**Strathglass Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th March at 7.00 pm in Marydale RC Church schoolroom

In attendance

Molly Doyle, Chair Robin Sproull

Donald Fraser James Seatter

Ian Campbell Nigel Fraser

Edward Redmond Cllr Margaret Davidson

and members of the public

1. An apology was received from Heather Redmond

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2.1 PC Karen MacKenzie spoke about an incident of bad driving which had been reported. The Police had had a good response from the driver’s employer, James Jack (Aberdeen) Ltd who wished to be informed of any further incidents as did PC MacKenzie.

2.2There had been two crimes of theft. One in Struy and the other at Crask of Aigas, on 11/12 February. PC MacKenzie urged members of the community to keep power equipment secure and to keep a note of the serial numbers. Also, if any suspicious vehicles are seen to make a note of the numbers and inform the Police.

2.3 PC MacKenzie further informed the community of the new telephone number for contacting Police which is now 101. This number will go through to the local police . The number 999 should continue to be used for EMERGENCIES. There was also mention of the Police Scotland website.

3. Matters arising.

3.1 Mrs Jenny Stirling raised a number of matters about the previous minutes relating to the presentation about a proposed wind farm and after discussion promised to supply the Chair with a list of relevant questions.

3.2 Nigel Fraser, who had acted as secretary to the previous meeting apologised for the minutes being delayed.

3.3 A number of questions were raised about the failure by Highland Council to grit the roads during the bad weather. The school bus turning area in Struy is in very poor condition. The crash barrier at the bottom of Kerrow Brae has not been repaired. There has been no evident progress on the repair to the Bailey bridge in Glen Cannich. Councillor Mrs Davidson kindly agreed to pursue these matters and report to Mrs Doyle.

3.4 A letter had been received from David Cave-Stevens in connexion with the painting of the new recycling bins which he had offered to do. This was a matter for the Hall Board.

4. Nurse’s House.

The chair noted that no action had been taken and undertook to raise the matter once again with NHS Highland.

5. Soirbheas.

Nigel Fraser reported that the grid connexion had been delayed for three weeks and that interviews for the post of Community Development Officer would be held this week end.

6. Planning Applications

Robin Sproull reported on the following:-

1. Underground septic tanks at the Scottish Water treatment works at Cannich.
2. Demolition of store at 20 Tomich and construction of extension.
3. Green Highland Renewables, Glen Affric, development of three run of the river Hydro generation schemes.
4. Mr and Mrs Marshall’s application for planning permission for a new house at Burgan, Mullardoch Road, Cannich, had been granted.
5. A scoping report had been received for long term Forest Planning by FCS, Struy Estates, Mauld Estates and Mr and Mrs Henderson, Cannich for commercial felling.
6. Nigel Fraser declared and interest in discussions on scoping for Guiseachan Wind Farm. Opinions to be received by 21 March 2013.
7. Mauld Estate, Struy had been refused planning permission for a house next to the fishing bungalow.

7. Burial Ground, Fasnakyle.

Complaints had been received about the lack of maintenance of the grounds and the state of the gates. Councillor Davidson reported that the work had been transferred to private contractors from Highland Council employees who had previously done the work excellently.

8. The Hall Committee had informed us that there was to be an Open Day on Saturday 9th March when members of the community would be welcome to visit and see over the refurbished premises.

9. Treasurer’s Report.

A statement was tabled which shewed that the finances were in a healthy position meantime. It was mentioned that the cheque for the Youth Club had not yet been banked.

10. Correspondence.

A vacancy was advertised for a non executive director at Inverness Leisure.

The receipt of the Employer’s Liability Insurance cover was noted.

Correspondence was also noted from Fields in Trust, Scotland.

11. AOB

Mrs Jenny Stirling commented that the minutes and notices of meetings of the Strathglass Community Council could be posted on the web at various sites. This helpful suggestion will be pursued.

Alan Hood reported that the 100th Anniversary of the Golden Retriever Club will be held from 13th to 20th July.

Mr Bale of WPD Scotland offered his direct access telephone and email contact details would be made available.

Date of next meeting: 11th April 2013