

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2016
AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 19:30

1. Present

Kim Burton (KB)

Catriona Fraser (CF)

Margaret Davidson (MDa)

Gordon McAndie (GMC)

Martin Donnelly (Mdo)

Jenni Devlin (JD)

Dr Jean Davis (Jda)

Apologies

Ian Bateman

2. Tim Lucas – Ideas for Community Woodland

Tim Lucas, a self-employed woodland consultant living in the local area gave a presentation on his ideas to develop a Community Woodland. This would involve buying or leasing woodland from the Forestry Commission and setting up a local community group to manage the woodland for the benefit of the community. Initial ideas to include were; reduced rate fire wood for locals; improved woodland paths and access; ideally create some local jobs.

Anyone wishing to get involved with this potential project should contact the SFCC who will put them in touch with Tim Lucas.

3. Adoption of last minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th July were adopted.

Proposed by GMC, seconded by JD

4. Matters arising

- Damage to Inverfarigaig bridges – Still awaiting response from Ian McGilvery at THC.
MDa to chase up
- Flashing speed signs – awaiting a response from THC
MDa to chase up
- Speed monitoring in Lower Foyers – Monitoring has now been carried out and shows that the majority of motorists were under 30mph.
SFCC to discuss what to do with the results – apply for change of speed limit to 30mph?
- Lower Foyers Park regeneration – Work completed
- Margaret Davidson e-mailed Scott Haye (LSO) re: concerns about lack of welfare facilities still at the fire station. Scott Haye has now resigned.
MDa to chase up with new LSO
- Vacant Community Liaison Director position – currently no applicants

5. Reports

- Trust – AGM to be held on 30th November. Nominations for Directors required before this date.
- BCC – Survey results open day held – good turn-out. Highlighted the need for transport and podiatry amongst other things.
- Police Report – No accidents. 1 report of poor driving. 1 report in an ongoing neighbour dispute. 1 report of fly tipping.
- Fire – 4 potential new recruits. There is currently a backlog of 70 to train and new recruits won't be trained until the backlog is cleared. Community Fire Safety is still in the pipeline with the potential to apply to the Trust for equipment funding.

6. Renewables

- Dunmaglass – All deliveries now complete. 3 turbines now generating power.

- Corriegarth – 3 turbines now on line and generating power.
- Farigaig Substation – Currently being commissioned with a projected 'on-line' date towards the end of August.
- Stronlaig – First community liaison meeting to be held on 6th October at 7pm. There is a need to discuss the transport routes for construction traffic, blade & turbine delivery routes etc...
- Aberarder – Appeal submitted by RES Ltd on 14th July 2016.

7. Roads

- Gordon McAndie met with Ali Nairn of The Highland Council and spent some time travelling the road between Dores and Foyers to highlight areas that need improvement. Main focus will be pot holes and passing places.
GMc / MDa – chase up timeframe for these repairs
- Concerns raised about the lack of passing places and state of the road edges at a location between Dalcrag and the Stratherrick grave yard.
Email concerns to John Taylor of THC - KB
- Foyers Stone Bridge – The old stone bridge was closed due to safety reasons. The proposal for a new bridge at the exact same spot have now been pushed back into 2020's on the Council Capital Funding Budget. **It is likely that Colin Howell, Head of Infrastructure for The Highland Council will attend the November meeting of the SFCC to discuss new bridge ideas and plans with the community. (this is yet to be confirmed).**

8. Planning

- 8 planning applications received since the last meeting.
- Mdo raised concerns re: access on the application for the Erection of log house & garage at the land 125m NE of Lodges of Loch Ness, The Turns, Foyers.
Mdo to raise these concerns as a concerned neighbouring resident, outwith the SFCC

9. Correspondence

- Update from Police Scotland re: beat officers in the area – 3 pc's in Fort Augustus.
- Grant from THC paid on 8th August
- Grant from Trust received.
- Foyers Primary School requested the assistance of the SFCC to chase THC re: septic tank issues.
CF to investigate
- Phone boxes within our area are now under consultation for removal. Discussed utilising the one at Errogie corner and Dunmaglass bridge as defibrillator locations.
Notify the SFCC's intention to keep these 2 boxes to use as defib units - KB

10. Up & coming events

- Fireworks at the Caravan site in Foyers – 5th November

11. AOCB

- SFCC did sign up to the right constitution therefore there is no issue employing a member of the SFCC as the administrator as well.
Contact Trust to reactivate the deferred part of the grant application - CF
- Request from Boleskine Church for a path upgrade.
MDa to chase up
- Concerns raised re: proposed planning tower/mast next to Boleskine church yard
MDa to request this location be changed
- New bus stops new installed around the community
- Broadband update – Green box at Foyers not yet connected as a resident continues to prevent SSE/BT from completing the work.
SSE/BT to be advised to contact the Police for assistance should this continue

MDa chasing HIE, BT & Scottish Geovernment to put plans in for remaining boardband roll out across the Highlands.

- Marshalls reported nuisance bikes and horses on the route during the recent Loch Ness Marathon causing a safety issues to runners.

Concerns to be communicated to Malcolm Sutherland - KB

- Wreath for Remembrance Day

CF to organise wreath from the SFCC

12. Next meeting

Tuesday 27th October at 19:30, Stratherrick Hall, Gorthleck

Meeting closed at 21:45