**Minutes - Strathglass Community Council Meeting 26/7/23**

**Present:** Georgina Parker (Interim Chair & Minutes), Paul Stirling (PS), Leeson Carlyle (LC), Alan Hood (AH), Ian McKay (joined community council members as a co-opted member after item 4.

**In attendance:** Cllr. David Fraser, Cllr Chris Balance and two members of the community

1. Welcome & Apologies: Apologies were received from Humphrey Clarke
2. The minutes of both the AGM and the SCC meeting held on 21st June were approved.
3. Matters arising: matters arising from 21st June are covered in the agenda.
4. The co-option of Iain McKay was proposed by PS and seconded by LC. Following discussion, this was unanimously agreed. Iain then joined the meeting as a co-opted member.
5. SCC Matters
6. Windfarm and Battery storage proposals update:

Battery storage – nothing to note.

Loch Liath windfarm – submitted objection to HC and ECU as agreed.

Crathaich – it was unanimously agreed that an objection would be lodged.

**Action:**  Drafting objection and will send to colleagues for review.

1. SSEN Transmission proposals. An update had been circulated. Although community councillors have requested for some months more information from SSEN, at their Community Liaison Group meetings, details regarding the proposed replacement of Fasnakyle sub-station, including its size and intended location, no information has been provided.

**Action:** keep a watching brief and continue to attend meetings

Discussion re pylons in Strathfarrar being moved underground. Looking for construction area. Commencing construction planned 2025/26

1. Glen Strathfarrar Bus Shelter: A survey was conducted at the proposed site, with N McAdam, the dry stone wall specialist, to ensure that the construction of the shelter would be consistent with the removable nature of the shelter construction.

The former Chair, NE requested the release of the funds in order that the shelter could be ordered. Fettes have agreed to hold the price. NE met with Tina, who is applying to the Directors for the release of the 50% deposit and will arrange a BACs transfer direct to Fettes. SCC is happy with that proposal and NE will place the order and source the bank details for Fettes. The solicitors have not yet forwarded confirmation of the agreement so there is some inherent risk. SCC decided to accept the risk on the basis that the shelter could perhaps be repurposed, with the permission of the funder if necessary.

1. Defibrillators - Cannich and Struy have had new batteries fitted, replacement will be due between 2027/29. Tomich had new batteries 12 months earlier and the Cannich Hall prior to that. Soirbheas has funded to date. LC offered to lead on reporting and maintenance of defibrillators in future.

**Action:** PS to provide LC with the access details for defibrillator monitoring.

6. SACC Matters

Cannich Hall - Some new groups but one group has been lost. An extensive leak in the foyer is being repaired, this will be claimed on insurance. GP surgery: Arranged meeting was cancelled. Hopefully will be rearranged before the next SCC meeting.

Community transport group: SACC supporting with the business plan and funding application.

Place Plan: SACC will lead on the initial draft of the Place Plan. Final date for submission 28 June 2024.

7. Treasurers Report & Financial Matters: Report circulated. £1,425 available balance

8. Planning

2 applications in the period. Adjustment to forestry access tracks. Forestry plan shared. Construction of two towers at the hydro-power station and removal of the existing tower, submitted 7th July.

**Action:** AH will review on behalf of the SCC.

9. Forestry matters: Speeding timber lorries were reported by a member of the community. Reminded people obtain a registration number.

10. Deer Management: No update. Next meeting in October.

11. Correspondence:

Mullardoch Dam: application for telecoms equipment

Extended lapses in mobile data coverage in Struy, Cannich and surrounding areas. HC has written to David Fraser and Kate Forbes.

**Actions:**  Ensure SCC comments on future telecoms applications regarding the need for generators to be part of any new installation or upgrade. GP to review Telecommunications code.

Discussion re. Community Councils Forum.

**Action:** HC’s email address will be passed to the Community Council forum.

12. AOB

LC raised the planned switch off of analogue telephone lines in 2026: underlines the importance of the above action.

NatureScot Beaver Translocation Consultation Catchment Environmental Report has been published.

**Action:** Submit a response regarding mitigation and consultation concerns.

**Date of next meeting: 6th September 2023**