**Strathglass Community Council** (SCC)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2014, at 7.30pm, Cannich Village Hall**

Present: Molly Doyle, Ian Campbell, Robin Sproull, Donald Fraser, James Seatter, Edward Redmond, Heather Redmond, and approx. twenty-two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs. Helen Carmichael, Margaret Davidson and Hamish Wood

1. The Chair, Mrs. Doyle welcomed all those in attendance.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: A couple of alterations to be made to Item 9: Beinn Mhor Wind Farm proposal, bullet point 9.”Consideration for using Community Energy Scotland to handle the ballot returns was not acceptable *to any member of the ‘No Campaign’ present at the meeting”.* The term ‘protest group’ should read *‘No Campaign’.* With these alterations in place Ian Campbell proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Edward Redmond and agreed by the committee.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

* Public Access Defibrillators (PAD): People are now being sought to offer themselves for training.
* Protection of Mac Coll Road square: A survey of the residents to be conducted.
* FCS Liaison Meeting:

1. Soirbheas: Additional members especially a Board member from SCC area is encouraged.
2. Planning Applications: An application from Mr. A. Hood of the Chalet park for two flag poles has been granted. Mr. A. Mann of Westward has applied for permission to erect seven sleeping pods. Other applications include: erection of a footbridge NE of Guisachan Ho. Tomich; and Erection of a Memorial Structure on land E of minor road at Tomich. It was agreed that Heather Redmond would request that she receive the electronic weekly list in addition to Robin Sproull continuing to receive the list by post.
3. Police Beat Report: none received
4. Green Highland Renewables: The SCC has been asked to write to GHR & FCS to confirm that the SCC approves the Strathglass Community Fund (SCIO) as the vehicle for handling the potential community benefit.
5. Community Council Pilot Project:
6. Beinn Mhor (Tomich) Wind Farm proposal:

* The SCC, with one vote against, agreed to return to their earlier position of conducting a secret ballot of the SCC community before deciding on the stance to take once the planning application is lodged. The Chair confirmed that the ballot would be a simple “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposal.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Payments were made for the Chair’s expenses, Secretary’s honorarium and stationery allowance and extra meeting room hire. The funds available are £724.20
2. Correspondence:

* The Highland Council Draft Green Transport Strategy: no need for a comment from SCC.
* The poster for victims of sexual violence to be placed in the GP surgery.
* The letter from John Boocock: contact our four Highland Councillors to ask if we could discuss it with them.

Further correspondence received since the Agenda was prepared:

* Active Communities Fund – applications close on 30th April 2014.
* Corrimony Proposed Hydro Scheme summary. There will be a drop-in session at Balnain Hall on Wednesday 23rd April between 6 and 8 pm.
* Highland Council New Service Structure and change to strategic committee names.
* The next Inverness West District Partnership meeting will be held on Friday 13th June in Drumnadrochit.
* Wind Prospect Developments 2 Ltd is investigating the feasibility of a wind farm development at Kerrow, consisting of up to 10 turbines each 126m from ground level to blade tip.

1. A.O.C.B.

* **It was agreed to change the day of the meeting to Wednesday from the next meeting. Future meetings will be on the day before the previously noted dates subject to booking the venue.**
* The Police will be contacted about reports of vehicles apparently exceeding 40mph through Struy village.

1. Dates and times of future meetings :

Wednesday 14th May Wednesday 25th June & AGM