**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING 7.30 WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**AT CANNICH HALL**

Chair: Humphrey Clarke

Secretary: Georgina Parker

Treasurer: Alan Hood

Members: Paul Stirling, Ian McKay(Co-opted), Leeson Carlisle

10 members of the public

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

No apologies. Chris Balance in attendance.

1. **Minute of last meeting were approved by three members.**
2. **Matters arising:**

Data signal at Struy: HC following up with EE and Kate Forbes

Ian working on the objection to the Craithiach windfarm

David Fraser joined the meeting.

1. **Update from Soirbheas:**

Sunflower scheme in progress.

Befriending coordinator starting next week. Seeking more referrals when capacity increased. Digital awareness sessions for people in the Strathglass area to improve digital literacy of community members. Paying bills on line, etc. This was shared on SCC facebook.

Tier 2 grants are open. Short on applications, Soirbheas can help with applications.

Community group even being held at Cannich 30th Sept 10-12 and Drumnadrochit 7th October.

1. **SCC Matters:**
2. Energy / Windfarms

Fairburn: Event on 13th at Kilmorack.

A map and tracking document for all of the local windfarms in existence, scoping and planning is sought.

**ACTION: SCC to Attend meeting**

1. SSEN Transmissions Proposals affecting Strathglass

SCC is part of the Community Liaison Group with SSEN, representing Strathglass. Conversation regarding CLG and face to face consultation event.

Concerns raised by community councillors and members of the community regarding the late stage in the project that the community were consulted, after the initial 14 sites under consideration were already reduced.

Concerns that SSEN had not respected the community or the environment Stage 1 needs to be completed again, taking into account the issues raised above. DF will add support to SCC’s request to SSEN. The importance was stressed of individuals taking part in the consultation process.

**ACTION:**  SCC to write to SSEN to ask that they return to stage one on the basis of the above.

1. Glen Strathfarrar public shelter.

Increase in costs. Gap in funding >£2000. Bid for gap funding refused by …..

DF said that we could put in a request for ward 12 funding. If we still have a shortfall Soirbheas will consider the remaining funding required at their meeting on 28th September.

**ACTION:** HC to put in application.

1. Defibrillators

Leeson Carlisle has taken over responsibility for the monitoring of defibrillators and is having a handover from Paul.

1. Telecoms masts

Proliferation of masts in the area. 2 main types, MOD and private providers. Suggestion to ask for these to be sited in unobtrusive locations, considering design (colour) and positioning against hills.

1. Cannich Post Office closure:

**ACTION**: Alan to discuss with proprietor of the bog cotton café.

1. SCC Matters

Funding refused for community minibus project. Proposers have given up.

Community action plan – update next month.

Community hall continues to struggle with income – will attend the Soirbheas community event. Need to consider marketing support.

Doctors surgery: Surgeries said that the surgery is not viable and that they have insufficient staff. They committed to visit if necessary.

Discussion regarding prevention of hospitalisation.

ACTION: NHS Health Survey to be completed, including free text. DF may be able to support via HC health committee. AH to draft response to Emma and ask her to attend the next meeting.

 7. Highland Health & Social Care Plan see above

 8. Visitor levy: HC will write to express CC views.

 9. Treasurers support: Balance £1,965. GP and HC have agreed to be bank signatories.

 10. Planning: nothing to discuss.

11. Forestry Matters: doing a walk to badger falls to see what can be done. Logging vehicles outside of agreed hours. SCC wrote to company and practice ceased.

12. Deer Management: Nothing to report

13. Correspondence covered in agenda

14. AOB

SCC Elections: Nominations for existing and new members need to be made by 12 noon 3 October October 2023. 7 members would be ideal. Process discussed. Details at: LINK EXPIRED

Salmon Pools: DF confirmed that Stuart from the Highland Council is attending the site tomorrow.