

**STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27th May 2014**  
**AT FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL, FOYERS 7.30pm**  
**(Following on from AGM)**

1. Present:

Ian Bateman (IB)	&	Iain Brown (IBR)	Whitebridge,
Liam MacNally (LM)	&	Catriona Fraser (CF)	Gorthleck
Morag Cameron (MC)	&	Sally McGuire (SM)	Glen Lia, Foyers
Martin Donnelly (MDO)			Foyers
Katie Ellam (KE)			Boleskine
Highland Councillor Margaret Davidson (MDa)			Apologies – Drew Hendry

2. Police Report

PC Mathieson presented a report. This cannot be accessed via the Community Website. In brief – a persistent drink driver has been apprehended; one report of antisocial behaviour; one report of theft of tools from Glenlia – residents advised to secure sheds.

SFCC have written to THC regarding police staffing levels. PC Mathieson indicated a temporary solution of Inverness officers being located in Ft Augustus is planned. Margaret Davidson intimated that an extra officer might be available on secondment.

3. Presentations

A) ETAPE – cycle event feedback. Malcolm Sutherland reported on the event of 4<sup>th</sup> May. The Community was thanked for its support for the event. 1080 cyclists took part. All bar 4 completed the course. £50 000 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support and a further £20 000 for other good causes. Further thanks to all the groups who helped with marshalling – donations will be made the various groups who helped. The data collected this year will assist in fine tuning of road closures for the event in 2015 when up to 3000 riders are expected.

A question was raised about very local access for farmers on the day (for lambing etc). ETAPE indicated that next year they will provide an escort for these situations. Also this year's data on timings etc. will help tighten up on when closures are required from and too.

B) Aberader Wind Farm. A preliminary report was delivered by representatives from RES on plans for 12 turbines adjacent to the SSE Dunmaglass site using the same access, quarries and an intention to use the same cabling for the grid connection. Community Benefit (at the standard £5000 per installed MW) shared between Strathnarin, Stratherrick & Strathdearn this would be split between a cash payment and some form of local electricity discount scheme. SFCC requested that the project be assessed as a whole SFCC requested that the entire project be presented so its impact can be assessed as one (i.e. turbines, substation, cabling & grid connection), and that RES confirm that benefit payments are index linked.

C) Affordable Housing – Albyn have put in an application to build on the Gorthleck site, HSCHT are also in the process of submitting their matching application for the project – both have been invited to make a presentation to the Community at an SFCC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

4. Adoption of minutes

Minutes of 29 April 2014 were adopted subject to minor amendments. Proposed Martin Donnelly Seconded Catriona Fraser

5. Matters Arising

Inverfarigaig Road Closures (SSE pylon restringing).

See Boleskine Bulletin for details. SSE have provided a phone number for the Banks men operating the stop go boards to enable locals to check if the road will be open, the contact number is 01862 824484.

It was requested that the retaining fence erected to catch stray stones, timber etc. be left in place for a period after felling is complete. Chair to check.

Unauthorised road signs MDa to convene a meeting of relevant parties to formulate a co-ordinated sign package.

Knockie Hydro Investment Opportunity. "Investment Memorandum" not yet received and will be circulated by the developer further down the project time line, August.

Inverfarigaig boulder – not yet on the move. Chair chasing

Firewood SSE has offered firewood from the Inverfarigaig Felling – Katie Ellam and Liam MacNally to take this on and identify a suitable storage site with space for processing etc.

Slipway – ongoing – budget restraints hindering development at Foyers Pier.

Hearing Loop – As the chair had had no formal response from SFCT on this application, Martin Donnelly intimated that the Trust had rejected CC application for the funds to install this provision at both the Foyers school and Stratherrick Hall, these being available for use by the public. The Trust recommended that the Hall committee (rather than SFCC) apply for a grant for this facility, chair to discuss with Hugh Nicol.

Website Ed Ley-Wilson, Jane Brown, Iain Brown, Sally McGuire to meet and move this on. Agreed to pay domain name fee of £50 to A Holt– but also to pursue offer of purchasing domain name. Morag Cameron to talk to Andy Holt.

Notice boards – Again Martin Donnelly intimated that SFCT had discussed the CC application/discussion document for funding to double the notice board capacity within our area - ongoing. IT was agreed this subject be left as a discussion item between the two chairs. Option of acquiring larger new boards for some locations & re-using existing smaller boards to double up in other locations.

Wire netting Sally McGuire to put Albert in contact with Giles Brockman

## 6. Reports

A) Treasurer Project a/c balance £1886.94 (previous £2086.94).

(No income, payment £200 for play park rent)

Ordinary a/c balance £1891.31 (previous £1936.31). (£1200 ring fenced for transport survey, £362 ring fenced for Fraser Memorial works, both last and this CC have not been invoiced for this, no income, payment £42 for hire of Hall)

Query re payment for work on Fraser Memorial – Sally McGuire to check who did the work and if they intended to invoice SFCC.

B) Fire report. No officer present. Margaret Davidson to liaise with Senior Officer Scott Hay re provision of toilet facilities at our station and with Neil Kirkland about ensuring the web site accurately reflect the number of call outs etc.

C) Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust (SFCT) Martin Donnelly intimated that SFCT will continue to distribute regular reports after each meeting

D) BCC – see attached report below

Margaret Davidson gave an update on a meeting with NHS on homecare. Some immediate needs to be met by a home care professional living locally. Longer term BCC to approach Glen Urquhart Care re employing carers on our behalf.

E) Foyers projects: ongoing

## 7. Trust proposal

Discussion focussed on Community Benefit Negotiation. Catriona Fraser pointed out that THC guidelines are that the CC should not negotiate with developers or enter into any contract in its own right. Margaret Davidson also pointed out that these are just that, guidelines.

The chair indicated that at the SFCC 25<sup>th</sup> February meeting, that subject to the result of the SFCT AGM and election of directors, that the CC would review the appointment of its Community Benefit negotiators in due course.

It was agreed that this would also be a subject for further discussion between the chairs of the CC and SFCT. A question was raised as to whether the chair had entered into discussions with North British Wind Power (NBWP) to secure funding for BCC. The chair confirmed that acting as chair of the CC in response to previous conversations amongst CC members. He had a very brief discussion with NBWP to see if the concept of the Community Benefit funds being passed directly to BCC would even be considered by them. This proposal having been thought of on the basis this would enable BCC to confidently plan and move forward with whatever Care provision it may ultimately provide.

## 8. Boleskine Bulletin

Contrary to previous agreement and actions the SFCT refused the CC application for reimbursement of publishing the CC minutes in the last three BB publications. This leaving the CC financially unable to publish minutes in this edition. The BB team offered to fund & publish the next set of SFCC minutes. Offer was accepted: Proposed Martin Donnelly, Seconded Catriona Fraser, Unanimously approved.

(Other matters arising and remaining agenda items, carried forward to next meeting)

## 9. AOCB

A) Foyers campsite. Issues raised regarding hanging out of laundry, washing lines for caravans, use of footpath, and campsite traffic travelling around Riverside. CC to write to Lyn and Donald Forbes for clarification re the above, and to ask John Taylor (THC) to liaise with Lyn and Donald Forbes re options for clearer signage to the site regarding access..

B) Use of Community recycling facilities by businesses. Martin Donnelly explained that because of the lack of business recycling facilities (in particular no bottle collection) THC had advised that businesses use the Community bins. MDa to ask for statement on this policy from TECs

C) Data protection - Direct Debit – agreed that the fee for Data Protection be paid by Direct Debit.

Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> June Foyers School 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.30pm

## BOLESKINE COMMUNITY CARE GROUP REPORT

SCIO application is almost complete –new constitution is being up-dated to be fit for purpose – Sandra Hogg is helping Jane & Johanna to do this. Jane & Johanna have also prepared a 5 year business plan which needs to go in with our SCIO application. Trust have approved our application for a start-up grant – Morag & Jane meeting with Trust Chair/Vice Chair to discuss future plans / applications Morag Jane & Johanna are to have a follow up meeting regarding Home Care provision with NHS – Margaret Davidson will also attend. Soup Drop – In hopes to begin at end of June. The Catholic Hall at Whitebridge will be used for these. A scrubbing / prep day is taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June if anyone wants to help Bob Main is advancing with the Handyman Service and is liaising with Care in Strathnarin for ideas/advice etc.