**Strathglass Community Council** (SCC)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17th September 2014, at 7.30pm, Cannich Village Hall**

Present: Molly Doyle, Donald Fraser, Robin Sproull, Joyce Stirling, Edward Redmond, Heather Redmond, and approx. seventeen members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. Helen Carmichael, James Seatter and PC Karen MacKenzie.

The Chair, Mrs. Doyle welcomed all those in attendance.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (6th August): Joyce Stirling proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Robin Sproull and approved by the council.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

* Public Access Defibrillators (PAD): The Coffee Morning raised £ 500 on the day and with further donations we have raised over £ 900. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way. We have approx. ten volunteers to be trained at any one time slot so Lucky 2 B here has been contacted to try to arrange a training session which will be linked to a ‘refreshment’ break to try to raise funds to cover the hall hire for the training.
* Protection of Mac Coll Road square: 77 residents were balloted to determine whether they wished SSE to continue to maintain the square or whether they ‘wished the SCC to look into taking on the ownership and responsibility for the land’. 34 replies were received (44%). 5 (15% of replies) wished the SSE to continue, 29 (85% of replies) [38% of residents balloted] wished the SCC to look into the matter further. Thank you to all those who replied.
* Cats: letters have been sent and were appreciated. Rate limiting step in re-homing the cats is finding new homes.
* Old Toilet Block: SACC have not discussed this as yet.
* Community Newsletter: Edward Redmond had approached Julia Wait, Tomich who is interested to help with this project. He also made further enquiries about printing which may be cheaper. It was agreed that the next step would be for Edward, Alan Hood and Julia Wait to meet for further discussions.
* Branches of tree on entry into Mac Coll Road: these have been cut back. If there is still a problem please let us know.

1. Planning Applications: Three new applications: FCS to alter existing Athnamulloch Bothy; Green Highland Renewables have two applications for 500kW run-of-river schemes – Allt Mullardoch Tribute to Loch Mullardoch and one at Liatrie Burn on Glen Cannich Estate. (Donald Fraser, Carrie declared an interest in this.) Two applications have been granted: Deer larder at Black Parks, Tomich; 7 sleeping pods at Westward, Cannich.
2. Police Beat Report: No Police presence is possible this evening but a report has been sent.

No Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued in the period for the SCC area. Reduction in complaints about driving courtesy and speed. No reported incidents of antisocial behaviour, alcohol abuse, theft or poaching. Enquiries are ongoing with regards to the incidents of thefts in the Cannich area recently. Thanks to the community for their vigilance and assistance. Sgt. Craig Stuart is now Sergeant for the area. An officer is in post covering the Drumnadrochit area.

1. Treasurer’s Report: Outgoings: Hall Bookings for SCC meetings for 12 months £108.00; Hall Booking for coffee morning £47.50. Income: Coffee morning for Defibrillators £550.00; Donations for Defibrillators £353.03; Highland Council Grant £958.91. Committed funds: Cannich Recreation Park Committee £1681.21; Hanging Baskets £303.82; Defibrillators £917.53. Available funds £895.11.
2. Correspondence:

* E-mail from Ian Campbell 7th August regarding ‘inaccurate’ minutes.
* E-mail from HC 8th August requesting information for a ‘Communities Panel’. There was quite a short timescale for this so was dealt with outwith the meeting with consultation with various community groups. Soirbheas, one of the groups identified, has been approached to take part.
* ABO Wind. Letter from ABO dated 11th August inviting SCC to be a part of a Community Liaison Forum. Letter from Mike Spencer-Nairn on behalf of ABO-WESAYNO requesting that we do not get involved. It was agreed to defer any decision for now.
* Easy Read summary of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill published 13th August. Available on the Scottish Government website.
* Highland Council Quality Awards 2014 – Community Council Commendation deadline 5pm 26 Sept 2014. It was agreed to nominate the Refuse Collectors.
* Letter received from Strathglass Heritage Association 19th August regarding problems with a recent planned walk in Tomich area. We are awaiting advice from HC as to whether this is a CC issue. Other advice was given from those present at the meeting.
* E-mail from Ian Campbell 14th August dissatisfied with time taken for SCC response to complaint of 17th July. Response was delivered 18th August as had been planned for over a week.
* E-mail from Ian Campbell 21st August with reply to our letter dated 18th August. No reply required.
* E-mail from Ian Campbell 21st August headed ‘SCC inaccurate and misleading minutes’.
* Copy of letter to Charles Stephen from Ian Campbell for Glen Affric – Friends Say No. Headed ‘Complaint against Strathglass Community Council’.
* E-mail from HC 22nd August LEADER fund consultation & questionnaire.
* E-mail from Inverness Area Community Council Forum 1st September forwarding responses to various planning-related issues.
* E-mail from HC 5th September – looking for community groups to come forward with project ideas to help tackle litter and flytipping.
* E-mail from Carol Masheter 9th September. Soirbheas is considering annual training programmes for First Aid, Health & Hygiene etc. Home Energy Scotland/Energy Savings Trust offer free home visits and she has suggested attending the Pensioner’s Lunch and introducing the concept to the villagers. This was agreed.
* Various e-mails from Kyla Donaldson wpd. Today we received notification that wpd has revised the layout of the Beinn Mhor wind farm proposal by removing Turbine no. 7 from the plans. Details can be seen on the HC Planning website. The revised scheme will be advertised on Friday 19th Sept, and consultation will run until 17th Oct.
* Letter from Tomich Residents Association approx. 13th Sept. requesting prior notice of planning matters affecting Tomich. Robin will try to highlight these in future.
* Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust AGM Friday 26th Sept. in Inverness.

1. A.O.C.B.

* Leaflets are available in the Hall foyer regarding the Soirbheas Real Living Event Saturday 4th October 10am to 4pm at Craigmonie Centre, Drumnadrochit.
* Edward Redmond updated the meeting on the Men’s Shed project in Beauly. Next meeting 22nd Sept.

1. Questions or Contributions from the Public present.

* The question was asked when the minutes of the August meeting would be available. The hardcopy would be put up in Tomich tomorrow, in other locations and on the website, by the end of the week.
* What was happening about the First Responders service? In Strathglass this has now ceased and we are trying to get Public Access Defibrillators. Drumnadrochit has sent First Responders to our area. Joyce would try to get contact details for that service so if any local people wished to volunteer with them they could liaise directly.

1. Dates of next meetings:

Wednesday 29th October 2014

Wednesday 3rd December Wednesday 14th January 2015

Wednesday 25th February Wednesday 1st April

HLR 29th Sept.2014