**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the virtual (via Zoom) meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7-30 pm**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Hood

1. Mr Ellis noted that there was a quorum, welcomed all those in virtual attendance and declared the meeting open.
2. It was noted that the previously distributed minutes of the last meeting held on 12-8-20 were incorrect. AH was shown as present when his apologies for absence had been received, and there were a number of errors in para. 3 (Soirbheas report). The Chair undertook to revise them (based upon notes received from Carol Masheter) and re-distribute for approval.
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting on 12-8-20:**
4. A response to the matter of speed limit reductions or process for determining the justification for them is still awaited from tHC. MD offered to follow this up.
5. Some revisions to the previous minutes were offered by Soirbheas with apologies for the delayed response (see para. 2 above).
6. Glen Affric Land Management Plan: a letter of support was sent to Forestry Scotland.
7. “Capers in Cannich”: a letter recording SCC observations regarding this, and any future event, was sent to tHC Environmental Health.
8. Disused toilet block in Cannich: tHC has now secured the building.
9. **Police report:**

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

1. The Police Report includes no incidents of note in the SCC area.
2. A reported of vandalism in the grounds of Mellness House in Glenurquart was being investigated.
3. For information and awareness, there have been reports of suspicious vehicle movements on the east side of Loch Ness, apparently looking around gardens.
4. PS observed that there had also been a car accident on the top track to Plodda Falls, possibly not included within the Police Report because it occurred on a private / forestry track.
5. **Covid 19 and Community Resilience Planning:**
	1. Further to a prompt from MD, the Chair noted that the Community Resilience Plan had last been updated in 2017. Some contact details require revision and, bearing in mind the Covid-19 pandemic, risk assessments and social care information need updating.
	2. It was agreed that the Chair would suggest to AH that a joint SCC / SACC team be established to revise the Plan where necessary. GP and LC agreed to be SCC representatives.
6. **SACC projects and activities update:**

No update available, though it was noted that the Hall is not yet open.

1. **SCC Matters:**

a) Kerrow Energy Storage: no further information available.

b) Bhlaraidh Windfarm Extension: a request for an additional five VP locations has been submitted.

c) Fasnakyle Wind Farm: no further information available.

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

No report available but the annual ICO fee of £40 had been paid and the necessary documents had been provided to enable tHC to release the annual bursary.

1. **Planning:**

a) 20/02636/FUL, erection of house, track and foul drainage NE of Culbokie: as agreed, an objection, on the grounds of non-compliance with HwLDP policies 28 and 36, was submitted to tHC Planning.

b) 20/02956/FUL and 20/02957/FUL, provision of holiday accommodation at Dunromin, Cannich: following representations from some local residents, comments were placed on record with tHC Planning.

1. **Forestry matters:**
2. A 2021 felling plan had been received from FLS. PS distributed and asked GP to post on Facebook.
3. We await timing details for the junction widening at Tomich.
4. Reported that wild camping with casually dumped litter and excrement are becoming a Highlands wide problem.
5. **Deer management:**

 Nothing new to report.

1. **Correspondence:**

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

1. **Any other business:**

 None.

1. **Next meeting:**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at approx. 9-00 pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 21-10-20, commencing at 7-30 pm. The type of meeting will be advised dependent upon the latest guidance.

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