**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the meeting held at Cannich Hall at 7-30pm on Monday, 28th February 2022**

**Present:** Nigel Ellis (Chair), Paul Stirling, Humphrey Clarke, Georgina Parker, Alan Hood, Leeson Carlyle and three members of the public including Jim McAuley (SMG).

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

**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 24th January 2022 were proposed for adoption and unanimously approved.

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

a) Tomich roads: HC have included Tomich and parts of Glen Affric within this year’s road resurfacing capital budget and an assessment will take place in the spring.

b) Planning application 22/00145/FUL query: a reply from the Case Officer indicated that there was no particular reason for seeking SCC comment.

c) Tomich defibrillator: a replacement battery has been provided by L2BH.

d) Tomich street lighting: a replacement lamp post has been ordered by HC but the delivery lead time is long. e) Potholes: HC have agreed an increased roads maintenance revenue budget and residents are encouraged to continue to report major potholes to enable priorities to be established.

**4. Police report.**

No report available.

**5. SCC matters.**

a)Bhlaraidh Windfarm Extension: HC have submitted a planning approval to the ECU subject to reducing the number of turbines from 18 to 15. The requirement for red lighting at night has been removed.

b) Other windfarm developments: no new information available.

**6. SACC matters.**

a) The new homes are complete and Building Warrant completion sign-off is anticipated within the next few weeks.

b) AH is going to study the GUCC Community Action Plan to see if we can gather any useful information from it to incorporate into ours.

c) NHS Highland has renewed a three year lease for the use of the meeting room as a GP surgery although the actual date for service restart is currently unknown.

d) Some new activities have started at Cannich Hall.

**7. National Park Working Group.**

a) PS has met with interested parties including representatives of SMG, SHA and SACC to gather views and consider the possible benefits / implications for Strathglass of an Affric National Park.

b) SCC support for the WG was agreed and PS undertook to continue initial consultations, consider formalising WG arrangements and to report again at the next SCC meeting.

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

a) The current bank balance is £2813.48.

b) The balance of available funds (after deduction of reserved funds) is £2293.44.

**9. Planning**

a) The change of use, alterations and extensions the former CoS church in Cannich has been approved.

b) The application to erect three houses on the former Glen Affric Hotel site in Cannich has been approved.

c) There is an application to erect a new agricultural shed on land at Struy Lodge.

d) There is an application to convert a barn to a house at Shepherds Cottage, Fasnakyle.

**9. Forestry matters.**

a) Some 300 lorry loads of timber will be extracted this year.

b) FLS are being mindful of unlisted archaeology whilst conducting operations in Lower Guisachan

c) £11000 has been raised from the FLS car parks over the last 12 months. Car parking is now £3 per visit but local residents are reminded that a free FLS parking permit is available from the SCC. Apply at strathglasscc@gmail.com quoting name, home address and vehicle registration number.

d) AKW Phase 2 work, using FLS approved contractors, will commence in April with a target completion of September 2022. Though funding is in place there is concern that recent materials price increases may be problematic. If necessary, it was suggested and agreed that FLS car park income could be used to cover any funding shortfall.

e) The work to Dog Falls paths and car park has been approved and will go ahead as planned.

**10. Deer management.**

Nothing new to report.

**11. Correspondence.**

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

**12 Any other business.**

a) AH reported that there have been continuing problems with the early morning bus service to Drumnadrochit over the last month. On four occasions there was no or a restricted service leading to pupils unable to travel to school due to poor road conditions caused by incorrectly timed and/or insufficiently applied salt grit. Chair to take up with HC.

b) All are reminded to report potholes (also see 3e above) and other problems via the HC website using the “Report a problem” facility.

**15. Next meeting.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 4th April 2022, commencing at 7-30 pm, at the Cannich Hall.

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