**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC**)

**Minutes of the meeting held at Cannich Hall on Wednesday, 4th April 2022 at 7-30 pm**

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

In attendance: Cllr. David Fraser and four members of the public including Jim McAuley (SMG) and Karl Falconer (Capers in Cannich).

**Apologies:** Cllr. Margaret Davidson, Georgina Parker and Nicky MacLennan (Soirbheas)

**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 28th February 2022 were proposed for adoption and unanimously approved.

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

All included in the Agenda items.

**4. Police report.**

There had been a report of a culvert collapse on a private estate and three cases of abandoned cars or walkers failing to return, though all were found safe and well. In addition, there was a report of a non-suspicious death in the community and a fraud incident where a refund was not provided for defective or non-provision of goods / services.

**5. Soirbheas report.**

Because of sickness, no report was available at the meeting but it was subsequently distributed by email.

**6. SCC matters.**

a)Bhlaraidh Windfarm Extension:

Further to HC comments, the developer has submitted a revised proposal (essentially the original proposal with the removal of turbines T13, T14 and T18 to the east of the site) to the ECU who require Additional Information that may be commented upon by 26-4-22.

b) Fiodhag Windfarm:

Cllr. Davidson has written to the DPEA Reporter seeking clarification regarding his decision to consent the appealed meteorological mast application despite recognising that it was contrary to the local development plan.

c) Other windfarm developments:

No further information available.

c**)** Capers in Cannich:

Following an SCC enquiry to HC Licencing regarding the status of authorisation for similar events in 2022, we were invited to comment upon the 2021 events that had taken place in November 2021. These comments, principally addressing concerns regarding noise, site access / traffic, waste disposal and anti-social behaviour, were initially made in December but were not received by the HC Licencing Officer until February 2022. The event organisers had provided a robust response in March and were present at the meeting to provide more detail.

To summarise, the organisers advised that though a three year licence was in place there was no certainty, for commercial reasons, that the 2021 event programme would be repeated. They were surprised that complaints had been made to SCC during the summer as none had been made to them. The positive economic benefits for the area were emphasised by the organisers and the noise control, security and waste control measures employed were explained. It was conceded that some changes had been made to noise levels and finishing times as the events progressed to reduce neighbour impact.

The organisers undertook to consult the SCC if similar events in the future are being considered.

d) Struy bus shelter:

A possible position adjacent to the Glen Strathfarrar junction had been established and a sample product had been costed at £2720 + delivery and erection. HC Roads have been asked to comment whilst the Chair undertook to source further estimates.

e) IMFLDP2:

The final draft is now available on the HC website for consultation and comment by 17-6-22. HC Planning representatives have been invited to a future SCC meeting to explain the context for Strathglass.

f) School buses:

Service reliability had again been a problem over the last month and DF advised that HC were to take up the problems with the service providers. He also advised that a bus service review is due in October 2022.

g) Emails to HC Officers:

The Chair advised that it was now clear from a number of HC recipients that his emails from his SCC email address were not penetrating the HC firewall causing considerable delay to the answering of queries. DF undertook to investigate further.

**7. SACC matters.**

a) The new houses on the former Nurses’ House site were now occupied.

b) A support grant from Soirbheas had been received to mitigate the loss of income for Cannich Hall due to the pandemic.

c) SACC was in contact with GURCA regarding their experiences with a Community Action Plan.

d) AH advised that SACC would liaise with the NP Working Group.

**7. NP Working Group.**

a) The WG is gathering background information and experiences from similar organisations presented with similar challenges..

b) It was agreed that this group will be formed into an SCC sub-committee to provide reports with recommendations to the full SCC for discussion and approval/implementation.

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

a) The bank balance is: £2716.98

b) The balance of available funds is £2272.44

**9. Planning**

a) An application for a forestry track at Cougie Lodge had been submitted.

b) The demolition of a shed and erection of a garage, store and home office has been permitted at The Old Library, Tomich.

c) The application to erect a new barn in Struy near the Struy Lodge has been permitted

**10. Forestry matters.**

a) There has been a lot of storm damage that may change felling and haulage priorities.

b) Thinning at Lower Guisachan will take place this summer.

b) The Plodda tracks are in a poor condition due to HGV and construction traffic use.

**11. Deer management.**

Nothing new to report. A scheduled meeting has been postponed until 8-4-22.

**12. Correspondence.**

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

**13. Any other business.**

a) The Chairman read out a letter from the SFRS On-call Watch Commander asking for residents to consider joining the Cannich crew who provide an essential service and are experiencing severely reduced numbers. Persons interested should visit Cannich Fire Station on any Wednesday evening.

b) The damaged lamp post in Tomich has been replaced.

c) We remembered with thanks Ian Muir, a founder member of SMG, who recently died.

d) On hearing that she would not be standing for re-election, we also acknowledged the work that Cllr. Margaret Davidson has done as a Ward 12 councillor for the Strathglass community over many years.

**15. Next meeting.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 16th May 2022, commencing at 7-30 pm at the Cannich Hall.

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