**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at 7:30 pm in Cannich Village Hall**

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

Apologies: Carol Masheter (Soirbheas).

**In Attendance:** Threemembers of the public and PC Scott Maclean.

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 27-3-19 were proposed for adoption, unanimously approved and signed by Mr Ellis.
3. **Police Report:** There had been no reported crimes or other incidents in the Strathglass area since the last meeting. Following some discussion regarding the insecure and derelict Glen Affric Hotel, PC Maclean agreed to brief colleagues regarding SCC concerns regarding unauthorised incursions. Unfortunately, it was recognised that the condition of the building was not a Police matter.
4. **Soirbheas report:** No report available.
5. **Matters arising from meeting the previous meeting on 27-3-19:**
6. Cannich Bridge painting:

A small area will be wire brushed and painted by Alan Johnstone (THC) to check adhesion and coverage.

1. FCS tree felling:

Maps of planned work have been supplied. AH is arranging mounting boards so the plans can be displayed to the public. Details of the previously proposed community consultation are awaited.

1. Lucky2BHere / defibrillators:

Previously agreed £50 donation to L2BH would be made shortly. Agreed that all PAD batteries should be replaced immediately as all devices had been showing a low battery condition for some time.

1. **SACC activities report:**
   1. Fraud:

Reported that £2.5k would be recoverable from SACC’s insurer.

* 1. Former Nurses House Cannich:

Completed surveys were now being collated and, assuming the results are positive, an application for funds would be submitted by the end of the month.

* 1. Village Hall:

Reported that the Village Hall Committee would appreciate more help from people willing to assist with managing the Hall, fund raising and coordinating activities.

1. **SCC activities:**
   1. Glen Affric Hotel. Security of the building had been improved but it was still not totally secure. NE agreed to contact THC Building Standards again to see if they can apply more pressure on the owners to demolish the building, or at least improve security.
   2. Struy broadband. HC is awaiting an update from Monsternet and Cromarty Firth wireless but it seems that the best current option is the EE 4G broadband which is more reliable, cheaper and faster than satellite, but does not provide unlimited data, unlike BT or the wireless based broadband providers.
2. **Planning** (all details on THC website):
3. An application for a house to be built in Fasnakyle.
4. An application for a new forestry track to be built with an access from the Mullardoch Road (19/01739/PNO). Agreed that SCC would ask for conditions to be applied to any approval that would prevent the use of HGV traffic carrying stone from Shenval from transiting Cannich during school arriving and departing periods, Sundays and exceeding 20 mph within the village at all times.
5. A decision on the application for an Energy Storage Scheme at Kerrow (19/00704/FUL), to which SCC and others had objected, has been deferred pending the provision of further information.
6. Four community councillors had attended a presentation by THC Planning regarding the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan. It transpires that Cannich, Tomich and Struy are regarded as settlements for which a reduced list of criteria are required to be complied with by developers.
7. The application for improvements to the Affric-Kintail Way (19/01680/FUL) had been submitted.
8. **Deer Management:** PS attended the last meeting of the Affric and Kintail DMG. Reported that Forestry proposed to exclude deer from an area of their ground that would be difficult to fence. Concern was expressed by other members of the DMG and a further meeting of interested parties was agreed to. PS proposed that the SCC write to the DMG and other parties, commending them on their plans to continue working together.
9. **Forestry matters:**
   1. Reported that FCS had declined to repair the lower track near Plodda Falls because they do not currently use it for Forestry Operations.
   2. Concern was expressed regarding the disposal of waste excrement by wild campers and camper vans at various locations on FCS land. It was suggested that perhaps the money from the parking charges could be used to provide appropriate public waste disposal facilities.
   3. Suggested that when the FCS public consultation takes place, the issue of parking income designated for community benefit is raised so that planned projects can be identified.

10. **Treasurer’s report**:

1. After ring fenced items and items awaiting clearance the balance remains £1302.37.
2. The balance sheet, accounts and notes for the year ending 31-3-19 were approved for submission to the auditor prior to the AGM.

11. **Correspondence:**

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

14. **Next meeting:**

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at approx. 9 pm and advised the date of the next meeting as Wednesday, 19th June 2019 at 7-45 pm in Cannich Village Hall, after the AGM that will commence at 7-30 pm.

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