**Strathglass Community Council**

**21 May 2025 at 7.30pm @ Cannich Hall**

**Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Humphrey Clarke (Chair)

Georgina Parker (Vice Chair & Secretary)

Leeson Carlyle (Treasurer)

David Tulloch (Member)

In attendance: Councillors Fraser and Ballance, 23 members of the public.

1. Welcome, apologies and conflicts of interest

* The chair welcomed and thanked all for their attendance
* Apology received from Gordon Beckley

1. Approval of minutes, review of actions (one correction to minutes regarding ownership of land on the south side of the road into Tomich)
2. Partner Updates – Soirbheas: Community Council recorded best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Tina Morrow.
3. Changes to FLS car park charging at Glen Affric – update

David T confirmed that FLS have agreed to continue the provision of parking passes for residents of Strathglass Community Council, following representations at our April meeting and a follow up email send by Councillor Fraser .

1. ‘Bingally’ & ‘Fanellan’ Substations:

* Given the impending deadline for the SCC response to the above, the discussion focussed on the two substations.
* The substation proposals were discussed by SCC members and attendees from the community. Issues raised were consistent with those recorded in detail in the meeting notes of the last meeting in April. Key concerns are: Threat to tourism related businesses; Health and Safety of residents including relation to water supply, traffic, noise, fire risk; damage to nature, flora and fauna, including protected species; detriment to our way of life and utility of local tracks and resources; cumulative impact of energy and forestry activities.
* Councillor Fraser advised that planning responses are still being worked through and members of the community can submit further comment during this period
* SCC advised that comments had been received via email, messenger and face-to-face. No comments in support of the substation or connected energy projects had been received.
* Following a unanimous vote by show of hands of members of the public and SCC members, SCCwill submit response representing residents concerns regarding Bingally and Fanellan.
* SCC should consider submitting mitigations

ACTION: Members of the public are encouraged to advise SCC of any proposals for mitigation for them to submit. For discussion at next meeting or to be submitted to SCC via email or facebook messenger.

1. ‘Bingally’ associated blasting

* Residents raised concerns regarding the SSEN blasting and heavy plant coming through Cannich in advance of the 27th May notification
* Residents have raised concerns with SSEN regarding ground nesting birds at this time of the year.
* SCC is in correspondence with the Community Liaison Manager regarding this. SCC has tried to contact NatureScot regarding this and will follow up.

1. Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan for Strathglass update:

* Funding application submitted to Siorbheas for 50% of the required funding
* Delay in second funding application due funder meeting schedule

1. SCC Member Updates

* Already updated re FLS
* Beavers will be on the agenda in June. Release is on hold currently.

1. Treasurer’s report – LC

* Anticipating a deficit of £500

ACTION: LC to pull together a report on basic operating costs to support an application to Highland Council for ward funds.

1. Additional items/community communications:
   1. Hazardous road conditions (inc. speed in Cannich): still awaiting a response from the roads officer. Councillor Fraser will chase up.
   2. Speed limits
   3. RTS switch off: Cellular Meter solution has worked for a resident in Tomich.
2. AOB: The Chair thanked all those who continue to come to our meetings to inform our understanding of public views.
3. Date/Time of the next meeting: 18/6/25