**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 7:45 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

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

 Apologies: Alan Hood

**In Attendance:** Threemembers of the public, Cllr. Margaret Davidson and Carol Masheter (Soirbheas).

1. Mr Ellis took the Chair, noted that there was a quorum, welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th May 2019 were proposed for adoption, unanimously approved and signed by Mr Ellis.
3. **Police Report:**

 The Chair presented a summary of the Police Scotland Community Engagement Report. The only reported crime or incident in the Stathglass area was a break-in and theft from the Tomich Hotel.

1. **Soirbheas report:**

 Carol Masheter summarised recent Soirbheas activities:

* 1. AGM would take place on 27th June 2019.
	2. There had been a good response to the photographic competition
	3. Meetings with SSE had been held about their Sustainable Development Fund where up to £1M is likely to be available for match funded projects.
	4. The Transport Feasibility Study is ongoing and a visitor survey is proposed. Ideas for obtaining visitors views would be welcomed.
	5. Tier 1 grants continue to be available. Tier 2 applications deadlines are 15th August and 21st November 2019.
	6. Two apprentices are currently being supported in building and plumbing trades. The scheme is likely to be extended to support others.
	7. The Befriending Scheme had begun and training has started but more volunteers are required.
	8. A recently recruited new member of staff would commence community support work early in August.
1. **Matters arising from the previous meeting on 8th May 2019:**
2. Cannich Bridge painting: No further progress. Cllr. Margaret Davidson agreed to pursue with THC personnel.
3. Lucky2BHere / defibrillators: Previously agreed £50 donation to L2BH had been made and all device batteries have now been replaced.
4. **SACC activities report:**

 On behalf of Alan Hood, the Chair asked for agreement that the SCC submit an application to the SCF for the costs of planting the community planters in spring 2020. Resolved that AH should submit the application on behalf of the SCC.

1. **SCC activities:**
	1. Glen Affric Hotel. We have had continuing contact with THC Building Standards. It is possible that demolition may commence later this year.
	2. Struy broadband. HC will provide feedback on the new unlimited data satellite package being provided to him by BigBlu. Soirbheas agreed to investigate wireless broadband provider Broadway. These investigations are against the backdrop of admissions by the Scottish Government that the intended date for 100% fibre coverage by 2021 will not be achieved.
2. **Planning** (all details on THC website):

A summary of recent planning applications and decisions was presented. It was noted that applications for new and uprated forest roads (19/02315/PNO and 19/01739/PNO) did not require planning approval, and that the application for an energy storage facility at Kerrow (19/00704/FUL) had been withdrawn.

There was some discussion about the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan. It was agreed that it would be worth creating our own SCC plan, outlining the wishes of the local community with regard to future development, for submission to THC Planning. The Chair agreed to circulate a map of Strathglass and the existing IMFLDP statement regarding settlements to stimulate ideas. Cllr. Davidson encouraged the SCC to participate in the “Call for Sites” consultation.

1. **Deer Management:**

 A letter to the Affric and Kintail DMG, congratulating them on being awarded an Excellence rating after their recent assessment and commending their efforts to work with other interested parties had been sent. Details of a public presentation are still awaited.

1. **Forestry matters:**

 The issue of maintenance of the lower Plodda track was discussed. Since our last meeting, Claudia Johnstone (Assistant Land Agent, Forestry) had been invited to attend an SCC meeting. To date, we have not had a response.

11 **Treasurer’s report**:

 Outgoings since the last meeting were a £50 cheque to Lucky2BHere. Funds currently available are £1252.37.

12. **Correspondence:**

 The Chairman provided a review of all correspondence received since the last meeting.

1. **Any other business.**
	1. The Chair agreed to investigate the costs of an additional waste bin for Cannich play area.
	2. After some discussion regarding funding for the 2019 Seniors’ Christmas Lunch it was agreed that an application be made to Soirbheas or SCF.

14. **Next meeting:**

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at approx. 9-00 pm and advised the date of the next meeting as Wednesday, 31st July 2019, commencing at 7-30 pm.

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