

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th DECEMBER 2012  
AT THE STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK**

Members present:

Mr M. Houston (Chairman)	Mrs E. Merther (Secretary/Acting Treasurer)
Mrs M. Cameron	Mr L. MacNally
Mr A. MacPherson	Mr F. Ross
Mr A. Sutherland	

Ex officio members present:

Councillor D. Hendry

Also present:

Police Sergeant A. Blakey	PC A. Mathieson
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Apologies received:

Mr K. Fraser	Councillor M. Davidson
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**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of 27th November 2012 were adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Mr A. MacPherson                      Seconded: Mr F. Ross

**2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

(a) Affordable Housing Scheme - Gorthleck

No new information received.

(b) Foyers Public Toilets

email received from Charles Stephen. Documentation should be with the CC during January. Locating title deeds has caused delays.

(c) Parking - Foyers Shop and Cafe

No new information received.

(d) Foyers Schoolhouse

Cllr. Davidson has put a notice in the December Boleskine Bulletin asking for community views.

**3. Correspondence**

**Highland Council Correspondence**

Acknowledgement of letter regarding Lower Foyers bridge

Update regarding lease for Foyers public toilets

Information - Highland European Fisheries Fund programme (circulated)

Winter Resilience scheme (circulated)

Members felt it was rather late to organise anything for this winter, but will try to recruit volunteers and get something in place for next winter. Mrs Cameron offered to act as co-ordinator. Notices will be put in the shop and on the web site.

**Other Correspondence**

Copy of comments from Fort Augustus CC on SSE scheme for apprentices (circulated)

Mrs Miller - Copy of letter on Dell wind farm proposal (circulated)

HSCHT - Woodland Crofts Event, Dornoch, 12.12.12 (circulated)

SSE - Response to queries regarding substation (circulated)

Mr Nicol - email regarding roads items

Draft of Amended Community Trust Constitution (circulated)

Invoice from Boleskine Bulletin for printing of Minutes

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Ordinary A/c:                      Balance:                      £1728.53 (includes £362 for Monument survey)

Cheques written and still to be cleared:  
£27.00 - Remembrance Day wreath  
£168.00 - Boleskine Bulletin - printing of Minutes  
Project A/c: Balance: £2529.74  
Cheques written and still to be cleared:  
£242.80 - Scalpings for surfacing

## **5. Planning Matters**

### (a) New applications:

Old Manse, Gorthleck - Roof repairs, replacement of roof lights etc. (Mr MacNally declared an interest.)

Application and plans viewed by members. No objections.

### (b) Any other planning matters:

Enquiry made to Planning regarding request for removal of planning condition adjacent to Suilven, Gorthleck. Mr Harbison has confirmed a problem encountered with neighbouring landowners, one of whom is the Forestry Commission. Other landowner unknown.

NBW have requested continuation of planning consent at the Errogie corner. In view of more recent developments this is probably no longer valid.

## **6. Fire Brigade Report**

Mr Kirkland was not present. No new matters reported.

## **7. Policing Matters**

No new matters reported. Further developments following reorganisation of Police services awaited.

## **8. Roads and Signage**

### (a) Outstanding matters:

No progress as yet on: Calanour junction priorities; Aberchaldar causeway; Boleskine bridge resurfacing; Patching of 'corkscrew' road; Roadside posts near Calanour junction; Errogie corner re-alignment; Whitebridge brae.

Acknowledgement of the CC letter regarding Foyers bridge has been received.

### (b) Other roads items

Winter gritting - Complaint received about roads on 7.12.12, the Dalcrag road in particular. Also enquiries regarding priorities. Further enquiries will be made.

The Chairman attended a meeting with SW and TECS regarding additional passing places for Newlands road. Other issues also raised with SW, but no response so far received. Poor communication again an issue. Cllr. Hendry will enquire.

Mr MacPherson reported increasing damage to Abersky road by lorries working on the SW project. TECS need to see. Information will be passed on.

Passing places have been created on either side of a narrow bridge between the Calanour and Dunmaglass. Members report very bad sight lines at this location which could cause drivers to miss the bridge. Warning signs urgently needed.

Mr Sutherland reported a meeting of the Community Liaison Group regarding RES road closures for scheduled upgrade work. Discussions are ongoing to ensure access for emergency services and school buses. RES and SW closures will not take place at the same time.

## **9. Water and Sewerage**

As reported under Roads.

**10. Community Project - Gorthleck**

No new matters at present.

**11. Renewable Energy and Community Benefit**

Draft of the new Articles of Association now with the CC. Members will look at the document in time for comments by the January meeting. Mr Sutherland briefly outlined the reasons new Articles are required - changing demands on the Trust now and in the future. A new survey of community wishes/aspirations will be carried out next year. The Trust hopes to adopt the new Articles at their AGM. This is scheduled for 6.30 p.m. on 26th February 2013, before the CC meeting.

**12. Any Other Competent Business**

Cllr. Hendry - A meeting of the Applications Panel for the Community Challenge Fund has taken place. He advised communities should look at possible projects. Information is available on the HC website.

Mrs Cameron - Enquiry about donations to local schools. Advised donations not sent automatically. CC normally waits for request.

Mrs Cameron - Safe Routes to School process at Foyers appears to have 'stalled' due to pavement issue. Cllr. Hendry advised this is not the case and other options are being explored.

Mrs Cameron - Road drain near bottom of Foyers school road blocked. Will be reported.

**13. Dates for Future Meetings**

22nd January 2013 - Foyers Primary School	26th February 2013 - Gorthleck Hall
26th March 2013 - Foyers Primary School	23rd April 2013 - Gorthleck Hall
28th May 2013 - Foyers Primary School	25th June 2013 - Gorthleck Hall

The meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.