2016 to commence felling the south portion of forest on 1 February 2016, with work going through to 2020. Public objections have been registered with the Forestry Commission Scotland via their website, with the date for public comments expiring on 10 February 2016. In addition notices are displayed around the site asking for public comments in relation to Druim Ba's application to join a forest accreditation scheme.

Concerns raised in the meeting included

- lack of community consultation, in contravention of the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme (UKWAS), in particular for the woodland plan (if one exists) and for the high impact works now planned;

- failure of the replanting plan to address UKWAS;
- impact on wildlife and the A833;
- the impact on the community and the environment of combining these works with the proposed wind farm project currently in with the Highland Council as a planning application 15/03998/FUL.

It was resolved that a letter would be written to DBSE asking them to comment on these issues and also a letter would be written to the Forestry Commission Scotland in connection with the felling licence application and more generally - ACTION LS (to agree with NG before dispatch)

5. Community spirit

EC reported concerns from village residents that there was an absence of events that could be successful in building broad based community spirit. A possible event might be Christmas lights (which could be progressed via emailing John Beaton at Highland Council, mentioning Helen Carmichael), with some sort of fund raising event that would also be targeted towards bringing the community together. It was resolved that EC would take on a role of Social Events Convener and would come back to the Council with some suggestions - ACTION EC

6. Beauldy Denny Power Line

DW gave a report back of current status of community liaison. There is to be a meeting on 25 February 2016 in the Lovat Arms Hotel, hosted by SSE. NO ACTIONS ARISING

7. Financial Report

DW presented the attached financial report. NO ACTIONS ARISING

8. Policing

The prospective closure of the 999 service was reported to the meeting and it was resolved that a letter objecting to this would be written to the Chief Constable for Police Scotland (in Glasgow) - ACTION NG

9. Member information

Information on the re formed Community Council needs to be made available to Highland Council and to the public.

ACTION - Helen Carmichael to send information to Charles Stephen

ACTION - LS to deal with website.

10. Date and agenda for next meeting

Meetings will take place on the third Thursday of the month, next meeting date 17th March, with the following meetings on 21 April and 19 May. It was resolved that the Agenda for the next meeting would be as follows:

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Police
3. Minutes of last meeting and actions arising
4. SSE issues
5. Roads (if necessary - subject to NG's action from this meeting)
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Update from the newly appointed Social Events Convener
8. Full calendar for KCC meetings for 2016
9. AOB

Thereupon the meeting concluded.

Lucinda Spicer

Secretary