**Strathglass Community Council**

**Wednesday 19 August 2025 at 7.30pm @ Cannich Hall**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:**

Humphrey Clarke (Chair)

Georgina Parker (Vice Chair)

Leeson Carlyle

Karen Edwards (Co-opted)

**Apologies:**

Karl Falconer

Gordon Beckley

David Tulloch

Councillor Chris Ballance

**In attendance:**

Councillor David Fraser

**Members of the public: 20**

1. Welcome, apologies and conflicts of interest

Apologies recorded per above

Members confirmed no conflicts of interest.

1. Approval of minutes and review of actions

Minutes approved by email previously.

Action re consultant – not possible within timescales

1. Partner updates:
   1. Soirbheas – no contact
   2. SACC – GP to send list of dates
2. Energy Infrastructure Proposals:

The chair provided an update on the community council convention.

* 1. Fasnakyle BESS: Discussion regarding key concerns to be emailed to the SPAC tomorrow 21/8/25.
     1. Safety concerns
     2. Access
     3. Omissions from application
     4. Spurious objections submitted late from people in Inverness, including convicted individuals
     5. Other concerns being emailed by concerned members of the community
  2. Bingally & Fanellan Substations: Earliest to come to the committee would be October.

Action: Mitigation request to be submitted by SCC to add to our objection – need to submit by mid September.

* 1. Bingally to Fasnakyle connection – consultation events including Cannich Hall Monday 25th August 2025 3.30pm to 7pm.

Highland Council submitted an objection to ECU (ECU 14th August report from Highland Council)

* 1. Cnoc Farasd Windfarm – above Cannich to Bunloit – no further update and not listed in major infrastructure proposals list from Highland Council
  2. Glen Earrach Hydro: watching brief due to cumulative traffic concerns and potential impacts of construction village.

1. Update on Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan for Strathglass provided by Karen Edwards. Bid for remaining funding required was successful.

Consultant Nick Wright has been contracted to undertake the community consultation and complete the plans. A meeting between the subgroup and the consultant on 27th August. The consultation will be undertaken during September and October. The Vice Chair thanked Karen for her excellent work to secure the funding and the SCC welcomed the opportunity for the CAP and LPP to progress.

1. SCC Member Updates:

Forestry & Deer Management – DT on holiday

* issues with FLS sub-contractors going through Tomich at speed and early in the mornings
* Charles Houston Trucks are the issue in Tomich
* Logan truck speeding through Cannich at 9am when children are going to school

Action: DF to ask FLS to attend meeting (see also 8 below)

Action: DF to arrange for the community police to monitor traffic speed in Cannich (early morning and 3.30)

1. Treasurer’s report – LC £2,330.65 balance

Action: prepare application for ward funding

1. Additional items/community concerns:

* Hazardous road conditions on road towards Tomich caused by the FLS forestry in winter 2024 are a concern as we move towards winter 2025. Issues regarding run-off and lack of culverts has still not been addressed
* Hazard warning lights around the school in Cannich not operating
* Potholes on the road outside Challenger Lodge in Tomich
* Concerns re potential land slide between Cannich and Kerrow, close to previous landslip

Action: DF to meet with Stephen Grant regarding all road related issues discussed.

Action: SCC to report potholes

* Proposed Beaver Translocation

2nd July meeting re proposed beaver release discussed. Draft notes circulated yesterday and feedback requested. Many members of the community are concerned that their businesses will be impacted by any release. Concerns from residents re lack of data on current populations. Concerns from residents that elements that the applications doesn’t comply with the national beaver strategy requirements. Extract of report and map showing unsuitability of the proposed location for beaver release provided to the Vice Chair by a member of the community.

Action: SCC to write to NatureScot and FLS summarising outcome of 2nd July meeting and outlining concerns.

1. AOB

David advised that Alan Johnson is retiring at the end of September after 47 years’ service. THC will recruit to the role but will miss AJ’s expertise. SCC wished to send thanks to Alan for his support over the years.

1. Date/Time of the next meeting: 24th September (preceded by AGM)