**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 7:30 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

**Present:** Nigel Ellis (Chair), Ian Campbell, Brad Collins, Kay Graham, Alan Hood, Paul Stirling, Annette Sutherland

**Apologies:** Cllr Helen Carmichael and Cllr Emma Knox.

**In Attendance:** Cllr George Cruickshank, Cllr Margaret Davidson and five members of the public.

1. Nigel Ellis took the Chair, noted that all the Community Councillors were present, welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open. It was noted in the Agenda for this meeting that the minutes of the 2016 AGM had previously been approved and that there had been no matters arising.
2. Chairperson’s Report for the Year Ended March 31st 2017: Mr Ellis presented his report which is attached as part of these minutes.
3. Accounts for the Year Ended March 31st 2017: The Accounts had been approved by the Community Council at its meeting on May 10th 2017 and signed by the Independent Examiner on June 5th 2017. It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Accounts be adopted and the Secretary was asked to send a copy to The Highland Council.
4. Election of Officers: Mr Ellis noted that the incumbent officers had all declared themselves to be available for reselection and that any other nominations would be considered. No other nominations were forthcoming and the re-appointments of Nigel Ellis as Chair, Ian Campbell as Secretary and Alan Hood as Treasurer were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved.

There being no other business Mr Ellis declared the meeting closed at 7:40 pm.

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Chair

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**Chairman’s Report**

For the period April 2016 – March 2017 we had scheduled nine Community Council meetings. Though one of these had to be postponed at short notice due to being inquorate, in general the meetings have been well attended and no Community Councillor has missed more than two meetings. Bearing in mind that future meetings were at risk of being similarly inquorate, we redoubled our efforts to co-opt another Community Councillor and, in March 2017, we were pleased to welcome Brad Collins as a co-opted member.

At our regular meetings, we have continued to receive regular updates from representatives of Police Scotland and Soirbheas and, we have also had briefings from representatives of Rewilding Scotland and Forestry Commission Scotland. Community Councillors have also attended events and meetings organised by a number of local organisations.

As a Community Council, we have formally responded to consultation requests from RSPB, regarding the Corrimony Long Term Forestry Plan and British Telecom, regarding the public telephone boxes in Cannich and Struy.

In November 2017, we held a meeting with NHS Highland regarding the relocation of the Cannich GP Surgery to the Village Hall (subsequently completed in March 2017) and the disposal of the former District Nurses House. We pursued this issue by facilitating a public meeting to ascertain the degree of interest in some form of community ownership of this property. In the same regard, SCC and SACC members have also been in contact with HSCHT to ascertain what services and/or facilities they can offer.

Despite a reduced financial settlement from the Highland Council for the year 2016/17, we have made donations to the local Children’s Christmas Party and for plants for Cannich village. We also funded replacement pads for the public defibrillators located in Cannich, Tomich and Struy. I expect there to be continued pressure on funding from THC over the coming year so we will need to remain careful with our spending.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Community Councillors for their contributions (particularly those who organised the Pensioners’ Christmas party) and our Ward Councillors for their continued support. I also take this opportunity to thank the many other members of the community who contribute in so many different ways to the wellbeing of the whole neighbourhood.

Nigel Ellis

Chairman, Strathglass Community Council

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