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EDITOR’S NOTE

Welcome to the latest issue of Strathnairn News – our community magazine! We are keen to ensure that the contents reflect what you would like to read, so if there is anything that you would like to write for us, or send in for inclusion, please contact me on the details below.

If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter electronically, please email me your postal address details, so that we can remove you from the mailing list, and your email address. The newsletter is also available online at www.strathnairn.org.uk

Please be aware that due to the increased amount of content going in to each issue of the newsletter we are changing the deadline to the last Monday of the month. This will give us more time to put each issue together without changing distribution too much.

Next newsletter deadline – Monday 25th March 2019

Please contact Caroline Tucker on 01808 521464 or email caz_mackenzie@hotmail.com

Please note all dates and times published are correct at time of going to print, and please ensure all submissions are non-political and unlikely to offend.

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YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community has a website – www.strathnairn.org.uk where full details are available. There is also a closed group <Strathnairn> on Facebook where useful day to day information is posted. As a closed group access is restricted to locals and once you have visited the page you will need to ask to join. That way your Facebook page will enable you to be notified of any disruptions and late news.

Anyone wishing to raise any matter with the Community Council can contact one of our elected Councillors below.

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SCATA Bus booking 01808 521321
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Strathnairn Community Website www.strathnairn.org.uk
Strathnairn Community Benefit Fund Website www.strathnairncbf.com
WHAT'S ON
FEB '19 - MAR '19

STRATHNAIRN COMMUNITY WOODLANDS AGM
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 7.30PM AT FARR HALL
All welcome.

FARR CONVERSATIONS
FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, AT FARR HALL
We are hosting a family friendly night with Jenny Graham - local super woman & world record breaking adventure cyclist who is just back from her round the world record breaking trip. Come along and hear her talk of her endeavour with humour and humility.
See Eventbrite and Farr Conversations on Facebook / Twitter for more information.

LADIES’ NIGHT
FARR HALL, 1ST MARCH, 7PM ONWARDS
Come along and join The Neil Mackenzie Trust for an evening of fundraising and food & drink!

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
FIND OUT WHO DID IT
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY
A luxurious three-course dinner with wine and drinks included at Farr House on Saturday, 16th March. Price is £100 for dinner, bed and breakfast or just £60 for the dinner alone.
Farr House, Farr, Inverness, IV2 6XB
To reserve tickets please email enquiries@farrestate.co.uk or phone 07904 075361.

STRATHNAIRN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY MEETINGS
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
SATURDAY 2ND MARCH
10AM - 12 NOON AT FARR HALL
All welcome.
STRATHNAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING NO. 266
FARR COMMUNITY HALL • MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2019 at 7.30pm

DRAFT MINUTES

SCC MEMBERS PRESENT
James Murray (Chair) [JM], Peter Christie (Hon. Sec) [PC], Ian Hunt [IH], Isobel McQueer [IM] Dougie Henderson [DH].

HIGHLAND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Cllr Gowans [KG]

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT
PC McGibbon + 1 member of the public.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from S Moore, B Wallace, Cllr Knox, Cllr Caddick, Cllr Jarvie and Cllr Davidson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTE 19 NOVEMBER 2018
Proposed IH Seconded: IM

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
IH advised the CC that as Chair of the Community Benefit Fund he would not take part in discussions relating to the SCBF, unless he deemed it appropriate to do so.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT
PC McGibbon spoke to her report for the period from 17.12.18 – 21.1.19. Of note were 5 fixed penalties, a 2 vehicle RTA (no injuries), 1 count of careless driving, 2 reports of driver behaviour, 1 of drug driving and 1 dog bite to a human. A resident reported a driving incident on 28 December, supported by CCTV, which was appreciated by the Police.

IH hopes to have the registration number of a ROCK vehicle for the next meeting and asked if it was a legal requirement for such vehicles to have front and rear number plates. PC McGibbon undertook to find out. Action: PC McGibbon
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTE

Items from previous matters:

- Item 19 from Feb minute – ROCK vehicles – Covered under Item 4. Action: IH
- Item 12 from May minute – Red Squirrel Kill on Balnafoich Road – One landowner has agreed that a tree in his garden can be used for the rope bridge. JM is trying to find the owner on the other side and a second position is also being investigated. Action: JM
- Item 7c from the August minute – Red John – A Q&A session is taking place on 30th January in Dores Village Hall from 6 - 7.30pm. JM, PC and IM will attend for SNCC. **Action: PC**
- Cllr Jarvie was not present to update on whether he had approached Highland Council to pursue a contribution from Intelligent Land Investments towards roads improvements – this will be brought forward to next meeting **Action: AJ**
- Item 13b from the August minute – restrictions on travel times for logging lorries – Cllr Gowans agreed to contact Highland Council to ask if there is an issue with the lorries using verges and whether Forestry commission make a contribution to roads. Action: KG
- Item 7a from the September minute – Dunlichity Graveyard – Cllr Jarvie established that the HC contact is William Gilfillan. It was agreed SM should contact him. **Action: SM**
- Item 12b from the September minute – Glen Kyllachy Wind Farm Construction Liaison Group Meeting – the next liaison meeting is planned for spring 2019.
- Item 6 from the October minute – Ray Collier memorial fund – the remaining monies have been donated to the Highland Branch of RSPB and action is now complete.
- Item 7 from the November minute – planning applications – a new email address, planning@strathnairncc.com has been set up and emails are directed to IH.
- Item 9 from the November minute – Polling Stations PC had responded to the consultation on behalf of SNCC who prefer the hall be used rather than close the School.
- Item 10 from the November minute – SSE: Have Your Say on Transmission Asset Development - PC responded to the consultation on behalf of SNCC.
- Item 11d) from the November minute – Strategic Environmental Assessment – PC responded on behalf of SNCC.
- Item 11e) from the November minute – WEA initiative to create women’s groups – PC publicised the initiative via the SNCC website and Facebook page.
- Item 11f) from the November minute – Community Council Workshop – PC attended the event which looked at the positives/negatives of CCs and possible improvements.
- Item 11g) from the November minute – Carn na Leirg Forest plan – PC shared the
email with SNCC and no issues were raised.

- Item 12a) from the November minute – Complaint relating to closure of the U1096 (Dunlichity – Essich) -this work is continuing due to poor weather but the complainant had reported improved communications and no further issues.

- Item 14b) from the November minute – Your Voice, Your Council, Your Future – this had been highlighted to the community through the website and Facebook page.

- Item 14e) from the November minute – Pothole near Daviot school – ongoing

6. FINANCIAL REPORT
The balance in the SNCC account stands at £3393.25. JM undertook to find out if S Tilbury’s invoice had been paid. Action: JM

7. PLANNING APPLICATION AND UPDATES
Report from IH on applications

- IH spoke to his report, listing 8 new planning applications:
- Extension and alterations at Bruachan, Daviot. Already agreed
- Change of use of steading to 2 holiday letting units at Farr Main, Farr;
- Alterations to dwelling at Farr Main, Farr. Already agreed.
- Amendment to previous application to reduce footprint and alterations to external appearance at Mid Craggie Farm, Daviot. It was noted that a previous application had been withdrawn and this is a new application.
- Erection of 15 broadband masts at 15 separate locations within the Strathnairn area. This relates to Strathnairn community broadband initiative.
- Upgrading/ formation of private way for timber haulage 570M SW of Hillview, Bunachton. This was a PNO but Highland Council planning department has decided a full planning application is required. This has not yet been received.
- Proposed self-contained unit above existing garage at Strathview House, Achlaschoille, Farr;
- Change of use of part of the building from Use Class 4 to business Use Class 3 Food and drink, formation of openings and roof covering an existing courtyard at North Gateway, Inverness) This relates to the old Tourist Information building off the A9. It was noted that plans include the retention of the existing toilet block for public use, an administration block and a café.

There were also 8 updates relating to the erection of extension and balcony to house and erection of garage at Ben View House Daviot – Agreed; erection of 2 semi-detached houses at Dalvourn Farm, Farr – Agreed; demolition of ruined cottage, erection of 1.5 storey house on land 50M S of Achvraid, Flichity – Agree; change of use of existing buildings to office, use for maintenance of vehicles and fleet vehicles at land 95M NE of Birch View, Daviot – Agreed, resurfacing required; erection of house on land 90M
West of Achbain, Daviot – Withdrawn; extend the duration of operations at Mid Lairgs Quarry, Farr – Agree’ Internal recycling facility on land 95M NE of Birch View, Daviot – Withdrawn’ and erection of shower room at Onaray, Clava, Culloden Moor - Agreed.

8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW
This was covered under Matters Arising.

9. KNOCKNAGAEL TO TOMATIN LIAISON GROUP
The next liaison meeting is due to take place in March 2019

10. SPEEDING ON B851
A complaint had been received from a resident about speeding on the B851 between Daviot and Culloden. It was agreed to seek feedback via the newsletter to establish if other residents were experiencing the same issue. If the problem is more widespread, it might be possible to make an approach to Highland Council to implement speed strips, to erect appropriate signage and, if necessary, to seek a reduction the speed limit on the road. Cllr Gowans undertook to establish the process with Highland Council. It was also noted that the newsletter would provide a good opportunity to remind people about the need to use passing places. **Action: KG/PC**

11. RED SQUIRRELS AT BALNAFOICH CROSS ROADS
This was dealt with under Matters Arising

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
(VIA EMAIL UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE.)


b) The HC Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance now forms part of the Council’s Development Plan.

c) It was noted that the development of new schools and roads is not keeping pace with the development of housing, however the developer contribution has been increased


e) A copy of Highland Senior Citizen’s Winter 2018 Newsletter and also a copy of a Special Newsletter, the latter of which sets out to draw together what we already know about our foundations, the early years from 1995-2005, and a request for help in filling in some gaps in our history.

f) Have your say on proposals to improve walking and cycling links in Inverness city centre during a six week consultation beginning on Thursday 6 December 2018. View and comment on the proposals online at consult.highland.gov.uk before Saturday 19 January 2019.

g) HC have released new Town Centre Health Checks to report on the performance
of town centres across Highland. To make information easier to access they have been published online in an interactive format known as "Story Maps". Link: https://arcg.is/1PyPin

This initiative relates to assessing the strength and health of communities to inform policy over time, but relates more the Inverness city rather than rural communities.

h) Invitation to the official launch of the Open Government Action Plan on Thursday 31st January 2019 in Edinburgh. No one from SNCC is able to attend this event.

13. LIST OF EVENTS, MEETINGS AND DATES FOR ATTENDANCE AND INTEREST.


13. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The member of the public present asked why the potholes at one end of Farr had not been fixed at the same time as the others, which was a matter of funding.

14. AOCB

a) During the presentation about the Dunmaglass sub station SSE had taken the opportunity to notify the CC of a further road closure of the B851 between Nairnside and Leanaich Cross Roads. The diversion will be as the previous closure. Closure dates are 25th Feb to 8th March.

b) IM reported that she had been travelling behind the school bus into Inverness via Leys Brae on 17 January and the road had not been gritted and was very icy. Cllr Gowans undertook to raise the matter with Highland Council if there are other reported instances.

c) Cllr Gowans advised that Highland Council is very busy preparing its budget which is expected to be severe due to a £30million cut.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT CC MEETING [267]

Monday 19th February 2019

The Community Council is required to issue the agenda 7 days before its meeting. To be certain that an item can be included please make sure that it is submitted ten days before our meeting is due to take place.

Copies of this agenda and the minutes of Community Council meetings are circulated by email. If you would like to receive a copy your email address can be added to the circulation list by application to secretary@strathnairncc.com.
STRATHNAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PRESENTATION BY SSE ON DUNMAGLASS SUB STATION
FARR COMMUNITY HALL • MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2019 at 7.00pm

DRAFT MINUTES

SCC MEMBERS PRESENT
James Murray (Chair) [JM], Peter Christie (Hon. Sec) [PC], Ian Hunt [IH], Dougie Henderson [DH].

HIGHLAND COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Cllr Gowans [KG] arrived part way through the presentation but took no part in discussions

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT
1 member of the public.

PRESENT ON BEHALF OF SSE
Lisa Marche-Grains, SSE Community Liaison Officer, Russell Maxwell, Project Manager, Dan Thomas, SSE Networks Environmental Advisor, Max Max Areamia from 3DW.

MINUTES
GH

SSE gave a presentation with visual representation of the planned works at and surrounding Dunmaglass substation. SSE had made alignment proposals which did not find favour with the owner so had to be reviewed, resulting in new plans which mean the relocation of the substation.

During the presentation reference was made to Aberarder Wind-farm which raised a query about whether the wind farm has planning approval. It was the understanding of those SSE personnel present that approval has been received, however IH reported that RES had only made an application for a further 2 years for their mast to gather more data but was not aware of any successful application for the wind farm itself. This point will need to be checked via the Highland Council Planning Department.

**Action: IH**

It was noted that, to date, RES has not engaged with SNCC despite invitations to do so from SNCC, a letter from the leader of Highland Council and an obligation as part of planning requirements. As a result SNCC is likely to submit an objection in principle to the planning application.

SSE continued with their presentation, advising that the proposal will involve the use of steel mono poles rather than the traditional lattice pylons. These are regarded as having a lower environmental impact. Poles are a grey/brown colour and can rise to a height of 24-35 metres above ground.

The plans will be subject to a Town and Country Planning application but also a Section 37 application. The exact height of the poles will not be finalised until the section 37
application has been approved.

Works will require a new access road and bridge improvements for the switching station as well as upgrading of a track, which may require a separate planning application. It is the intention of SSE to submit a planning application later this year with a view to work being completed by August 2020.

The proposed site of the new substation is unlikely to have any visual impact from the B851.

SSE left the meeting at 7:30 to enable those present to have the formal meeting of the Community.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Moray Firth Mobile library comes every 3 weeks and carries a range of adult fiction and non-fiction in standard and large print, children’s books, talking books and DVDs.

Full Information about the mobile routes can be found on the High Life Highland Moray Firth Mobile webpage: http://highlifehighland.com/libraries/moray-firth-mobile-library.

**Mondays (Route 9):** Farr Primary School - Daviot East - Moy - Brookfield - Sunnyside – Balloch

**Dates:** 18 Feb, 11 Mar, 13 May, 03 Jun, 24 Jun, 15 Jul, 05 Aug, 26 Aug, 16 Sep, 07 Oct, 30 Oct, 18 Nov, 09 Dec 2019. There is no service on Easter Monday 22 April 2019.

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**Thursdays (Route 12):** Daviot Primary School - Gorthleck - Stratherrick Primary School - Whitebridge - Errogie - Farr

**Dates:** 31 Jan, 21 Feb, 14 Mar, 04 Apr, 25 Apr, 16 May, 06 Jun, 27 Jun, 18 Jul, 08 Aug, 29 Aug, 19 Sep, 10 Oct, 31 Oct, 21 Nov, 12 Dec 2019

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT DAVIOT HALL

*Monday and Thursday evenings (October to May) – Badminton*

*Tuesday and Friday evenings, 7.30pm – Strathnairn Indoor Bowling Club*

If you would like to book Daviot Hall please contact Christine MacPherson on 01463 772228.
STRATHNAIRN’S LITTLE SILVER BUS

Scottish Charity SCO45251

The days of snowy and icy weather make things a lot more difficult for the residents of Strathnairn, especially more so for those who don’t have access to transport to get out and about. The bus continues to provide transport for Lunch Club, Friendship Group, shopping trips, Medical appointments, visiting family etc. The service continues to be much appreciated by the regular and new users and all made possible with the continued dedication shown by the drivers, who have turned out in all weathers. Traditionally, Tuesdays are shopping days where local residents visit Tesco, P.O. and chemist, all at Inshes. Would you like to join us? Or perhaps another day/shop would suit you better? Give Donna a call on 01808 521321 to discuss.

Transport is provided free, courtesy of Strathnairn Community Benefit Fund, for those residents entitled to a Bus Pass.

To extend our service, we are always on the lookout to welcome additional drivers, so if anyone has any spare time to help – even only now and again – Phone Donna on 01808 521321 to discuss.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT FARR HALL

Throughout the year and during school term-time there are regular weekly activities taking place in the Hall as follows:

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If you wish to book the football pitch, a room, or the whole Hall please call Maggie on 01808 521346
CARE IN STRATHNAIRN

HANDYMAN SERVICES
If you live in the Strathnairn Community Council area and are disadvantaged by age, illness, disability or social circumstances then you are eligible to use our Handyman Services.

Derek Rose is happy to discuss with you anything that you feel might need doing. The kind of small jobs you used to tackle yourself but now need a little help with. As a former policeman he can also advise on home security and safety issues that might be worrying you. All works carried out by Derek are free of charge, you only have to pay for any materials. If the job is outside Derek’s expertise he will be happy to help you find a local tradesman to help. Give Derek a ring to make sure you stay on top of those little jobs. Derek Rose (07800) 796106 or (01463) 772240

FRIENDSHIP GROUP
The Friendship Group continue to enjoy their regular outings in and around the Inverness area for good conversation over a bite to eat at lunchtime. The Group meets every other Wednesday, dates below, 11am at Farr Hall or Derek, our driver will pick you up at home. Please remember that all outings are weather permitting over the winter. Derek will make the call and let you know if he needs to cancel.

- February 13th and 27th
- March 13th and 27th
- April 10th and 24th
- May 8th and 22nd

Ring Derek on (07800) 796106 or (01463) 772240 if you would like to join us for a friendly outing.

UPDATED BUS TIMETABLE
Unfortunately due to space constraints in the last issue of the newsletter we were unable to squeeze in the updated bus timetable. Instead, Please find enclosed the most up to date bus timetable (at time of going to print) for all services serving Strathnairn. Please also be aware that Stagecoach have now taken over the D&E routes to and from Whitebridge. The times are the same as the D&E service and form Stagecoach services 14 and 14A – further details can be found on the Stagecoach website.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR POST OFFICE!
We have a visiting post office that comes to Farr Hall every Thursday afternoon between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. It offers a variety of services, full details of which can be found using www.postofficesnearme.com and entering ‘Farr’ in the Keyword box and ‘Inverness’ in the location. If we do not use this vital service, we will risk losing it.
STRATHNAIRN 55+ LUNCH CLUB NEWS

In January St. Paul’s Church Hall Croachy was our Lunch Club venue once again. This time it was for our Burns Lunch and 23 people joined us which was great. There was just enough haggis! By the time this goes to print we will have enjoyed our February Lunch again at St. Paul’s Church Hall. The newly refurbished Farr Community Hall will be in use again by March so we look forward to our March Lunch on Friday 8th in very smart surroundings.

We are very grateful to The Rev Kathy Collins for allowing us to use St. Paul’s Church Hall while we were ‘homeless’ – it was a fantastic solution and we have really enjoyed our cosy lunches there. Thank you.

Here is the usual reminder that we meet the 2nd Friday of the month at 12.30 p.m. usually at Farr Community Hall. Could you please let us know by the Tuesday of the week of the Lunch Club if you are UNABLE to come by phoning Barbara Collins on 01808 521334. Christina Murray’s tel.no. is 01808 521205. If you need to use the SCATA bus do phone Donna on 521321.

Christina, Karen, Moira, Barbara, Ria, Fiona and Liz

*My sincere apologies to Roger Snowden for giving him the wrong name in our December news – I blame the pre-Christmas rush!*

STRATHNAIRN MUSIC INITIATIVE

GROUP MUSIC SESSIONS

We have had a busy first half of our academic term 2018/19, with 66 students continuing with learning to play various musical instruments or attending the Fun Music Session.

We now have space for any Strathnairn youngsters wishing to come along and join in with the Fun Music Session, which is led by the fantastic music teacher, Monica Neeling.

The sessions are for children from the
age of three, and as well as being fun and educational, the music sessions are a great way to prepare your young child for later learning of an instrument - their musicality will be very natural.

The sessions include: singing, musical games, poems, percussion instrument playing, movement to live and recorded music, and dance.

The children will learn: keeping a beat, singing in pitch, the difference in fast / slow, high / low, and loud / quiet.

These sessions also help increase children’s confidence and self-esteem, social skills, help improve their language skills, creativity and coordination.

Come and join in the fun! The classes run each Tuesday during term time, from 4pm to 4.30pm, at Farr Primary School, and cost £3 per week.

Contact the Strathnairn Music Initiative to find out how to join in: strathnairnmusicinitiative@gmail.com, or call Fran on 01808 521218.

ST PAUL’S CHURCH

As I write this it is there was another light snowfall last night followed by a lovely sunrise and though it really feels as if we have only just cleared up after Christmas, Easter eggs and hot cross buns are already in the shops! During the next couple of months, the Sunday service will continue to be at the usual time of 11.00am. Since the next Strathnairn News is not due out until immediately before Easter, details of services for Lent and Easter are as follows:

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We are also looking forward to a visit from Farr School a couple of weeks before Easter and we continue to plan for our 150-year celebrations over the summer months.

Please go to the website www.stpaulsstrathnairn.co.uk to check for updates, especially if we have heavy snow, and also as we go firm on dates for the 150 year celebration events.

As always everyone is welcome at any or all our services, so we look forward to meeting you when you come to share some time with us.
THE NEIL MACKENZIE TRUST

With more and more grants being awarded in both outdoor skills training and expedition grants we are turning our thoughts to fundraising, again. Following a successful “Ladies Night” in Autumn 2017 we are holding another on 1st March, in Farr Hall. It will follow a similar pattern, but this time, as Cheese and Tomatin are unable to come that night, we are asking you to bring along some buffet food to share. There will be no charge for entry, a glass of Prosecco & soup will be provided, and there will be plenty to spend your money on (visit our Facebook page and see posters locally for details)! We will have some cards, knitted items, some woodturning and of course a Raffle in aid of the Trust. Men are not excluded but we will be holding an event, hopefully, later in March, with the men in mind! Watch out for posters and on facebook for date and venue.

For more information on The Neil Mackenzie Trust visit www.theneilmackenzietrust.com where you will find some cards for sale with local winter scenes, and to support the Trust when you buy from Amazon, visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk.
SSEN UPDATE

Construction works in and around your area – Safety is our number one value at Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN).

We ask that you please remain vigilant of signage or direction around the construction works and do not enter our working areas.

OVERHEAD LINE

Forty five towers have been erected. We have also started pulling conductors and completed a 25 span length from Farr Hill to Farr Village. Foundation works for the new 275kV OHL are complete. Foundations are progressing on three of the twelve additional 132 kV towers for the diversion works at Tomatin. Access roads along the route are complete for the construction of both the 275kV OHL and diverted 132kV diversion into Tomatin substation. Works have now started on removing stone compounds and fences where foundation and tower construction has been completed.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The road improvements required to deliver the project as agreed with The Highland Council (THC) on the B851, U116 and Essich Road are now complete.

The design of the proposed footpath in Farr village has been completed by THC. It has been agreed with THC that they will manage the delivery of the new section of footpath. The works are currently programmed to start in spring 2019. The Contract for the works is due to go out to tender in February. We will keep you informed of start dates once the contract has been awarded.

BE THE DIFFERENCE DAY

Since the launch of SSE’s volunteering programme we have helped over 2,500 projects, with our big-hearted employees dedicating their time to projects that matter to the communities where we live and work. All colleagues are encouraged to “Be the Difference” by volunteering a day in the form of skills-based assistance, painting, DIY, gardening and even school visits. If you have a project in mind that you think we could help out with please contact Community Liaison Manager – Louise Anderson on 07384 454233 or louise.anderson@sse.com who will provide you with further information.

KEY CONTACTS

If you have any concerns or queries regarding the works in your area, please do not hesitate to contact;

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Janis Tapley
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COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

The next CLG is the 5th of March 2019. The CLG comprises of representatives from the local community, representatives from Strathnairn Community Council, Councillors of Inverness South and project representatives from Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc and the Principle Contractor MSVE. Meetings will take place at regular intervals to discuss any matters relating to the Knocknagael – Tomatin project during the construction period.

The project has a dedicated website at - www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/knocknagael-tomatin
HOW TO SPOT WILDLIFE CRIME

Did you know Strathnairn has their very own Wildlife Crime Officer? Our Editor caught up with Elliot Anderson-Carroll to find out about what Wildlife Crime is and what you should look out for.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE POLICE?
I’ve been in the Police for just over 12 years.

I’ve been a Response Officer for all of my 12 years, 9 years between Aviemore and Nairn, covering the Badenoch, Strathspey and Nairn area, and most recently I’ve been based in Inverness. As well as being a Response Officer I also specialise in Wildlife Crime, which is a fantastic thing to do in this part of the world, as there is such an abundance of wildlife.

WHAT DOES THE WILDLIFE CRIME SPECIALISM INVOLVE?
I’m a point of contact on the shift. Because it is such a specialised area of crime, I’ve had training to understand the basic legislation and the types of crimes involved within wildlife crime, so therefore if one of the other officers on shift comes across a wildlife crime I can either take that crime on and investigate it and become the lead investigator on that particular case, or they can investigate and use me as a resource to advise and assist them.

HOW MANY OF YOU ARE THERE IN THE WILDLIFE CRIME TEAM?
In Burnett Road, on the team I am on, there are 3 police officers trained in Wildlife Crime across a 5 shift pattern. We report to the Wildlife Crime Lead, and that is his sole job – he doesn’t deal with any response calls as such. Then there is the Wildlife Crime Inspector who oversees the Wildlife Crime Lead. It is all about supporting each other, learning from each other and using the resources we have to get the best result we can.

WHAT CLASSIFIES AS WILDLIFE CRIME?
Pretty much any illegal activity involving wildlife.

It could be illegal setting of traps, dealing with poisoning, trapping or shooting of birds of prey, or poaching - any kind of cruelty towards wild animals, birds or fish.

It's a huge area with lots of legislation involved. We’re all still learning, and need to refer to books and other more experienced officers on a regular basis! For instance, I may have dealt with a particular case and researched an area that another officer may not have, so I can assist in a similar case if it were to come up.

HOW COMMON ARE WILDLIFE CRIME CASES?
Wildlife crime has always been around. If you think of the classics such as poaching, hair coursing and badger baiting, they’ve
been around since time immemorial. They’ve always been there, but these days people talk about things a lot more, and it’s easier to access information. When there’s a press release, it goes out onto social media, so it gets talked about and shared and the response is immediate, and it also gets seen by more people. It is an emotive subject too. It interests people and they are passionate about it, so it tends to get discussed widely.

**HOW OFTEN DO PROSECUTIONS HAPPEN?**

The big difficulty is gathering evidence. We have to gather sufficient evidence in the correct manner in order to successfully prosecute someone.

We can suspect, we can even know who has done it, but gathering sufficient evidence and proving it in a court of law is the difficult bit. We investigate many cases and it is really frustrating from a police point of view to spend all this time investigating, noting statements and even sending off animals for forensic testing (which I’ve done on several occasions), and knowing a crime has been committed but that there is insufficient evidence to prosecute. Even if we do have enough evidence to charge it can then go to court and we may not secure a conviction, which is frustrating, but as police officers we have to work within the law. None of us are above the law, and we are all held accountable for our actions, which is how it should be.

**IS THERE ANY WAY THAT YOU CAN IMPROVE THE CHANCES OF SECURING A CONVICTION?**

Early reporting of crimes is very important. The sooner we have a suspected incident reported to us and we can get to gather the evidence the better. What I would say is that if anyone sees something that they suspect is a wildlife crime, then contact the police as soon as possible and give accurate details of where it’s occurred, any descriptions of individuals or vehicles – registration numbers are a fantastic piece of evidence – and be clear and concise with any information you can give. Phone it in at your earliest opportunity, this enables us to get there as early as possible and hopefully gather the freshest and the best evidence. This means that we are more likely to secure a conviction and it also gives the perpetrator of the crime less time to clean up and remove evidence.

**WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE LOOK OUT FOR WHEN IT COMES TO WILDLIFE CRIME?**

In Strathnairn we’re all familiar with what’s ‘normal’ countryside activity. We should all be fairly aware of who is able to shoot on a certain patch of land, and who has the rights to fish a bit of river for example. Many of our local community members are very keen on local wildlife, and that is how it should be. If you see someone you don’t recognise doing something odd, or doing something you feel they shouldn’t be then have a look and study the individual – get a description. If there’s a vehicle, get a registration number, and call it in. It’s about starting the evidence gathering process. It may turn out, and often is the case, that there isn’t anything unusual and the farmer has given a friend or relative permission to be there, or has a new pest controller. In which case, gathering that description is not a problem – it doesn’t cause any harm.

**ILLEGAL VERSUS LEGAL TRAPS – WHAT SHOULD WE LOOK OUT FOR?**

Legal traps will usually be set on Estate land. A trap should always have an excluder around it, like a cage or a box
of some sort to exclude what are classed as ‘non-target species’ – for example if the trap is being set for a stoat or a weasel, the hole into the trap should only be big enough to allow access to a stoat or a weasel, thus preventing injury to other species, like dogs, cats or birds of prey. A trap should never be placed out in the open. If a trap is placed out in the open for any animal to go into it then that is illegal. Snares and Larson traps (these are a bigger cage-type trap that catch live birds or animals) should have a telephone number and reference number of the trap licence holder and bigger traps should also have a contact number for the police so that you can check that it is appropriately set. Where there is a trap with live bait, such as a decoy bird, the decoy bird should always have appropriate shelter and food and water. There should be no carcasses left in traps. It’s all about being responsible, and not putting any animals through any more trauma than they have to.

- If you find any of the following then call the Police:
  - Any snare or other type of trap that isn’t appropriately staked down
  - Any older style traps that are now illegal
  - Any traps that have not been properly maintained.

There is no harm in giving us a call to check whether or not a trap is appropriate anyway, we would rather check to find out that everything is ok than to miss illegal activity. Sometimes the traps can be set appropriately, but there could be minor irregularities – in these cases we will work with the landowners to bring their trapping processes up to standard.

**IN TERMS OF POACHING, WHAT SHOULD WE LOOK OUT FOR?**

Report any suspicious activity to the police. For example, I worked on a case where a gentleman found grallach (deer innards) on his ground. He gave the police a call and I came out to see him and took a look. We investigated it as a crime, but unfortunately we didn’t have sufficient evidence to identify a suspect at that time, but even though we don’t have enough evidence for that case it’s a useful intelligence gathering process. If we are aware that this sort of behaviour is happening, we can put patrols in place. If you have had unauthorised activity on your land, or you know of someone who has then give us a call. If there isn’t any evidence, we can still use the intelligence gathered to build a picture of activities in the area and when there is sufficient evidence available, it can then be used to secure a conviction.

Police Scotland has recently invested a lot of resources into training more officers in
Wildlife Crime. We need the support of local communities, such as ours, along with the Estates and Estate employees to successfully combat wildlife crime. If you see anything suspicious please contact us on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

**Further information can be found at [www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-wildlife-crime](http://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/report-wildlife-crime)**

This is an excerpt from a longer interview done with Elliot, you can read the full article at [www.albacvs.co.uk/5-minutes-with-elliot-anderson-carroll](http://www.albacvs.co.uk/5-minutes-with-elliot-anderson-carroll)

### HIGHLAND COUNTRY DIARIES

Our Editor has recently come into possession of a copy of Ray’s book ‘Highland Country Diaries’, and we are pleased to have received permission to serialise it in the newsletter.

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**INVERNESS**  
**9TH JANUARY 1996**

A telephone caller queried why animals had spent the night in a hut circle just north of Inverness where tracks in the snow indicated that a large number of animals had been involved. The caller thought they might be deer and when I walked the fields later that day I found many tracks converging on the stones but I was not prepared for what I found. There were many tracks within the circle of stones but then immediately next to a huge stone several feet high and across and about 6 in (15cm) thick was an amazing sight. For about three-quarters of an acre there were so many tracks that I could not find a 6 in (15cm) square devoid of tracks or droppings. All the tracks were made by brown hares – the altitude is too low for mountain hares – and it was obvious that a large number of hares had been involved.

Reference books mention that elsewhere gatherings of brown hares have been seen in the past with up to 40 animals involved. The mystery is why such gatherings take place, although one suggestion is that it gives the males the chance to show off to the females. But this gathering took place with 8 in (20cm) of snow on the ground and it was obvious that the hares had travelled some distance for whatever ceremony was involved. Brown hares are so mysterious that I would not be surprised if the location had something to do with the ancient hut circle but there may be a simpler explanation. If you took away local conifer plantations then from the raised mound on which the hut circle stood there would be commanding views of the strath. This would enable hares to see each other moving towards the site and once they were there any predators such as foxes could be seen from a long way off. In such deep snow hare tracks are one of the few that can be recognised; badgers are another as their short legs mean that their chests form a broad furrow between their footprints.
FEATURED RECIPES

sent in by Christina Murray

If you would like to see your favourite recipe in the Newsletter, please email it to the Editor.

GLAZED LEMON PEPPER CHICKEN

Gas 7, 200C
25-30 mins

INGREDIENTS
4 skinless chicken breast
4 tabs clear honey
1 lemon finely grated zest and juice
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tabs Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS
Marinate all the above for at least 2 hours or overnight.
When required put chicken and marinade in ovenproof dish and cook as above.
LOCAL WALKS

FEBRUARY’S FEATURED WALK IS THE FLICHITY CIRCULAR

Grid Reference: (NH664282)

Distance: 10.5km (including 1.5km back along the road to your starting point)

At first sight the forest above Flichity appears to be typical of the commercial conifer plantations (in this case a mixture to Japanese Larch, Lodgepole Pine and Sitka Spruce) which are so often fairly featureless and planted so densely that they offer little in the way of habitat for wildlife or interest for humans, however, here nothing could be further from the truth.

The forest has been very sympathetically laid out when it was planted with a large and varied network of breaks and open spaces which often give you the urge to just have a look around the next corner to see what is there. For much of this walk, despite being in a forest, there are good views, particularly to the West over Loch Ruthven and onto the hills around Loch Ness as well as the upper part of StrathNairn. The upper edges of the forest gradually thin out and the trees become smaller and stunted as they reach up towards Carn Glac an Eich and Carn na Saobhaidh giving a much more pleasing forest edge than the hard lines you sometimes see and contrasts well with the imposing feeling that an area of large trees just above Mains of Flichity gives.

There are a large number of Sika deer in this forest and their haunting whistles during rutting season can give the forest quite a different character particularly at
twilight. A number of areas of broad leave trees have been planted but sadly very few of them have survived the predations of the deer although there are some surviving particularly around the Flichity burn. As with many parts of the Strath it is common to be able to look down on Red Kites (at this time of year they are often to be seen scavenging on dead pheasants left after shoots on the lower ground) and eagles are occasionally seen on the hills above.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Follow the unsurfaced road that heads south from the B851, after around 1km the valley opens out to reveal the crofting township of Achvraid.

Shortly before the last group of croft buildings turn left through a gate in the deer fence and ford the river (normally no problem but take care after heavy rain) before going through another gate into the forest.

Follow the rough landrover track up alongside the river which is cut deeply into the hillside.

At the top of this track you will meet an excellent forest road, turn left along this and it will wind its way gradually downhill to Mains of Flichity, as you leave the forest go straight across the cross roads and you will shortly arrive back on the B851.

Most of this route is ideal for cycling although many cyclists choose to go in the opposite direction and a little care is needed on the section above Achvraid.

**OS LANDRANGER 26 (INVERNESS AND LOCH NESS)**

To the best of our knowledge, each walk we feature is suitable for varied abilities and can be used for cycling, running and horseriding as well as walking.

Please remember to follow the Outdoor Access Code when enjoying our countryside – further details can be found at www.outdooraccess-scotland.com. If you have a particular favourite route that you would like to see included, please contact The Editor.

**Map courtesy of Ordnance Survey.**

**Apologies – December’s featured walk was the Dalvourn Nature Trails. We mistakenly added that these walks were suitable for horseriders and cyclists. Unfortunately, the paths are too narrow for such users, and in places the terrain is uneven, so may also be unsuitable for the less mobile.**

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**DAVIOT & DUNLICHITY CHURCH**

A happy and blessed New Year to everybody! I know that the new year seems a long time ago already, but on behalf of Daviot and Dunlichity Church I would like to wish everyone a good 2019.

2018 was a year of ups and downs – as usual – but we experienced some extraordinary and encouraging times. We now look forward to 2019 and what we are being called to do in this beautiful strath. We know we need not fear the unknowns in moving forward – and 2019 will be a year of unknowns and uncertainties for everyone given the political climate – but we have the assurance of Christ with us, helping us through.

**So to everybody – have a great 2019!**
STRATHNAIRN COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2018

The November 2018 Board Meeting was held on 26th November in Farr Community Hall. There were two apologies from Board Members.

GRANT ACTIVITY

The table below shows the grants that were approved at these Board meetings.

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OTHER BUSINESS

- In total, 23 Energy Grants have been approved in the 18/19 Financial Year to date.
- It was agreed that the award level for Energy Grants should remain at £220 for 2019.
- 42 membership applications were approved, bringing total membership to 105.
- Financial statements for the year 2017/18 were approved.
- Six applications to become a Director of SCBF were received prior to the advertised deadline. This means that no election is required, and these new Directors will be appointed at the AGM on the 13th December 2018.
- As vacant Board places remain, further applications can be considered.
- Updates were received on progress relating to the Farr Community Hall refurbishment and Strathnairn.NET.
- An update was received on the inaugural meeting of the Strathnairn Development Company. The Board expressed their support for the SDC concept.
- The Directors due to retire at the AGM were thanked for their contribution to SCBF.
2019 GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES:

For more information on Strathnairn Community Benefit Fund and the Grants that are available, our contact details are as follows:

Website: www.strathnairncbf.com; Facebook: www.facebook.com/strathnairncbf;
E-mail address: cosec@strathnairncbf.com; Tel: 07858 688355;
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BUILDING UP TO A STANDARD – NOT DOWN TO A PRICE

Edward Mackay are currently working together with MSVE Transmission on behalf of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks’ (SSEN) to deliver the Knocknagael to Tomatin OHL Project.

The Knocknagael-Tomatin project has been in development since 2012 with works on site commencing at the end of 2017. The project will see the construction of a new 275kV overhead line between an existing substation at Knocknagael to a new substation in Glen Kyllachy.

Edward Mackays undertake a variety of works in Scotland including:-

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- Haulage
- Quarrying
- Utilities
- Plant hire
- Forestry and Estate works
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