**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 7:30 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

**Present:** Nigel Ellis (Chair), Paul Stirling, Alan Hood, Humphrey Clarke.

Apologies: Annette Sutherland, Cllr. Helen Carmichael, Cllr. Margaret Davidson.

**In Attendance:** Onemember 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.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11-9-19 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 Strathglass area was a successful mountain rescue. No information regarding adjoining areas was available.

1. **Matters arising from the previous meeting on 11-9-19.**
2. BT public phone boxes: an objection to the removal of the Tomich box has been submitted.
3. Planning application 19/020808/FUL: the applicant has decided to remove the wind turbine from the development. Subsequently, after consideration, the SCC agreed to withdraw its objection.
4. FLS felling plans: a public consultation event had taken place on 1-10-19.
5. Google Maps: the location of Cannich Caravan and Camping Park is now correctly shown.
6. A831 road signage and pavement issues: THC has agreed to do undertake pavement repairs adjacent to the SSE building and mount signage indicating that Bencharin View is a cul-de-sac.
7. Stagecoach bus issues: no update available regarding a journey to Raigmore unilaterally terminated by the driver short of the destination.
8. Joint NHS Highland / SCC / SACC meeting: No update available regarding this suggested meeting to consider NHS Highland community care ideas but it was considered that an open forum format would be most appropriate.
9. **Correspondence.**

The Chair provided a review of all correspondence received since the last meeting. Items of note were:

* 1. Notification of the continued closure of Tomich Post Office.
  2. Various notices from THC about nominations and elections for Community Councils, including revised dates for nominations by 29-10-19 and elections, where necessary, on 4-12-19.
  3. Notification from THC regarding a consultation on a Transient Visitor Levy (Tourist Tax) by 20-10-19.
  4. A request by “Power for the People” to support their Local Electricity Bill which would, if it became law, establish a Right to Local Supply to “make the costs of selling locally generated clean energy proportionate to the scale of the operation”.

1. **SACC projects and activities update.**
   1. A grant for painting the hall has been obtained, along with another one for a new PA system and induction loop.
   2. SACC has been approached by Soirbheas about installing electric car chargers at the hall. The Directors have given provisional support but requested more information, especially about the financial aspects of the project.
   3. Reported that there is no current Hall committee. SACC is suggesting that each user group provide a member.
   4. Nurses House: the feasibility study showed the favoured option to be demolition of the old house and erection of 2 or 3 bed semi-detached homes. Budget cost is £380k, to which SSE may contribute substantially from their community fund. Currently applying for SLF grant to buy the land for £10k.
   5. A grant has been obtained for bonfire event.
   6. The ex-Shinty Club defibrillator was in storage at the Hall, awaiting permanent connection.
2. **SCC Activities update.**
   1. Glen Affric Hotel: understood that demolition is imminent.
   2. Struy Broadband: there has been a disappointing response to the flyer so far, with only five expressions of interest in Broadway; they need at least 25 to make the network connection viable.
3. **Treasurer’s report.**

After ring fenced items the current balance available is £1212.37.

1. **Planning.**

A summary of all recent application and decisions was provided. There were no items of note and all details are on THC website.

1. **Forestry matters.**

There was consideration of the FLS consultation event regarding felling plans and timber extraction routes, during which it became evident that there was considerable concern regarding the number, routeing and timing of HGV movements. Though it was noted that logging (and associated vehicle movements) was also taking in private coops, PS agreed to contact FLS to emphasise our concerns and encourage the consideration of alternative extraction routes, bypassing Cannich and Tomich. Some rotten timber on the Plodda viewing platform would also be reported upon.

1. **Deer Management.**

Details of a DMG public meeting are still awaited.

1. **Any other business.**

None.

1. **Next meeting.**

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at approx. 9-00 pm and advised the date of the next scheduled meeting as Wednesday 4-12-19 commencing at 7-30 pm, assuming that no Community Council election is required. If an election is required, the meeting will be deferred to a later date.

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