**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 7:30 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Jean Davis and Cllr Hamish Wood.

**In Attendance:** Eight 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 2015 AGM had previously been approved and that there had been no matters arising.
2. Chairperson’s Report for the Year Ended March 31st 2016: Mr Ellis presented his report which is attached as part of these minutes.
3. Accounts for the Year Ended March 31st 2016: The Accounts had been approved by the Community Council at its meeting on April 13th 2016 and signed by the Independent Examiner on April 23rd 2016. 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. Mr Campbell proposed that Nigel Ellis should be appointed as Chair. This was seconded and unanimously approved, there were no other nominations and Nigel Ellis was duly appointed as Chair. Mr Ellis proposed that Ian Campbell should be appointed as Secretary. This was seconded and unanimously approved, there were no other nominations and Ian Campbell was duly appointed as Secretary. Mr Ellis proposed that Alan Hood should be appointed as Treasurer. This was seconded and unanimously approved, there were no other nominations and Alan Hood was duly appointed as Treasurer.

The Chair noted that other (non-official) assigned SCC responsibilities such as Deer Management Liaison and Forestry Liaison would continue unchanged.

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

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Chair

**Strathglass Community Council Annual General Meeting, 25th May 2016**

**Chairman’s Report**

It is now just over 6 months since our inaugural meeting in December 2015 and I am pleased to report that all the new Community Councillors have settled into their respective roles. Various administrative issues (including bank account signatories, e mail addresses, etc.) have been resolved; Highland Council training has been undertaken where necessary and we have established a schedule of regular meetings for 2016. I thank the previous Community Council officers for the timely and smooth hand over of records, correspondence and other paperwork.

The new Community Council is composed of residents of Cannich and Tomich and we are mindful that the Struy area of Strathglass is under represented. Therefore we would be interested in hearing from any resident of this area who would be willing to be co-opted.

At our meetings, we have continued to receive regular updates from representatives of Police Scotland and Soirbheas; we have had briefings from representatives of Strathfarrar Deer Management Group regarding their draft Deer Management Plan, NHS Highland regarding the District Nurse’s house and G.P. surgery and the new owners of the Glen Affric Hotel.

As a Community Council, we have responded to consultation requests regarding the Cnoc An Eas wind farm application (from Highland Council), the draft Strathfarrar DMP (from Strathfarrar DMG) and the draft Glen Affric and Kintail DMP (from Glen Affric and Kintail DMG). The SCC has also been represented at meetings of both DMGs and at a Soirbheas / GUCC / SCC joint meeting.

Issues that have been discussed at our regular meetings, which are at various stages of resolution / progress, include:

* Community Resilience and Emergency Plan
* GP Surgery relocation
* District Nurse’s house disposal
* Strathglass Out-of-School Care Initiative
* Glen Affric Hotel
* Strathfarrar DMP
* Glen Affric and Kintail DMP
* Cnoc-an-Eas wind farm planning application
* Cannich village dog fouling
* Tomich village notice board
* C1110 Kerrow Road culvert repairs

All of these items are ongoing and we will monitor them with interest as they progress.

Before closing this report, I would like to thank my fellow Community Councillors for their hard work (much of it behind the scenes) over the last few months and our THC Ward Councillors for their support. I would also like to thank the many individual members of the community who contribute in so many different ways to the wellbeing of the whole neighbourhood - they are truly unsung heroes who can be justifiably proud of their efforts.

We are all fortunate to reside within such a safe and caring community located in one of the most beautiful areas of the country.

Nigel Ellis

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