**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 24th October 2018 at 7:30 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

**Present:** Nigel Ellis (Chair), Paul Stirling, Kay Graham, Annette Sutherland and Humphrey Clarke.

**Apologies:** Alan Hood.

**In Attendance:** Onemember of the public.

Before conducting the business of the meeting, the Chair paid tribute to the late Mrs Molly Doyle who had Chaired the SCC for many years and whose sterling work had benefited the whole community.

1. Mr Ellis took the Chair, introduced Humphrey Clarke as a co-opted member, noted that there was a quorum, welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.
2. Minutes: The minutes of the SCC meeting held on 12th September 2018 were proposed for adoption, unanimously approved and signed by Mr Ellis.
3. Police Report: Though PC Elliot was unable to attend the meeting, a Community Engagement Report had been received. In the Strathglass area, there had been two mountain rescue incidents with all persons traced safe and well. There were no other incidents of note. Results of the recent speed monitoring in Cannich village showed a minimal number of vehicles travelling at between 31 and 40 mph (not reportable speeds). Some vehicles had also been noted exceeding the 20 mph limit. Reported that traffic speed through the village will continue to be monitored.
4. Soirbheas Report: No report available.
5. Matters Arising from the SCC meeting held on 12th September 2018:

a) Lucky2BHere had confirmed replacement battery cost of £200 each and pad replacement cost of £50 per device. As delivery lead time is circa 4 weeks, it was agreed that an order be placed in early November.

b) Regarding the Fasnakyle Cemetery Wall, Hugh Gardner (THC) had ordered the necessary “tell tales” used to monitor the movement of the wall. He asked for community help in their monitoring after fitment and advised that he will make a site visit shortly.

c) Regarding the decorative makeover of Cannich Bridge, Alan Johnstone (THC) was due to assess the extent of the work required prior to the provision of materials and tools.

1. SACC activities report:

a) AGM: Would now be held on 5-11-18 at 7-00pm at Cannich Village Hall.

b) Cannich Village Hall: Nothing to report.

c) Community Action Plan Project: A consultation form and explanatory leaflet had been circulated to all identified local businesses and community organisations detailing the intention to form a Steering Group to take the project forward.

d) Former Nurse’s House Project: Funding had been obtained to undertake a Housing Needs Survey that will be conducted by HSCHT on behalf of SACC. Anticipated that the survey will be completed by mid December, allowing an application to the Scottish Land Fund in January 2019.

e) Affric Land Use Project: A meeting with “Tress for Life” had taken place regarding the East West Glen Affric Project and community involvement.

f) Resilience Project: A meeting to review was to be arranged.

6. Ongoing SCC activities report:

Public access defibrillators: See comments under “Matters Arising”.

7. Treasurer’s report:

Reported that since the last meeting a Community Council Annual Payment from THC of £387.27 had been received, whilst a payment for the Cannich OAP Xmas Lunch of £286.80 had been made. Available funds (after deducting ring fenced items) on 24-10-18 were £1502.87.

8. Deer Management:

Paul Stirling provided an update from the Glen Strathfarrar DMG. They are approx. half way through their current plan and wish to continue the community engagement that had taken place when the plan was being prepared. After some discussion, it was agreed that a public meeting would be the most appropriate vehicle and PS undertook to relay these thoughts to the DMG.

9. Correspondence:

The Chair provided a review of all correspondence received since the last meeting and it is appended to these minutes. Items of note include:

a) Advice from the Post Office of the temporary closure of Tomich P.O. from 29-10-18.

b) As part of THC formal review of Polling Districts and Places (responses required by 10-12-18) noted that Cannich School would continue to be our designated Polling Station.

c) Advice from THC that they were no longer in a position to supply FOC, 20 ft. Xmas trees. 12 ft. trees were available for this year only. The SCC understands that trees from THC for Tomich and Cannich are not required. We are further advised that all trees requiring lighting should be erected by 30-11-18 to allow THC staff to make the necessary electrical connections.

d) Advice from a company called “at800” that they can offer free support to any resident experiencing 4G interference with terrestrial Freeview TV signals.

10. Planning matters:

Nothing new to report. After a query from a member, it was confirmed that consent for the demolition of the Glen Affric Hotel and bar had been given some months ago.

11. Secretarial duties:

Humphrey Clarke agreed to minute the next meeting on 5-12-18.

12. 2019 meeting schedule:

The schedule proposed by the chair was accepted. Alan Hood to be asked to make the necessary bookings.

11. Any other business:

a) Following a query from a member, it was noted that an update from FCS had still not been arranged. Members were advised that FCS personnel were currently subject to a reorganisation.

b) Annette Sutherland reported an apparently abandoned car on MacColl Road. She agreed to follow up with Police Scotland.

c) Humphrey Clarke raised the issue of poor broadband provision in Struy. After discussion, he was advised to contact Carol Masheter, Soirbheas who may be able to help.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at approx. 8-30 pm and advised the date of the next meeting as Wednesday, 5th December 2018 at 7-30 pm in Cannich Village Hall.

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