**Strathglass Community Council** (SCC)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28th October 2015, 7.30pm, Cannich Village Hall**

Present: Molly Doyle, Edward Redmond, Heather Redmond, Robin Sproull, Donald Fraser and approx. 10 members of the public. In Attendance: PS Stuart & PC Maclean from Police Scotland and Jayson Drummond, Colin Gilmour from Green Highland Renewables with Ian Brown from FCS.

Apologies: Cllrs. Jean Davis, Hamish Wood, Margaret Davidson

Molly Doyle, welcomed all those in attendance.

1. A presentation was made by Green Highland Renewables to update the community on progress with the Glen Affric Hydro schemes. Planning permission has been granted. Construction is due to start in Jan. 2016. Traffic and deliveries are planned to be via Kerrow, but the road is closed at the moment. Traffic times are limited through Tomich. New path & car park near Chisholm bridge will be built. Two schemes are also under discussion on Glen Cannich Estate
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (16th Sept.): Robin Sproull proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Donald Fraser and approved by the council.

Due to the change-over in membership of the SCC, HC have advised that it would be in order for the existing SCC to approve the minutes of this meeting by e-mail, telephone or in person prior to the next meeting.

1. Matters Arising from the Minutes:
* Public Access Defibrillators: These were installed on 30th Sept.in Struy and Tomich. Awaiting Invoice.
1. Police Beat Report: One incident of RTC in Tomich, male driver Drunk. Police advised everyone to keep sheds and garages secure as break-ins have occurred in other areas. Joining Rural Watch was recommended.
2. Planning Applications: nine new applications notified since the last meeting:- erection of boathouse and gazebo next to slipway at Affric Lodge; new 33kV overhead (OH) line to new house on land 590M SW of mid Crochail; refurbish 33kV OH line on land 260M NE of Benula Lodge; install 33kV OH line on land 305M NE of Liatrie; extension at 3 Mac Coll Road; substitution of dwelling type on land at Comar Woods; erection of two semi-detached houses on land opposite Slaters Arms; demolish existing shed and build new garden room at Keeper’s Cottage Kerrow; new hill footpath near Chisholm Bridge Glen Affric for GHR.

One application granted: run of river hydro scheme at Glassburn House, Strathglass.

1. Tomich Street Light Trial: Approx. 40 survey forms delivered. 19 replies were received. 8 (42%) requested that the lights stay turned off; 9 (47%) requested that they be turned on all night; 1 (5%) did not answer the specific question; 1 (5%) lived out of village and felt that the matter did not concern them. The forms will be returned to HC to decide on further action.
2. Local Empowerment: nothing to report.
3. Deer Management Plans: Donald reported that Deer Management Plans for both the Glen Strathfarrar Group and the Affric and Kintail Deer Manangement Group were being prepared with consultation expected in the next couple of months. They were on track to be ready when the existing plan expires in 2016.

Concerns were expressed about the work in Glen Cannich for the montaine project. These will be fed back to the next FCS Liaison Group meeting.

1. Dog Fouling: a resident had reported dog fouling on the Children’s Play Park in Cannich. The Dog Warden has visited the village new posters have been put up. Rope closures have been put on the gates to the park and the refurbishment group have been contacted. An article for the next Newsletter has been provided and a suggestion has been made to give an educational talk to the school and/or youth group.
2. Community Emergency Plan: No further work has been done on the plan, it will be handed over to the new SCC. The bid for funding from SSE, kindly prepared by Alan Hood, was successful in obtaining £3,500. The SCC, and all residents present, agreed that the top priority was to get the Hall ready to be hooked up to a generator if this became necessary. The funding allocated would be sufficient to do this. Thank you Alan.
3. Soirbheas: Carol Masheter sent her apologies and a brief update: Club and Volunteering Fair on 6th Oct. went well with a number of Strathglass organisations attending. They are due to launch an energy saving education pack in primary schools soon. They have set up a partnership broadband meeting with neighbouring CC’s and Community Broadband Scotland to address gaps in provision.
4. Treasurer’s Report: Grant from Soirbheas for Pensioner’s Christmas Lunch (£272.50) has been approved. Payments outlined last month have been made. Electrician has still to invoice us for the installation of the defibrillators. Uncommitted funds remain at £839.06

Some residents are trying to organise a Children’s Christmas party for Saturday 19th Dec. They require approx. £500 budget with £100 raised so far. The SCC agreed to pay £250 to the SACC towards this party.

1. Correspondence:

Letter received at last meeting notifying Hall users that Ele Forster is the new Caretaker.

e-mail 18th Sept. from HC: they are calling for new community transport grants to run from April 2016.

e-mail 18th Sept. &21st & 22nd from HC: Centenary Memorials Restoration Fund workshops.

e-mail 22nd Sept. & 27th Oct. from HC: Digital Engagement workshops various dates and locations.

e-mail 22nd Sept. update on Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan.

e-mail 22nd Sept. IACCF meeting Agenda for 13th October.

e-mail 24th Sept. from HC: North Focus – Police Scotland Newsletter attached and link to 2nd issue of HC newsletter ‘Highpoints’.

e-mail 24th Sept. from HC: Invitation to Community Growing event at Town Ho. Mon. 26th Oct.

letter 23rd Sept. from HC: posters and notification of drop-in sessions and round table discussions on three documents: Highland-wide local Development Plan –Main Issues Report; Draft Onshore Wind energy Supplementary Guidance; Local; Housing Strategy. Town Ho. Mon 9th Nov.

letter 25th Sept. from HC: Decriminalised Parking Enforcement. It was agreed that SCC wish HC to ensure adequate ‘Blue Badge’ parking spaces around Inverness.

Letter 25th Sept. from Scot. Govt. Fifth review of Local Govt. Electoral Arrangements – ward boundaries.

e-mail 5th Oct. from HC: change to personnel for CC communications due to maternity leave.

e-mail 6th Oct. from HC: Community Council Elections: members of the new SCC will be Ian Campbell, Nigel Ellis, Kay Graham, Alan Hood, and Paul Stirling from Wed. 18th Nov. Congratulations.

e-mail 6th Oct. from Police Scotland: re-establishing ‘Farmwatch’ as ‘Rural Watch’. Information and joining instructions given.

e-mail 8th Oct. from HC: Transport Consultation – Public meetings re school, public and dial-a-bus service provision. Local one at Craigmonie Centre Tues 10th Nov. 1900-2100

e-mail 26th Oct. from HC: Transport Consultation – on-line survey available Mon 2nd Nov. to Sun 13th Dec.

e-mail 14th Oct. from HC: arrangements for inaugural meeting of newly elected CC’s.

e-mail 14th Oct. from Scot. Govt. Cities Convention 13th Nov. Perth.

e-mail 27th Oct. from FCS – next Community Partnership meeting Mon 2nd Nov.

e-mail 28th Oct from Ian Campbell – thank you to outgoing SCC.

1. A.O.C.B.: Edward updated the community about the Glenurquhart Care Project. An application has been made to the Scottish Land Fund to buy land for 12 houses to include respite care. Huge number of unpaid carers, including children, who would benefit from some respite. Research by Soirbheas has highlighted needs of the elderly. GCP is working with NHS, Albyn Housing and other agencies to try to address these.

The old Noticeboard in Struy is falling to pieces, and could become a hazard. The SCC gratefully accepted Robin’s offer to remove it.

1. Questions or Contributions from the Public present. The SCC has not been notified of the traffic monitoring taking place in Cannich. A query related to a meeting on 11th July. No such meeting is known.

Thanks for the work done over 4 years were expressed to the outgoing SCC by members of the Public.

Molly in turn, thanked the public as well as the members of the SCC for support to her over the ten years she had been a member of the SCC. Robin presented Molly with a bouquet of flowers with thanks from the SCC.

1. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th December – for the new Community Council to elect Office Bearers and hold its first meeting

 HLR 9th October 2015

Minutes approved by Molly Doyle, Donald Fraser, Edward Redmond, Robin Sproull 9th & 10th October.