**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2020 at 7-30 pm, outside the Cannich Hall**

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

**In attendance:** Carol Masheter (Soirbheas)

**Apologies:** Alan Hood

Mr Ellis noted that there was a quorum, welcomed all those attending at a social distances, apologised for the aborted virtual meeting of 29-7-20 and declared the meeting open.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17-6-20 were proposed for adoption and unanimously approved.

1. **Matters arising from the previous meeting on 17-6-20:**
2. Speed limits: No response from THC Roads to a query regarding speed limit reductions and the process for determining their justification had been received. Chair to follow-up.
3. Kerrow Junction sightline clearance: Following a meeting between FLS and PS, a much improved landscape plan had been agreed that would maintain the character of the area and, minimise the amount of spoil removed, whilst avoiding the need for logging HGVs to transit Tomich village.
4. **Police report:**

 The Chair presented a summary of the Police Scotland Community Engagement Report for Strathglass.

1. There had been one offence of drink driving and other traffic offences.
2. Two successful mountain rescues had taken place.
3. **Soirbheas report:**
	1. Grant requests have been low with just two Tier 1 applications and one Tier 2. The deadline for Tier 3 expression of interest is 21-9-20.
	2. Four grants have been made from the Covid-19 fund.
	3. Three of the four Soirbheas funded apprentices were furloughed but one had recently returned to work.
	4. The Loch Ness Transport Hub is progressing and the share offer launch will be open on19-9-20 with plans to open the HUB in March/April 2021. The transport services, eBikes, EV charge points will follow later when funds have been secured.
	5. The Befriending Scheme is going well and a new co-ordinator starts in September. Referrals and volunteers should contact the co-ordinator who is based at the Glen Urquhart Care Centre.
	6. Health walks will re-commence shortly when restrictions apply.
	7. Community larders have been successful in their established locations but there are reports of the contents being misappropriated by tourists. It was suggested that, if necessary, they could be suspended during tourist the season.
	8. 270 Green Packs have been distributed to schools and other recipients. A few are left.
	9. The Soirbheas AGM has been re-scheduled for 29-10-20.
4. **Covid 19 virus issues:**

Refer to Soirbheas and SACC reports.

1. **SACC report:**

 a) A second award of £19200 from HIE is on hold whilst it is ascertained whether the renewed conditions attached can be complied with.

 b) The sale of the former Nurses’ House to the community should be completed shortly. Mike Cooper has been appointed Design and Build Contractor and a planning application will be submitted soon.

 c) Latest guidance from the Scottish Government regarding indoors facilities suggests that Cannich Hall can re-open 14-9-20.

1. **SCC Matters:**

a) Kerrow Energy Storage Facility: no further information available.

b) Bhlaraidh Windfarm Extension (quantity 20 turbines, 180m tip height): a map detailing the

 turbines and 26 viewpoints (including extra VPs asked for by THC and SNH during scoping)

 had been made available but the scale made locations difficult to discern. It was agreed that SCC

 should ask for additional VPs from Kerrow Brae, Affric River CP, Loch Affric north track and

 the Core Paths at Upper Guisachan.

c) Fasnakyle Wind Farm: no further information available.

d) Cannich disused Toilet Block: further to reports that a door had been forced and the facility used,

 THC have been asked to make the building secure.

1. **Treasurer’s Report and financial matters:**

No change to the bank balance since the last meeting.

1. **Planning:**

 There have been three applications:

20/01740/FUL | Erection of a 16.3 high mast with antennae and dishes, SW of Muckerach. This will be part of the Home Office 3ES Network. No objection agreed.

20/02583/FUL Repair of thee stalkers track SE of Braulin Lodge. No objection agreed.

20/02636 Erection of house, track and foul drainage NE of Culbokie. Considered that the proposal may not be appropriate and that an objection may be made following discussion with THC Planning.

Decisions made:

20/02382/DEM Cannich Youth Hostel: Approval not required

20/01740/FUL Erection of 2 houses and formation of access NE of Park House, Cannich: Approved

20/01636/FUL Extension of existing access SE of Home Corrie, Tomich: Approved.

1. **Forestry matters:**

 The FLS Glen Affric Land Management Plan application was reviewed and it was agreed that it was

 a well-reasoned document that should be supported.

1. **Deer management:**

 Nothing new to report

11**. Correspondence:**

 The Chair provided a summary of correspondence received since the last meeting.

12. **Any other business:**

 An event called “Capers in Cannich”, to be held in Invercannich had been widely advertised on social media. Considerable concerns had been raised by local residents regarding potential noise, disturbance, safety, etc. It has subsequently been ascertained that SCC are not statutory consultees when the necessary licence applications for such an event are considered. Though it is now understood that the event will not take place, it was agreed that SCC would place on record with THC Environmental Health our concerns should a similar event be considered in future.

13. **Next meeting:**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at approx. 9-00 pm. The date of the next meeting, the nature of which will be advised, is re-scheduled for Wednesday, 16th September 2020, commencing at 7-30 pm.

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