**Strathglass Community Council** (SCC)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 29th October 2014, at 7.30pm, Cannich Village Hall**

Present: Donald Fraser, Robin Sproull, Joyce Stirling, James Seatter, Edward Redmond, Heather Redmond, Cllr. Helen Carmichael and approx. thirteen members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. Margaret Davidson, Molly Doyle.

In the absence of Molly Doyle, Robin Sproull, Vice Chair welcomed all those in attendance and chaired the meeting.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (17th September): Donald Fraser proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Joyce Stirling and approved by the council.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes:
* Public Access Defibrillators (PAD): Ross Cowie of ‘lucky2behere’ not impressed that we appear to have only ten members of the public to train, he would be very happy to train all 400 residents. Still awaiting confirmation of a training date.
* Protection of Mac Coll Road square: Results of the residents survey have been fed back to SSE. Still awaiting a response as to the way forward.
* Community Newsletter: A meeting has been held with Alan Hood, Julia Wait and Edward Redmond in attendance. Alan is preparing a letter to go out to potential contributors/advertisers to gauge interest.
1. Planning Applications: No new applications since the last meeting .One application has been granted: Mauld Estate’s application for a bell mouth opening at the top of Kerrow Brae to facilitate timber extraction.
2. Police Beat Report: The only item to report was a shot heard on 15th October above Guisachan Farm which may be a potential deer poaching incident.

The issue of “speeding through Cannich Village past the school at school times” was raised. PC MacKenzie explained that the perception of speeds from a stationary position can be misleading. She will raise the matter with her Sergeant and it may be possible to measure speeds in this area.

1. Treasurer’s Report: No changes since our last meeting. Available funds £895.11.
2. Correspondence:
* Soirbheas Autumn 2014 Newsletter has been distributed to all households.
* E-mail 18th Sept. HC distributed an electronic newsletter ‘Great Glen Focus’. The plan is for it to be published quarterly. Please contact Charles Stephen at HC with items for inclusion.
* E-mail 22nd Sept. Winter Resilience: little change from last year. HC have agreed to replace the leaking grit bin opposite the village shop. More volunteers most welcome. You must be named to be covered by HC Insurance.
* E-mail 29th Sept. Highland Communities Panel. SCC has accepted the invitation to be a part of this consultation forum.
* Several e-mails 27th & 28th Oct. from HC to SCC as part of the Communities Panel on the matter of HC Budget Consultation. Copies of the document and suggested responses have been copied to all members of the SCC. Our response needs to be returned no later than 14th November.

This matter has also been in the local press and members of the public can respond if they so wish, via HC website.

* Letter 1st Oct. from Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust, updating membership details.
* Letter 1st Oct. from HC with several copies of the Highland MARAC Report 2013. (MARAC = Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference. Deals with domestic abuse.
* E-mail 3rd Oct. from FCS Liaison Group. Posters are up locally advertising a review of the Forest Plan with a guided forest visit and drop-in session on Tues. 4th Nov.
* Letter 3rd Oct. from visitors to Tomich reporting their disappointment with the feeling of a split community which they encountered this year.
* E-mail from Julia Wait asking if the SCC would support a possible community telescope. This should be obtainable for £10,000 if Soirbheas would fund it. Unfortunately Julia was not able to be at the meeting to discuss this further. We also have the request for the Cannich Park Bike Obstacle development to consider.
* E-mail 6th Oct. Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal Programme. This was investigated but was not suitable for our community.
* E-mail 7th Oct. HC circulating a request from MSP’s for local views on Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
* E-mail 10th Oct. HC Planning Matters newsletter.
* E-mail 14th Oct. HC Advertising a Health & Social Care Event on 16th Jan. 2015.
* E-mail 20th Oct. HC circulated a special offer for Defibrillators £950+vat. (Normal retail Price £1800+vat)
* E-mail 21st Oct. HC circulated posters for a Community Services Open Evening Tues. 4th Nov.
* E-mail 22nd Oct. Richard Crawford (Inverness Area Community Councils Forum) minutes of last meeting and advance notice of next meeting on Tues. 18th Nov.
* E-mail 22nd Oct. Ian Campbell, GAFSN, copy of additional submission to Beinn Mhor wind farm planning application.
* E-mail 28th Oct. Richard Crawford (IACCF) listing various events: Community Growing at Town House, Inverness Fri. 31st Oct.; Community Land Ownership Seminars 18th Nov. at Balintore & 20th Nov. at Boat of Garten.
* E-mail 29th Oct. Alan Hood on behalf of Iain & Sasha Pocock. They are interested in taking over the Old Toilet Block to use as an office as they have such poor internet service at Cougie. The CC were generally supportive. Cllr. Helen Carmichael offered to pass this onto the relevant people at HC.
1. A.O.C.B.
* Noticeboard at Struy has been damaged. Some Struy residents believe it was installed by the SCC, Donald Fraser will make enquiries.
* No further information from SSE about the Chapel Woods.
1. Questions or Contributions from the Public present.
* Apparently an e-mail to the SCC on the topic of World Orienteering Championships has not been received.
* A question was raised about the likelihood of Fibre Optic Broadband to our residents. Cllr. Helen Carmichael offered to follow this up. It was thought that the Cannich exchange was due for upgrading in 2015.
1. Dates of next meetings:

Wednesday 3rd December Wednesday 14th January 2015

Wednesday 25th February Wednesday 1st April

HLR 6th Nov.2014

Additional item received after the meeting:

**Part of the World Orienteering Championships** are taking place in Glen Affric on 7th & 8th August 2015.

Ian Mure has been in touch with the organisers to try to ensure that local people and groups can get involved if they so wish. As plans are well advanced, if anyone is interested they should act sooner rather than later.

The SMG are trying to get their name added to the list of accommodation providers.

4500 visitors are expected, with the event taking place over 6 days from 2nd to 8th August 2015 from Nairn to Glen Affric.

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