**STRATHGLASS COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT NOTES**

**OF MEETING HELD ON 7.30 pm ON WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBUARY 2024**

 **AT CANNICH HALL**

**Present:**

Humphrey Clarke, Chair

Georgina Parker, Vice Chair and Secretary

Paul Stirling

Leeson Carlyle

**In Attendance:**

Chris Ballance, Highland Councillor

22 members of the public

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies from David Fraser

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 11 January 2024

Approved.

1. Matters arising from meeting of 11 January 2024

All on today’s agenda

1. SCC matters:
2. Windfarm and battery storage proposals update

No update

1. SSEN Transmission proposals affecting Strathglass

SCC has received conflicting information from SSEN, so no update at present. Members of the public showed concern regarding heavy plant moving through Tomich.

c) National Park Nomination Update: The Chair read through a summary report. It was recommended and carried that the Affric & Loch Ness National Park nomination would not go forward, on the basis that support shown in the survey for IV4 postcodes was 50/50. Some members of the public left the meeting at this point.

 d) Community Place Plan: Discussion with SACC. Deadline is now September 2024.

5. SACC/Soirbheas update: No update received.

6. Treasurer’s Report and Financial matters

Highland council funds will be returned. Treasurer required following resignation of Ian MacKay.

7. Planning

 Application for Slaters Arms – change of use and addition of holiday units

 Renovation of Struy Old School

8. Forestry matters

 Nothing to report.

9. Deer management

 January meeting postponed to 15/2/24

10. Correspondence

 Nature Mapping Sites: Action – HC to bring to the next meeting

11. Any Other Business

 - Update on email hosting: email addresses have now moved to a new platform.

- Road priority enquiry, Tomich: Paul will dig out old correspondence. Request to add a dead-end road sign.

Beaver Consultation Update

- Update on Beaver Consultation process: SCC asked what the mitigation process was and what recourse there would be for any damage. SCC will request an update on this. SCC requested that members of the community share any communication with them if they wish their views to be represented by the community council.

- No information provided to the community council regarding the consultation event.

- Reservations in the community regarding the progress of the beaver consultation. The community council would request that they receive updates on communications with the community.

Black Ice/Absence of Road Gritting between Cannich and Tomich

- Reported that gritting at Tomich was not happening until 11am if at all. Dangerous black ice has caused serious concerns for residents and to bus drivers this week. There is concern that someone will get seriously hurt. Chris Ballance offered to take this up with the council. (since the meeting Chris has chased up and received a response indicating that the council has the responsibility for gritting through Tomich) and the relevant council staff have been asked to reinforce.