

STRATHNAIRN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**GENERAL MEETING NUMBER 267 IN FARR
COMMUNITY HALL 7.30 pm**

MONDAY 18th February 2019

MINUTES

SNCC Members Present – James Murray (Chair) [JM], Peter Christie (Hon. Sec) [PC], Ian Hunt [IH], Bea Wallace [BW].

Members of Public Present – Sgt. MacLean + 1 member of the public.

Minutes GH

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from S Moore, D Henderson, I MacQueer Cllr Knox, Cllr Caddick, Cllr Jarvie and Cllr Davidson.

2. Approval of Minute 19 November 2018

BW noted that the previous minute stated that actions in respect of the Ray Collier fund were complete, however not all actions are concluded as yet.

Proposed IH Seconded PC

The minute from the SSE presentation on 21st January was also discussed and it was noted that there had been an expectation of a report back from SSE following their meeting with RES regarding Aberarder wind farm. PC will follow up. **Action: PC**

Proposed IH Seconded PC

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

Sgt MacLean spoke to the report for the period from the last meeting until 7.2.19. Of note was a road traffic collision, no injuries sustained. Sgt Maclean also updated the CC on issues from 7 to 18 February. Of note was an instance of someone driving at 96mph and a road traffic collision. In addition, there was one count of dishonesty involving the theft of 500L of heating oil from Bunachton, which is still being investigated.

Two complaints were raised by SNCC on behalf of the community – a complaint from the Parent's Council of instances of speeding past Farr primary school, and 2 complaints of speeding on the B851 Daviot to Culloden section. There had also been a Facebook post on 17 February noting 3 cars parked at Tomfat Wood bend in a dangerous position.

IH asked Sgt MacLean it was a legal requirement for tractors to have front and rear number plates. Sgt MacLean undertook to have an answer for the next CC meeting.

Action: Sgt MacLean

5. Matters arising from Minute

Items from previous matters:

Item 4 from January 2019 minute – ROCK vehicles – IH has a partial number plate and will confirm for the next meeting. **Action: IH**

Item 12 from May minute – Red Squirrel Kill on Balnafoich Road – Two landowners have now agreed that a tree in their gardens can be used for the rope bridge.

Action: JM

Item 7c from the August minute – Red John – covered under item 7b.

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.

Action: AJ

Item 13b from the August minute – restrictions on travel times for logging lorries – Cllr Gowans was not present to update on contact with Highland Council regarding lorries using verges and whether Forestry commission make a contribution to roads.

Action: KG

Item 7a from the September minute – Dunlichity Graveyard – SM and Cllr Jarvie were not present to provide an update.

Action: SM

Item 6 from the October minute – Ray Collier memorial fund – the remaining monies have not been presented to the Highland Branch of RSPB but the cheque is ready to send.

Action: BW

Item 10 from the January 2019 minute – speeding on the B851 – IM has sourced comprehensive guidance on driving on single track roads. It was suggested that the author should be contacted to establish if it would be agreeable to them to spread the article over 2 newsletter editions

Action: JM/PC

Item 14a from the January 2019 minute – SSE presentation – it was noted the reference should be to “switching station” not “substation”.

6. Financial Report

Funds stand at £3328.25. Separately, the Ray Collier fund stands at £140; this amount is to be donated to RSPB. It was noted that the accounts are due at the end of March

7. Planning Application and updates

a) Report from IH on applications

IH spoke to his report, listing 4 new planning applications: erection of 2 holiday cabins at Solas, Farr; erection of house and garage on land West of Windyhills, Achlaschoille, Farr; erection of house on land south & west of the Artist's Cottage, Farr; and an internal recycling facility at Lairgandour, Daviot. There were no comments on these other than to note that the final one had previously been objected to by SNCC and withdrawn. SNCC has resubmitted its objection to this latest application.

There were also 6 updates relating to an amendment to reduce footprint and alterations to external appearance at Mid Craggie Farm, Daviot (Agreed); alterations to dwelling at Farr Mains, Farr (Agreed); extension and alterations at Bruachan, Daviot (Agreed); erection of house at steading north of Beachan, Farr (Withdrawn); proposed self-contained unit above existing garage at Strathview House, Achlaschoille, Farr (Agreed); and erection of 3 camping pods at Mac Lodge, Upper Faillie, Daviot (Agreed).

b) Red John

PC reported on the developer's public meeting which had taken place at Dores Hall.

Concerns about increased traffic have been taken away by the developer for further consideration.

Cllr Davidson has arranged a meeting on Wednesday 20th February with Stratherick & Foyers; Essich and Dore; Home and Strathnairn Community Councils, to discuss planning conditions with Mark Clough, Senior Engineer from EDI (Planning), and Colin Ross, Engineer from Community Services (Roads). PC and JM or IH will attend. Red John will be expected to make a contribution to road improvements in mitigation of the disruption to the Community for the increase in heavy goods traffic. -In consultation with the community, a wish list of items for consideration has been produced.

The list included improvement of forward visibility and passing places between Inverarnie and the A9. It was noted that Highland Council may wish to make this twin track but this is not desirable as it could become an alternative to the A82.

It was agreed to add a point relating to the stretch of road at Croft Croy, where there is an issue of visibility with traffic approaching from the left. It was noted that the development had originally been 6 houses but was now 12, with up to 24 cars. PC will pursue this issue with Colin Ross at Highland Council, who is already aware.

Action: PC

It was noted that one item was the possible replacement of the humpback bridge at Flichity; however, it is currently fit for purpose with passing places either side. Should there be a need to strengthen or replace the bridge to accommodate Aberarder wind farm or Red John traffic, this was a separate matter for Highland Council and the developers.

The list following this discussion and submitted to HC was

- | Completion of the Traffic calming scheme for Farr and Inverernie including improving the visibility on the blind accesses at Tordarroch and Croft Croy.
- | A traffic calming scheme for Croachy.
- | Improvement of the forward visibility and passing opportunities on the B851 between the A9 and Inverernie.
- | Completion. North and South, of the improvements at Sochiech Bends.
- | Improvement of the forward visibility and passing opportunities on the B851 between Brin Old School House and the stone bridge at Flichity.

A report was made regarding a burst water main which had been repaired by Scottish Water, however the repair had not left the road in a good condition and there is a drop which requires attention. PC will report to the roads Department at Highland Council.

Action: PC

8. Knocknagael to Tomatin Liaison Group

The next liaison meeting is due to take place on 5 March 2019. A notification had been received on the day of the CC meeting regarding the erection of scaffolding in connection with the restringing of wires from Fearnach to Dunlichity.

9. A9 1291 Daviot Old

The management strategy for the old road bridge across the River Nairn is being revised by Bear, with demolition a possible option. It was agreed to seek views from the community through Facebook and the website, with comments to be received by 18 March 2019.

10. Ideas regarding potential use of a Development Officer by SNCC

Possible uses for a DO could be to follow up on items of CC business, to identify alternative funding sources, to deal with contractors, to develop cold weather plans. JM will respond to the Development Trust. **Action: JM/PC**

11. Red Squirrels at Balnafoich Cross Roads

This was covered under Matters Arising.

12. Correspondence received. (*via email unless indicated otherwise.*)

- a) – Consultation from Bear Scotland regarding a proposal to demolish the redundant bridge over R Nairn adjacent to the current A9 river crossing. Covered under item 9
- b) – HC reporting a new website ‘proudly supporting those who serve’

13. List of Events, Meetings and dates for attendance and interest.

- a) – K-T Liaison Group – 5th March. Covered under item 8.

14. Questions from members of the Public.

There were no questions.

14. AOCB

- a) BW asked about the planned press day related to Ray Collier. PC will be organising within the next couple of weeks. **Action: PC**
- b) It was noted with sadness that Tony Kell had passed away. The SNCC formally wished to record its appreciation for Mr Kell’s service to the community, most notably in being an original member of the Benefits Committee and a prime mover in the successful campaign to secure a rejection for the Daviot wind farm. The SNCC’s sympathies are extended to his widow and family.

15. Date of the next CC Meeting [268] – Monday 18th March 2019

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The meeting ended at 8.50pm.