**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the meeting held at Cannich Hall on Wednesday, 1st December 2021 at 7-45 pm**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Margaret Davidson, Cllr. David Fraser, Georgina Parker

**1. Welcome.**

The Chair noted that there was a quorum, welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th October 2021 were proposed for adoption and unanimously approved.

**3. Matters arising from the previous meeting.**

a) tHC have responded to our planning queries made on 10-9-21:

 i) there are national, temporary exemptions in place for 2021 to allow additional camping, caravan and campervan short stays where the scale is small / incidental and there is no wider impact on amenity or infrastructure.

 ii) if a full planning application was lodged and registered for one site, and later abandoned for a completely different site, a new application would be required. However, it is reasonable to move a siting within the same application boundary to avoid an identified flood or other risk whilst maintaining the original application.

b) The damaged lamp post in Tomich was reported to tHC on 23-10-21.

c) SCC comments regarding planning application 21/04342/FUL were lodged on 26-10-21. It is understood that the application will now be considered by the Planning Committee on 14-12-21.

**4. Police report.**

There have been no incidents of note in our area.

**5. SCC matters.**

a) 2022 meetingschedule:

It was agreed that all dates would be changed to a Monday to permit the use of the Main Room. The list of scheduled dates has been circulated separately.

b)Windfarms update:

 i) Bhlaraidh Windfarm Extension: the SCC holding objection was lodged on 21-10-21 and the ECU target decision date has been extended to 15-2-22.

 ii) Fiodhag Windfarm: the SCC response to the DPEA was submitted on 28-10-21 and the expected decision date is 10-12-21.

 iii) Tomnacrasky Windfarm: no new information.

 iv) Loch Liath Windfarm: no new information.

 v)Crathaich Windfarm: a public consultation was held in Cannich on 17-11-21. We understand that the developer’s plans will include a reduction in turbine blade tip height to 149.9m, a reduced number of turbines and a reconfiguration of the site eastwards. We also understand that initial contact by the developer has been made with Soirbheas.

c) Capers in Cannich:

In advance of any planned 2022 events, it was agreed that the Chair would write to tHC Licencing Officer regarding concerns and adverse comments that have been expressed by Cannich residents regarding the 2021 events.

**6. SACC matters.**

a) Cannich Hall is open but there has been reduced use and recently, there have been further event cancellations, including the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. The Hall Committee are considering an application to Soirbheas for funding to cover lost revenue.

b) The new houses should be ready for occupation in January 2022. There have been 12 applications for the two properties. The Community Housing Trust will analyse the applications and allocate the properties. The rental charges are based upon those used by tHC for similar social homes.

**7. Treasurer’s Report and financial matters.**

a) The bank balance is: £2157.39

a) The balance of available funds, after deduction of £423.54 ring-fenced for the Cannich Recreational Park and addition of anticipated receipts of £310.00, is £2043.85.

**8. Planning.**

A number of applications have been decided, including:

i) Erection of 11.8m high wind turbine, solar panel array and equipment cabin at The Longhouse, Crochail Forest.

ii) Erection of a replacement house at Dorran Cottage, Cannich.

iii) Extension to car park and footpath re-routing at Dog Falls.

iv) Extension and installation of an air sourced heat pump at Tigh-na-Bruiach, Struy.

**9. Forestry matters.**

It was reported that there is severe damage to the Tomich road surface from the Triangle caused by timber extraction HGVs. There is also a lot of mud on the road that is not being cleared. The road from Tomich to Fasnakyle is also in poor condition. It was agreed that the Chair would notify tHC although remedial work is probably not sensible until timber extraction in that area is completed.

**10. Deer management.**

Nothing new to report

**11. Correspondence.**

The Chair provided a summary of correspondence received since the last meeting which included a letter from tHC Education Office advising of a proposal to establish a Gaelic Medium Catchment Area (to include Strathglass) for Glen Urquhart Primary School. It was agreed that soundings would be taken in the community about the idea of creating Gaelic school hubs so that an appropriate response can be made before the deadline of 4-2-22.

**12 Any other business.**

a) Following positive comments from interested parties, PS advised a meeting was planned to be held to discuss the impact of land use projects and National Park proposals. AH was asked about possible SACC representation.

b) HC reported the bus stop opposite the Struy Inn had become unusable due to deep puddle in front of it.

c) A resident of Glen Strathfarrar had enquired about the possibility of a shelter being provided for children waiting for school buses at the junction near the stone bridge.

The Chair agreed to take up items b) and c) with the relevant HC officer.

**15. Next meeting.**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 25th January, 2022 at 7-30pm at Cannich Hall unless otherwise advised on the agenda.

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