

STRATHNAIRN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Meeting Number 309

Farr Hall

7.30pm

MONDAY 19 June 2023

Draft Minutes



Present:

SNCC Members: Phil MacKintosh (PM, Chair), Neil Spence (NS, Hon Sec), Ian MacLean (IM, Treasurer), Ian Hunt (IH), James Murray (JM), Jonny Porteous (JP), Tim Rose (TR),

HC Members: Cllr Chris Ballance (CB), Cllr D MacPherson

Associate Member: Allan Martin (AM)

Members of the Public: 6. Neil Dawson (ND), Ewen Hardie (EH)

1. Apologies

Cllr David Fraser (DF), Lorna McConachie (LM, Minutes)

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 17th April 2023: Proposed (IH), Seconded (TR).

3. Declaration of Interest

IH advised the CC that as a member of the Community Benefit Fund he would not take part in discussions relating to the SCBF unless he deemed it pertinent to do so. PM declared his interest relating to Farr Hall refurbishments. TR advised he was a Board Member of the Heritage Association.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

5. Community Policing Report and local issues

Latest report was noted.

6. Financial Report

The current balance is £5538.80. Outgoings £65.00 pending for minutes.

7. Planning Application and updates

a) New

- i. Demolition of cottage, erection of house Balnafroig, Midcraggie Farm, Daviot, Inverness Listed week 15th May, Validated 21st May, Comments by 30th. June

b) Updated

- i. Installation of rooflights 4 Leanach Cottages, Culloden Moor, Inverness. IV2 5EH Listed week 24th April, Validated 24th April, Comments by 11th May. **Agreed**
- ii. Erection of extension. Pine Lodge, Inverarnie. Farr, Inverness. IV2 6XA Listed week 20th March, Validated 21st March, Comments by 21st April. **Agreed**
- iii) Retrospective application for the construction of the tracks to access the

Knocknagael-Tomatin 275kw Over Head Line, Land 1185M West of Knotty Wood Cottage, Farr Listed week 4th October, Validated 5th October, Comments by 12th November. **Agreed.** (Conditions were attached to this and with timescales attached which should be monitored to ensure compliance.)

iv) New application for house and 2 glamping pods at Achlasnschoile, Balnafoich
It was agreed that the Community Council would object to this application as it was against the planning policy for the area.

8. Windfarms

Aberarder: A meeting has been requested as SSEN has already contacted Stratherick and Foyers Community Council.

9. Red John Hydro Scheme

No further information forthcoming.

10. Strathnairn Development Company (SDC) (ND)

- Farr Gala run in conjunction with FANS was a success and will be built on for next years event with the date to be confirmed.
- More events will be held this year in conjunction with local groups. A meeting of local community groups is being planned.
- The employment of the Community Development Officer was discontinued at the end of the probationary period, The vacant post will be advertised with a revised job and role description. It is hoped to have the post filled by September. SDC to provide a provisional timetable for the recruitment process.

11. Strathnairn Community Benefit Fund

- SDC to return CDO and event funding
- Consultation with SCBF members on investment fund had apoor response but those replying agreed with the strategy.
- Funding is available for the proposed Community Hub pending community agreement on the site and facilities to be included

Farr Hall is expected to submit application for Phase 3 of the hall development

12. Community Halls

- a) Strathnairn Hall: Requires new board members.
- b) Farr Community Hall (DM)
 - At recent AGM there were no changes to the board but more members are required to strengthen the board
 - Community Café is planned
 - Mobile Library to visit commencing 28/06/2023 and 4 weekly thereafter, books can be left and collected from the hall and books can be requested on-line from the library service
 - Additional microphone for the video conferencing system is to be requested

13. Strathnairn Website and Newsletter

Yellow Cherry has been selected as the preferred supplier/developer with an initial meeting by end of June. Information on current community group websites is to be collected. **Action: IM.** It is hoped that we can avoid duplication and all community group websites will be accessed from one site with the new site in place by the end of 2023.

14. Road works and Road Safety

- a) Feedback had been requested from the community on road safety and condition and responses has been forwarded to Highland Council.
- b) Options to improve the sightlines for exiting the school are to be investigated.
- c) Lisa McKerracher, Road Safety Officer, THC is to report on risks in Strathnairn.
- d) The use of chicanes and raised tabled to help control traffic speed is to be investigated.
- e) Prior to future wind turbine transport the Chief Inspector (Road Traffic) and the Safety officer at THC will be involved.
- f) Quotation to be sought for 2-3 cut out policemen for use at speeding blackspots.
Action IM.

15. Correspondence received. (via email unless indicated otherwise.)

- a) – SCBF – Summary Minutes of recent meetings.
- b) – SSEN – Response re Private Water Supply at Blar Buidhie
- c) – Forestry and Land Scotland – Meallmore Moy and Farr LTFP.
- d) – Highland Council – Development Plans Newsletter.
- e) – Daniel Goodwin – Road safety at Balnafoich Brae.
- f) – Highland Council – Flichity Bridge replacement.
- g) – Scottish Community Councils – May Newsletter
- h) – Inverness Cycle Club – Time trial events, Dunmaglass to Farr (01/06, 29/06, 13/07, 17/08, 31/08 From 1900 – 2030)
- i) – SSEN – Update on noise issues at Milton of Farr.
(107 e-mails received, 47 e-mails sent. 08/05/2023- 11/06/2023)

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

Nil

17. Questions from members of the Public.

- a) Ewen Hardie obtained quote for new defibrillator signs and will forward .
- b) Noticeboard at Croachy to be moved when renewed.

18. AOCB

Nil

Next Meeting – Monday 21st August 2023.

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PM thanked all for their contribution, and the meeting closed at 21.30hrs

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