

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29th October 2013
AT FOYERS SCHOOL**

1. Present:

Iain Brown (Chair) & Ian Bateman
Liam MacNally & Catriona Fraser
Sally McGuire
Martin Donnelly

Whitebridge,
Gorthleck
Glenlia, Foyers
Foyers

Apologies – Roz Rowell, Morag Cameron

Agenda	AP	WHO
<p>2. SSE TORNESS SUBSTATION PRESENTATION</p> <p>The SSE team presented the final proposed design of the Grid Connection routes from Corriegarth and Dunmaglass Wind farms to the new Torness substation were, along with wire frame drawings and matching photomontages of the same views shown t their previous presentation. They explained the application and drawings include more poles than they will likely need because erecting more would require additional planning consents. The access to the Substation for all HGV deliveries will be form the A9 via Dunmaglass, Caolanour junction to Torness. They are in discussion with Tec Services to agree what road improvements will be required as a condition of the planning consent, e.g. Improvement to Caolanour junction, additional passing places etc. The grid routes will be over ground on wooden poles to a point between the Caolanour junction and Torness (adjacent to the clearfelled site to the east of the public road, Grid Ref. NH 58326 25752 at this point both connections will be buried until they reach the substation. SSE indicated there will be no flood lighting of the substation other than motion activated security lights, there will be no active security cameras, Substation will be security fenced and the surrounding ground needed for screening tree establishment will be purchased and deer fenced. The planning application is expected to be submitted during November.</p> <p>Dunmaglass – SSE are looking into providing connections for the houses in the area that are not on mains electricity. CC to ask householders to confirm desire for connection.</p>	111	Ros
<p>3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES</p> <p>The draft minutes for the 20th and 27th September meetings were adopted. Proposed Martin, Seconded Ian, Passed unanimously</p>		
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING</p>		
<p>Outstanding payments & Bank Signatories</p> <p>New cheque books with authorised signatories have been received, all outstanding cheques to be signed on the night.</p>	3-6	End
<p>GORTHLECK HOUSING - ALBYN & HSCHT</p> <p>Promote the HSCHT opportunity to all persons who may be interested - ongoing Notice to be entered in next BB - ongoing</p>	75 76	All Sally
<p>COMMUNITY TRANSPORT - Awaiting funding inquiry result - ongoing</p>		
<p>PUBLIC BINS FOYERS SHOP - TECS will arrange collection if phoned</p>	15	End
<p>MISSING ROAD SIGNS - Reported and are on TECS list of jobs to be done</p>	17	End
<p>TECS & ROAD ISSUES</p> <p>Letter to be sent to TECS with list of items of concern Automated speed warning sign , Safe schools – needs to be funded by TECS New letter to be sent including request for speed warning signs for all villages & discussion to be completed with CC re sitting locations before installation, Cherry</p>	47 70 81	End End End

trees at the Lochmhor Houses need to be pruned.	88	Iain
DELL WIND FARM - Sept Presentation information to be put on CC website. - Ongoing	67	Iain
FOYERS CAMPSITE – Assist with grant app. to Trust for security measures- Ongoing	33	Ros
Gorthleck Play Park Liam provided an update on the site visit with THC officer. Further improvements (wet pool safety matting around equipment, closing off of gaps in equipment) would be needed to bring the park up to this higher specification, estimated cost ~£12K. The site has another 10years of a lease to run. Liam confirmed that the park was deemed safe to use just the changes would need to be done before THC would adopt the park. CC decided that cost required was not justified. To maintain insurance cover the park must be visually checked weekly and quarterly for repairs by a trained lay person. Also annually by a professional company. Liam, Catriona and Iain to carry out weekly and quarterly checks Liam to source list check list from manufacturer and boards to fill gaps on equipment. Records form to be created for filling out at CC meetings	35 23 24 89 90	End End End Liam Catriona
FOYERS TOILETS CC to review costs and discuss provision with the Trust Morag to provide a short report for review Now closed for the winter, provision to be an agenda item in January	84 85 91	All End Iain
Foyers Car Park An initial design proposal from THC was circulated and comments received to be passed back to Charles Stephens were; 1. The two parking spaces next to the bus stop should be disabled parking. 2. Obviously the footpath slope was thought to be a bit steep, clearly will be built to slope required by wheelchairs. 3. Yellow lines needed on opposite side of road, running from shop up to the first car park lay-by on the loch side of the road. 4. Signs needed to emphasise the overflow car parking lower down the hill, opposite the old hall location. 5. Perhaps a bit of thought re coaches, extend the bus lay-by to hold two coaches? 6. Apparently at one point this year there were up to three coaches parked outside the shop – perhaps this ties into 3. above. 7. Difficult to see on the ground but we thought there could be a couple more spaces on the left at the top of the entrance ramp. 8. Has the owner of the bank at the back been approached re – taking a bit off, could create a central bus space with the car spaces as shown to either side? 9. We take it as part of this development either the existing notice board would be relocated or a new one provided.	38 92	End Iain
Safer Routes to School - TECS informing neighbour of solution before starting work	39	End
Drummond Woods Source felling plan map CC to write to Forestry Commission to advise of applicants failure to supply requested consultation information.	41 93	End Sally
Loch Ness Marathon - Running Trophies Baxter's to confirm winners and present trophies at the December meeting	94	Morag
Woodland Ownership – Crofts Information request to Inverness Forest District, woodland crofts and ownership - ongoing BB notice to check community interest for these options - Ongoing	43 77	Iain Sally
Loch Ness Road Side Trees Write to FCS and Destination Loch Ness, road to Loch tree clearance - Ongoing	78	Sally

DEFIBRILLATOR & FIRST AID TRAINING - Cheque signed to pay for hall hire	73	End
IRA school Bus Service - Gritting priorities - Ongoing	80	Catriona
Audibility of CC Meetings - Sound system suitability - Ongoing	53	Liam
NOTICE BOARDS		
1. Larger notice boards, costing needed - Ongoing	55	IBR
2. Magnets will be put out with minutes, new board at Glen Lia - Ongoing	56	LM
3. Stratherrick school offer to be discussed at next Parents meeting - Ongoing	71	MC
4. Foyers notice board needs new locks - Ongoing	87	IBR
Minutes Secretary - Job offered, expected to be able to start in January	60	End
Telford Centre transport Bus should run as neither manger is aware of any minimum number requirement Please advise if issue continues	61	End
Community Social Care Catriona gave an update on the first meeting of this group which is looking at the provision of Care in the community for those where support may be wished, it was noted that approximately 45% of the community is believed to be over 60, of which half are over 70, constitution being drafted, encourage all interested persons or their representatives to attend a public open meeting to be called in Jan/Feb to gauge community support and potential level of need. BB notice to be generated. Margaret Davidson to ask for demographic information from Highland Council	68 95 96	End Sally Margaret
FOYERS PROJECTS WORKING GROUPS The first meeting was held at which two working groups were formed.	69	End
1. Access, footpaths and signage provision, members are Sally McGuire, Fiona Ambrose, Donald Forbes, James, Sally will arrange the first meeting for Nov/Dec and invite Stuart Eastoff etc to attend. Initial work to be an audit of what we have and work needed to bring infrastructure up to scratch.	97	Sally
2. Foyers Projects, Community centre, Shinty pitch, car park, viewing platform, Foyers slipway etc Members are Morag Cameron, Iain Brown, Ian Fraser, Lorna MacDougall, Carolyn, Morag will arrange the first meeting of this group for Dec/January	98	Morag
At this meeting Margaret Davidson advised that use of the Foyers School House is being reviewed by the Education Department to facilitate aspects of primary and preschool provision together. We will have to wait for the result of this review.		
Loch Ness Slipway Over 30 members of the public have signed a petition asking a slipway be provided. The area with two huts on it was given over to the angling club by SSE for access to the Loch, this area due to topography is the most suitable location to create a slipway, further investigations are required with SSE when they respond to past enquiry. Interested parties are requested to attend the next Foyers project group meeting as this is now part of the groups remit.	72	End
Fireworks Night Catriona and Iain to attend for insurance purposes No additional help was needed with organising, Ceilidh in the hall afterwards.	74 86	Catriona , Iain End
CC annual Accounts - External review and Invoice to THC - Ongoing	82	Liam
Community Trust – Articles Working group Ian gave a review of the first meeting which was largely centred on scene setting - roles, review of a model constitution and potential company objectives. Next meeting to be on the 8th of November, aiming to have new agreed articles in time for the Trusts AGM in February 2014 - Ongoing	83	Ian, Martin, Liam
5. Intimidation The Chair indicated his displeasure at receiving unwelcome phone calls and that he could not help but link his car tyres being deflated to these phone calls. He advised all that if any such intimidation is experienced that they should report it to the police as he has done. Martin requested confirmation that if this were to happen again a private meeting of		

<p>the CC would be held to discuss it. The chair confirmed this would be the case as it would likely be a Private meeting called by the relevant agency i.e. not a CC meeting so would not be open to the public.</p>		
<p>6. Complaint A letter of complaint from Liz Merther that it has taken too long for her to be reimbursed for a Data Protection Registration payment and her removal from the register as the Responsible person for the CC under the Data Protection Act was discussed. Reimbursement - Ms Merther had chosen to pay the invoice rather than forwarding, as per protocol, to THC to deal with due to the CC being in abeyance at the time. The delay in this payment being due to Bank inefficiency e.g. loss of paperwork It was noted that the time taken to secure new cheque books was in line with today's norm.. Data Protection Responsible Person – The secretary confirmed she had within 1 week of taking office changed the details online, had talked to the organisation receiving confirmation the register details had been changed, so was unclear as to how Ms Merther was still receiving correspondence. Discussion was also held regarding time between receipt of correspondence and responses being made, the chair advised that we are volunteers and do not sit waiting for a response. The chair also noted that Ms Merther's Complaint was initially sent directly to the Ward Manager, who rejected it as she had not followed protocol by seeking a response from the CC in the first place without which he cannot deal with it. Ms Merther forwarded this response to the Chair the same day of receipt. She then resubmitted her complaint to the Ward Manager 5 days later on the basis she had had no response. The chair intimated this was hardly surprising, as all of this happened during the October holiday period and the CC could not respond as this all occurred in the 2 weeks preceding this CC meeting. I.e. Any complaint must be dealt with by the entire CC in an open meeting, so no response could be given until this meeting. It was also noted that the last complaint letter to the Ward Manager contained reference to other complaints from the previous CC that were either previously rejected by Highland Council and he was not aware had ever been made. The CC decided to send Ms Merther a letter containing the now signed cheque, apologising for the delay caused by the Bank and the confusion over the Data protection Details caused by the Agency.</p>	<p>99</p>	<p>Sally</p>
<p>7. Reports Police – Sally indicated on their behalf that tools had been stolen from the Boleskine Gatehouse. Catriona advised the police were running a Operation that Friday night to target anti social behaviour and that a person had been moved on from Fort Augustus who had been harassing people into buying items from him – please be aware of people in the area and report any incidences of concern. Fire Brigade – See Fireworks display item. Treasurer – £1,170.53 in the ordinary account, £2,000 in the project account Liam to source information as to why there is a Project account balance. Dunmaglass Liaison Group – Catriona advised the road improvements towards Farr were under review due to felling requirements which Forestry Commission does not have in its programmes at present. Jason MasLaughlin of TECS had advised installation of village gateways similar to those at Croachy will start imminently at Gorthleck etc, concern was expressed at the design of these so Catriona will source designs from TECS and SSE circulating to CC members. Moriston Liaison Group – Martin indicated nothing new at present TECS – a report on planned road improvements kindly provided by Councillor Hendry was read out by the Chair, it was noted it was a shorter list than on our list of required work.</p>	<p>100 101</p>	<p>Liam Catriona</p>

<p>8. Planning Matters Aberchalder Hydro Scheme - change of road route to avoid listed species site Whitebridge – creation of forest road entrance off the Garrogie road Errogie - new house between the Public road and the Loch – it was agreed the chair will arrange site visit to assess the implications of this application. Myrtle Cottage Whitebridge – Planning Department has turned this application down</p>	102	Iain
<p>9. Correspondence Councillor Hendry – meetings with CC Office bearers – chair and Secretary agreed to attend these. Councillor Davidson – Community Investment Company Opportunity, the chair advised he and Fiona Ambrose had attended a meeting on this and the proposal showed promise, the next meeting would be held just before xmas. – School transport to Kilchuimen and school catchment area, the chair indicated this was part of the transport project which may require a Whitebridge parents meeting be called to discuss the catchment areas. Highland Council - Training for community councillors – due to a clash with our next meeting an alternative date would be requested - Winter Maintenance Plan – relates to gritting etc. To be circulated to members Clarification sought of A Sutherlands role with the Trust and CB – response given Police - Traffic Wardens review and Station Opening Hours - it was noted that Ft Augustus was not listed and clarification of its hours was to be sought i.e. will it continue? SSE - Various regarding Foyers upgrade work and road implications - 70th Birthday of SSE Hydro in the Highlands – Ros , Morag and Iain attended, good networking event - Foyers slipway proposal – holding email received from their land agent - SSE Staff Volunteers – They encourage their staff to take a day to help with local projects, suggestions please for next meeting (litter picking, school projects etc) - Dunmaglass – information on revised on site storage areas - Mr Keddie – request for a private meeting with Iain Brown Boleskine Bulletin - Invoice due for payment, cheque now signed Knockie – Native Woodland Planting Plan Consultation – No comment Mr Tulloch – Security Concerns at Stratherrick Primary School, the chair indicated that the Director of Education and his staff had not responded to any CC correspondence on this subject for over a month. Margaret Davidson had passed the information onto Marlene Stewart, hopefully there will now be a response.</p>	103	Sally
<p>10. AOCB Working groups - Short discussion as to should these be Sub Groups of the CC. Request for signs at: - Glenlia residents parking only – add to TECS list - Foyers shop car park along the lines of “do not leave dogs in cars”, “Lock your car”, “Keep Valuables out of site” – add to TECS list Greener ways – up to 100% grants for hard to heat houses, Sally to invite them to give a presentation to the CC/community in November on grants available. Chloromafication – It was proposed by Liam, Seconded by Iain, carried Unanimously to send a letter in support of Neil... One on this subject to the MSP. Memorial Wreath – Proposed by Iain, seconded by Liam carried unanimously for the CC to pay for the Wreath, Chair to attend, Sunday 9th 3pm Antisocial behaviour – agreement for this to be an agenda item at the next meeting</p>	105 106 107 108 109 110	Iain Sally Sally Liam/ Iain Iain
<p>Next meeting to be 26th November, Gorthleck Hall, 7:30pm</p>		

Chair thanked all for coming and closed meeting at 10pm.