**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7:30 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

**Present:** Nigel Ellis (Chair),Ian Campbell, Kay Graham, Alan Hood, Paul Stirling and Annette Sutherland.

**Apologies:** None received

**In Attendance:** Cllr Margaret Davidson and one member of the public.

1. Mr Ellis took the Chair, noted that there was a quorum, welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open. No conflicts of interest were declared.
2. Minutes: The minutes of the SCC meeting held on June 20th 2018 were proposed for adoption, unanimously approved and signed by Mr Ellis. The minutes of the SCC Annual General Meeting held on June 20th 2018 were proposed for adoption, unanimously approved and signed by Mr Ellis.
3. Police Report: No police representative was present and Mr Ellis reviewed the Beat Report for July. Two road traffic collisions were noted in Strathglass in the period. One resulted in serious injuries to the male driver who was subsequently reported as ‘doing well’. No injuries were reported in the other. There were no other incidents to report in Strathglass.
4. SACC Projects and Activities Update:

*Local Action Plan:* Nothing new to report.

*Cannich Hall:* Nothing new to report.

*Land Use (formerly Rewilding)*: Nothing new to report.

*Former Nurses House Cannich:* Mr Hood advised that since the last SCC meeting he had had further discussions with representatives from Highland Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) and it looked as if HSCHT would take the project forward on behalf of SACC. A further meeting with HSCHT would take place in the next couple of weeks.

*Gala Day:* The grant application to Soirbheas for the bouncy castle rental had been approved.

1. Matters Arising from the SCC meeting on May 9 2018:

*Scottish Land Fund:* In view of HSCHT’s involvement in the Nurses House project it was no longer considered necessary to solicit intervention by THC.

*Speeding Traffic through Cannich:* After some discussion it was agreed that the best way to address the issue of speeding traffic through Cannich Village would be via the police and the school rather than via reducing the speed limits. A speed survey by THC on the approach to Cannich on the Beauly road had been requested (with a view to extending the restricted speed zone) and the police had been asked to undertake random speed checks in the village.

Other matters arising had been satisfactorily dealt with and closed.

1. On-going SCC Activity Updates:

*Public Access Defibrillators:* Mr Stirling reported that the three PABs had been inspected and were apparently in good working order. It was noted that pad and battery replacements should be done in October/November. No further information had been received regarding the proposed re-siting of the Shinty Club unit. The Secretary advised that he had told Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) that SAS would be notified if there was a problem with any of the PABs but that the Community Council would not be providing SAS with regular condition reports.

1. Treasurer’s Report and Financial Matters:

Mr Hood reported that there had been no recent receipts or payments and that the funds currently available remained at £1905.60 including £930.00 that was specifically earmarked for defibrillator maintenance costs. Ms Sutherland asked that the monies being held by SCC for the Xmas lunch (£286.80) should be paid to ‘The Wednesday Whist Group’ as members of that group were leading the fund raising for the lunch and it would keep all the funds for the lunch in one place.

1. Correspondence: The Secretary reviewed the correspondence since the previous meeting and noted that an e-mail had been received from Trees for Life seeking community participation in a collaborative project to develop a stronger local economy based on nature. It was noted that a representative from Trees for Life had already met with the SACC Land Use group. After discussion it was agreed that the Trees for Life aspirations and objectives appeared to be similar to those of the SACC Land Use group, albeit on a wider geographic basis, and that the Community Council was

happy for the SACC Land Use group to represent the community in this regard. The Secretary was asked to respond to Trees for Life accordingly with the request that SCC be kept appraised of progress.

Advice had been received from FCS regarding the commencement of tree felling at Knockfin and it was noted that this was scheduled to be completed well before the 2019 Glen Affric Duathlon.

1. Planning Update: Mr Hood advised that there had been one new planning application in the period since the last SCC meeting and that was for the demolition of the Glen Affric Hotel. The Community Council had submitted an e-mail supporting the application. Three applications had been granted in the period.
2. Ongoing Secretarial Duties: With the Secretary moving away from Strathglass in August the issue of the ongoing SCC Secretarial duties was discussed. None of the existing Community Councillors was prepared or able to take on the role and it was agreed that as a minimum a Secretary to do the minutes should be sought as a matter of urgency. Mr Campbell had prepared a summary of the current secretarial tasks and this was reviewed. Mr Ellis volunteered to hold the Secretarial files for the time being and it was agreed that he would be the nominated Information Officer for SCC in the short term. It was further agreed that Mr Ellis should replace Mr Campbell as Administrator for the SCC g-mail account.
3. Any Other Business

Mr Ellis advised that he had received an e-mail from Brad Collins advising that Mr Collins was stepping down from the Community Council for personal reasons. The Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Collins for his support and efforts as a member of SCC and wished him well for the future. It was noted that a new co-opted member could now be recruited and the Chair noted that it would be good to find somebody who could represent Struy and take on the Secretarial role.

On behalf of the Community Councillors the Chair thanked Mr Campbell for his endeavours as Secretary and wished him well for the future.

There being no other business Mr Ellis advised that the next SCC meeting would be held on Wednesday September 12th 2018 starting at 7:30 pm and declared the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

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