**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th December, 2019 at 7:45 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

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

**In Attendance:** Carol Masheter (Soirbheas CDO), Simon Munro (Logan PM Project Manager) and twomembers 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. He recorded thanks for the service of Annette Sutherland and Kay Graham who had recently stood down as Community Councillors, and welcomed the two new members, Georgina Parker and Leeson Carlyle.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23-10-19 were proposed for adoption, unanimously approved and were later signed by the Chair.
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting on 23-10-19:**
4. A831 road signage and pavement issues in Cannich:

John Taylor (THC) had agreed to undertake pavement repairs adjacent to the SSE compound and provide the requested additional cul-de-sac signage for Bencharin View – no action to date, NE to progress in Jan. 2020.

1. Stagecoach bus journey issues:

No update yet on Stagecoach journey terminated by the driver – Cllr. Margaret Davidson undertook to investigate further. We have since been made aware of more problems with the Stagecoach school bus service in Struy which have been also been referred to MD.

1. Joint SCC / SACC / NHS Highland “Care in the community” open forum:

27-1-20 has been suggested – NHS Highland to confirm.

1. Forestry felling and timber extraction:

PS had contacted FLS regarding SCC concerns about the quantity and routeing of HGV movements and, the condition of the viewing Plodda viewing platform. It is understood that concerns have been passed to relevant personnel and that a community consultation meeting is scheduled for 6-12-19.

1. **Police Report:**

The Chair presented a summary of the Police Scotland Community Engagement Report which indicated no recorded incidents of note in the area since the last SCC meeting. No information about other areas was provided. NE agreed to attempt to obtain more information about neighbouring areas for future reports.

1. **Kerrow Energy Storage Facility – briefing by Simon Munro, Logan PM Project Manager:**

The original planning application (19/00704/FUL) was withdrawn by the applicant, Logan PM, in June 2019 following objections and requests for more information. The site will comprise 36 x forty foot shipping containers of lithium-ion batteries with 36 x DX cooling units. In his presentation, SM explained the concept of energy storage and commented on some issues raised during the original application. He explained that he thought issues such as flooding, noise and adverse visual impact could be reduced and, he answered a number of questions. He was asked to supply more information.

SM categorically assured the SCC that the Kerrow Energy Storage Facility proposal was not in any way connected with the Fasnakyle Windfarm, or any other existing or future renewable energy project. He maintained that it was only a proposal to balance the electrical energy currently on the grid.

In conclusion, SM advised that another planning application, that would address the concerns raised by the SCC and others, would be made in the near future.

6. **SACC activities:**

* 1. An application has been made to the Scottish Land Fund for £10k to buy the former nurses home and site.
  2. An application will be made in Jan 2020 to the Robertson Trust Fund for £90k as part of the cost of building the new homes.

7. **SCC Activities:**

A response to the Scoping Request by ECU for the Fasnakyle Windfarm (ECU 00001969) had been circulated and minor amendments had been suggested by SCC members. An extended deadline of 12-12-19 had been confirmed for our initial response. We have the opportunity to make further comment by 31-1-20 if thought necessary. The Chair to submit our response.

8. **Treasurer’s Report:**

After receipt of THC annual payment of £473.27, deduction of a payment and retained funds the balance of funds available is £1678.64.

9. **Planning** (all details on THC website):

The only notification was a request for a Fasnakyle Windfarm scoping response.

10. **Correspondence:**

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

a) the previously mentioned scoping opinion request from ECU for the Fasnakyle Windfarm,

b) a request of support from Power for the People for the Local Electricity Bill which would enable communities to sell locally generated electricity to local consumers by establishing “a Right to Supply”

- the Chair undertook to find more information.

c) correspondence with FLS regarding timber extraction.

11. **Forestry matters:**

PS reported that a special meeting, to be held 6-12-19 and chaired by Cllr. Margaret Davidson, had been arranged to resolve matters of process, HGV movements, use of parking fees and other contentious issues.

12. **Deer Management:**

PS reported that FLS are intending to apply for an out of season shooting licence to enable regeneration of woodland in the Affric Kintail area.

13. **Any other business**:

a) Soirbheas are investigating possible grant applications and the feasibility to install EV charging points in Drumnadrochit (with GURCA) and at the Cannich Village Hall (with SACC).

b) Damage to the wooden Glass Recycling Enclosure in Cannich was raised by a member of the public. The Chair agreed to take the matter up with the relevant THC officer.

c) GP suggested that an SCC Facebook site would increase community involvement. As there is an existing Facebook Cannich group, AH agreed to confirm who moderates it and whether SCC could you use it or link to it.

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, 8-1-20 commencing at 7-30 pm. Details of the other scheduled meetings for 2020 will be circulated, and posted on noticeboards and the SCC website, later.

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