

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2010  
AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, FOYERS**

Members present:

Mr M. Houston (Chairman)  
Mrs K. Grant (Treasurer)  
Mr P. Higham  
Mr A. Nicol

Mrs E. Merther (Secretary)  
Mr K. Fraser  
Mr A. MacPherson  
Mr A. Sutherland

Also present:

Mr N. Kirkland (Fire Brigade)

Apologies received:

Mr M. Bateman  
Councillor M. Davidson

Mrs L. McAdam  
Councillor D. Hendry

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2010 were adopted as a true record.

Proposed: Mr A. Nicol

Seconded: Mr K. Fraser

**2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

**(a) Key Worker/Affordable Housing**

Cllr. Davidson had forwarded information received from Albyn Housing on the Gorthleck scheme. They are now in a position to submit a planning application. Issues relating to funding are still to be resolved, and they should know more following the autumn spending reviews. The CC will make contact to arrange further discussion on housing mix, and to press for this scheme to go ahead as soon as possible, in view of the many delays already experienced.

**(b) Wade's Bridge at Whitebridge**

Initial work is believed to be almost complete. No further report has been received.

**(c) Fraser Monument & Burial Ground at Foyers**

There was nothing further to report at present. Enquiries about funding are ongoing.

**(d) Broadband Provision**

Cllr. Davidson had sent information that Graeme Ambrose has submitted an application for funding on behalf of Destination Loch Ness. She also reported that there is a high speed broadband trial for the Highlands and Islands lead by HIE. Further information is awaited.

**(e) Care in Strathnairn**

The Chairman is in contact with the people concerned in Strathnairn.

**(f) Community Council Elections**

The Chairman reported that Mr A. MacLure of Gorthleck has been appointed as Returning Officer, and arrangements for the election are in hand. The final meeting of the present CC will be in November.

**3. Correspondence**

Highland Council Correspondence:

Notice - Ward Forum 4.11.10 - Local Development Plan (circulated)

Notice - City Forum 11.11.10 - Local Development Plan (circulated)

Notices etc. - Community Council elections

Other Correspondence & Circulars Received:

South Loch Ness Trail update (circulated)

Notice - Annual Conference, Association of Scottish Community Councils (circulated)

NHS Highland - Links for Team Update (circulated)

NHS Highland - Application for inclusion in Pharmaceutical List - Cill Chuimein  
Dispensing Co. Ltd.  
Leaflet - Play equipment  
Leaflet - Products for Local Councils

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Account balances were reported as follows:

Ordinary A/c - £1671.94 (including £362 in grant money for Fraser Monument and £11.73 held for Mr J. Campbell, Senior Citizens' Fund. A cheque for £281.44 was written at the meeting - £250 Secretary's honorarium and £31.44 for stamps and stationery)

Project A/c - £5154.58 (£1091.00 had been received from Highland Council)

#### **5. Planning Matters**

There were no new applications. No other planning matters were raised.

#### **6. Fire Brigade Report**

Mr Kirkland reported that the land has now been purchased for the new local Fire Station, and planning permission has been obtained. Progress with the new building will now depend on budgets.

#### **7. Policing Matters**

No Police representative was present. Further enquiries will be made about maintaining a Police contact with the CC.

#### **8. Roads and Signage**

##### **(a) Outstanding Matters**

Calanour junction - Road surfacing has now been completed and is reported to be satisfactory.

Junction to Lower Foyers - Clearance of the ditch below the rock face is still to be done.

Road to Lower Foyers - There has been no further work on the road, and the surface in several areas is very poor. Water is still running across the road above the junction to Craigdarroch, and more pot holes are developing.

Tree clearance - Nothing further has been done since last winter, despite earlier assurances from TEC Services. The only clearance has been done by Forestry on the tunnel road.

The Secretary will ask if Richard Evans of TEC Services can attend one of our meetings to discuss these issues.

Errogie speed limit - Cllr. Davidson had reported that readings have been taken and feedback is awaited.

Water on the road adjacent to 'An Clachan', Gorthleck.

Collapsed culvert on corkscrew road below Bochruben Farm.

Further enquiries will be made about these two items.

The Vennel road - Cllr. Davidson had reported that the contractor, Mr A. Fraser, has done some work to improve this road.

##### **(b) Bridge at Lower Foyers**

Cllr. Davidson is looking into the provision of a flood monitor for the bailey bridge, and is contacting Historic Scotland regarding the old bridge.

## **9. Water and Sewerage**

The Chairman had received notice of a public meeting in Inverness on 16th November to update customers on Scottish Water's plans, and to receive comments. The Chairman suggested that one of our members might wish to attend this meeting in the light of recent problems with work on the local water main. A letter will be sent to advise the meeting regarding these problems.

## **10. Community Project - Gorthleck**

The Chairman reported that all funding is now in place. Advertisements have been placed for a Project Manager, and the Project can go ahead as soon as an appointment is made.

## **11. Renewable Energy and Community Benefit**

Mr Sutherland reported that discussions on the Dunmaglass scheme are ongoing.

## **12. Any Other Competent Business**

(a) The Secretary reported that the Forestry Commission had emailed their report on ideas to enhance visitor experience in South Loch Ness. This was forwarded to members.

(b) Mr Kirkland reported that this year's Loch Ness Marathon was a great success once again, and there were no problems with the new start position.

(c) Mrs Grant had received an enquiry about the lack of any bottle banks at Whitebridge. It was believed that these were removed several years ago due to a problem with the siting of the bins. Mr Higham will make enquiries with the Ward Manager to ascertain ownership of various pieces of land in the area, to see if a suitable position can be found. If a suitable site is available then we can make a request for reinstatement of this facility.

(d) Mr Nicol had received an enquiry about progress with provision of a pavement to the Foyers School. It is understood that a Travel Plan is being prepared, and the Secretary will enquire how this is progressing.

(e) Mr Nicol had received an enquiry about the bus shelter for Lower Foyers. As previously reported, this has gone to tender, and it is hoped to have the new shelter in place before the end of the year.

(f) The Chairman informed the meeting that there will be a firework display at the usual place in Gorthleck on Saturday 6th November.

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

As the CC elections are not until December, there will be one further meeting of the present CC on 23rd November 2010 at the Stratherrick Hall in Gorthleck.

The meeting was closed at 8.15 p.m.