**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Wednesday 17th June 2020 at 7-50 pm**

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

1. Mr Ellis noted that there was a (virtual) quorum, welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6-5-20 were proposed for adoption and unanimously approved.
3. **Matters arising from the previous meeting on 6-5-20:**
4. Following comment from Matthew Haughton (vento ludens), and review of email correspondence with MH dated circa 26-3-20, minute 8c (pertaining to Fasnakyle Wind Farm contractors being on site after lockdown), was confirmed to be correct. After this date, no reports have been received of contractors being seen on site.
5. Some of the potholes at Tomich have been repaired temporarily; further information and pictures have been sent to John Taylor at THC.
6. **Police report:**

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

a) There have been no incidents of note to report in our area and no information regarding adjoining

 areas

b) There are some concerns about fly tipping and speeding; any prevalence of speeding should be reported to the police.

c) AH commented that there had been an incident of someone offering to tarmac drives using false details; this ploy has in the past been used as a cover whilst planning a burglary.

1. **Covid 19 virus issues:**
2. Distribution of food vouchers has been successful and well received. It seems to have had better take up than some adjacent areas, possibly because of having fewer complications and hurdles for applicants.
3. The fuel fund has helped some 20 families.
4. AH is investigating the supply of 8 sanitising stations with dispensers of antiseptic gel for erection throughout the area and then provision of starter packs for households of gel, face coverings, gloves and wipes.
5. Public access food larders have been set up by Soirbheas in Cannich, Tomich and Struy.
6. **SACC projects and activities update:**
7. Cannich Village Hall is currently still closed. SACC is planning Covid-19 security measures and are considering when the public WC’s can be re-opened.
8. Former Nurses’ House: Feedback from the Scottish Government to the grant application is awaited. Noted that this may be conditional on SACC to accepting some risk and debt to complete the funding.
9. **SCC Matters:**

a) Kerrow Energy Storage: no further information available.

b) Bhlaraidh Windfarm Extension: a public presentation is anticipated when circumstances permit. In the meantime a postcard, summarising the project, will be sent to all Strathglass residents.

c) Fasnakyle Wind Farm: some on-site survey work (in compliance with Covid-19 safety measures) has recommenced. Further public presentations / community engagement is expected when circumstances permit.

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

 The Treasurer provided unaudited accounts which were approved for submission to THC. The balance at 31-3-20 was £1700.38.

1. **Planning:**

 There has been one application:

20/01740/FUL | Erection of two houses and formation of access | Land 40M NE of Park House, Cannich

1. **Forestry matters:**
2. PS will meet with Duncan Cameron (FLS) to review the planned alteration to the track access at the entrance to Tomich village. Concern has been expressed that significant rock breaking, its removal and construction traffic movements will be required. PS will also seek remedial landscaping to the entrance to this historic village and ensure that nearby residents are warned and consulted. Following this meeting, the Chair will make appropriate comment to THC Planning.
3. Reported that logging contractors and vehicles have returned to sites and visitor services are about to re-open.
4. **Deer management:**
5. The ADMG are responding to the SNH Report, including how the Scottish Biodiversity Target has been met.
6. Consideration is being given to high level deer fencing in West Affric.
7. The Affric & Kintail DMG are looking at carrying out peat surveys.
8. **Correspondence:**

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

1. **Any other business:**
2. AH commented that a flower tub with flowers had been removed from its location near Kerrow. He will see if it can be replaced at minimal cost.
3. There was some discussion of speed limits and it was suggested that, given the width of the road between the bridges in Cannich, it would be less daunting for pedestrians if the limit were reduced from 40 to 30 mph. Similarly, in Struy with some houses opening directly on to the road and no pavement 30 mph would be more appropriate than the current 40 mph limit. Chair to take the matter up with THC.
4. AH suggested a community noticeboard, Zoom and Facebook update for the community about opening up from lockdown, to provide information and gather feedback. This was agreed for implementation when details / dates become clearer.
5. **Next meeting:**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at approx. 9-00 pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 29-7-20, commencing at 7-30 pm. The nature of the meeting will be advised when the agenda is issued.

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