

# Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council

## Draft Minutes of Public C.C. Meeting

### Stratherrick Hall 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Dell Wind Farm Update Stewart Forsyth (Coriolis)**

This development is now funded by Energy Savings Bank of Ireland as Falck has pulled out of Wind Farm developments.

Following submission of the planning application 14/02879/FUL, Coriolis in response to a planning letter;

- Commissioned an independent review of the landscape impact,
- drop the southern Borrow pit due to SNH environmental concerns,
- redesigned so the transformers will be inside the turbines,
- updated the visual images of the access track to remove the overemphasis of them requested by the Planning Officer
- committed to reducing the width of the track from 8m during construction into 4m afterwards, so this would look the same as the existing hill and Hydro tracks
- Confirmed they will be funding a Golden Eagle Officer to take work with and on the plan generated by the Dunmaglass Eagle Officer.
- Will fund road improvements of approx.. £1m, negotiations are ongoing with THC
- Confirmed the expectation that all aggregate will be won on site, if not Coriolis undertook to learn from the Pros and Cons of the Stronlaig traffic man plan.

Coriolis submitted the above to planning with a view to THC making a planning determination by the end of December 2015.

Mda indicated that whilst this does not require formal consultation, any comments submitted by the public will be taken account of by the Planning committee and the public is free to lobby committee members.

**AP IBR to get a copy of the presentation for upload to the web site.**

**AP IBR to ask SSE Eagle Officer to give a presentation at a future meeting.**

Stewart indicated the £5k/ installed mW would be paid which would total in the region of £200k. He then indicated a proposal it could be split 50/50 between payments to individual houses towards energy bills (householder to use funds to reduce their energy (Coal, Oil, LPG, Firewood, Electric bills as the householder sees fit) with the other balance paid to whichever organization the CC chooses(Trust/BCC). Discussion indicted there would likely be a wide variety of views within the community from all to the Trust to seeing this as a way for each household to receive a tangible benefit. If the scheme receives consent Stewart agreed it would contact all households to source their opinions on this proposal.

#### **2. Members Present**

Iain Brown (IBR)	Whitebridge	Ian Bateman (IB)	Whitebridge
Catriona Fraser (CF)	Gorthleck	Liam MacNally (LM)	Gorthleck
Katie Ellam (KE)	Easter Boleskine		
Margaret Davidson (Mda)	Councilor		

#### **3. Apologies**

Sally McGuire, Morag Cameron, Martin Donnelly

Foyers

#### **4. Police Report**

See attached report, nothing new.

## 5. Adoption of Minutes – August 2015

Proposed KE                  Secoded IB                  Unanimous

## 6. Matters Arising

Vandalism at Stratherick Hall – ongoing for the children's panel

Campers in Laybys – Human excrement has had to be tidied both in Stratherrick and Lower Foyers, please immediately report any such antisocial behavior to the Police so offenders can be dealt with

Planning – Aberchalder, developer has confirmed to the planning officer that the road swill be reinstated as soon as the pipe pressure test is completed.

awaiting response from planning officer over Hydro reinstatement issue, Mda now Lower Foyers Circus – Mda passed on need for signage to Community Services, response awaited.

Bus Shelters – IBR confirmed location for three shelters to Ivor Souter who following survey of the sites will get back in touch

Sub Groups – Charles Stephens will arrange a public meeting

Knockie Hydro (CB) – email sent to FCS and response awaited, **AP if negative response Mda will write to the Minister and Head of Forestry Commission to seek resolution.**

Dunmaglass – SSE volunteers programmed to carry out play park works this month Community Services issues were passed THC action should be happening Winter Gritting – CF working with Ella MacRae, Dores CC chair, to address any proposed changes by THC to road priorities in our area. **AP CF to write to Community Services manager to indicate concern that any changes are being considered.**

Human waste, layby & at war memorial lower foyers FTR spoke to THC

## 7. Treasurers Report

Reimbursement of IBR expenses for mower maintenance and Toilet block expenses was proposed by KE Secoded IB Unanimous

## 8. Reports

Fire – Recent incident where 2 tenders from Inverness attended (40mins) and local tender was not called out. Fortunately not serious injury!

Recruitment campaign including TV coverage and articles in Farming magazines is going well with two interested parties in our area so far.

Mda indicated the Fire services are looking to modify training so rural teams can be trained at weekends reducing time away from home, Time to reach the station has now been increased to 20 Mins amongst others.

Trust – Project coordinator is out and about talking to people, intention to run an open day soon, AGM is on the 10th November, Web site info updated and

Community Land Fund grant for purchase of Foyers has been secured – awaiting Bidwell's to advise who the land is being sold to.

IBR raised community member question on how can the Trust buy the land as Directors have stated in the past the Trust cannot purchase property?

BCC bid to secure one of the HIE units in lower Foyers failed so are looking for an alternative location/place to put a portacabin, car scheme up and running by December, handy man scheme is ongoing, care scheme doing very well with 6 trained Carers, AGM to be held on 7th November.

## 9. Renewables –

Dunmaglass – CLG was 2 weeks ago, all concreting has been done so there should be a reduction in lorry numbers, turbine deliveries will start in the spring

Corriegarth - substation now glad so is less obvious, RJ MacLeod are just about finished on site and will be moving machinery off site, still some turbine deliveries to happen up to the end of October

Torness – Issue over Flichity bridge closure at same time as Torness road works has all been put on hold until Ian MacGillvary has reviewed the situation and come to consult with the CC.

It was noted She Transmission are the most difficult to work with of all our CLG groups as they are always pushing for more, e.g. now asking to be allowed to drill 7am-7pm 7 days a week, however this would be contrary to the wayleave agreement signed with the landowner, Lighting at the compound has now been put on to a motion sensor so should be off at night.

**AP CF to contact Neil Anderson about breaches of planning consent by deliveries of machinery over the weekend.**

## 10. Roads

Speeding through the Strath has been reported – please report to Police as well.

Torness – CLG agreed to RJ MacLeod are progressing this work as quickly as possible with a view to finishing by the end of January. This involves three elements Caolanour Junction to Torness with 20 min delays, Caolanour to Dunmaglass road widening with traffic lights short delays and Caolanour road junction improvement which will be largely done under traffic lights, short delays

## 11. Planning Matters

No objection to Torness application

## 12. Correspondence

See list

## 13. AOCB

THC Ward by election is on the 8th of November

**AP SM to source Wreath for War memorial ceremony**

Foyers Car park IBR raised concerns over the construction, steep ramp access for less able and trip hazard created by new footpath THC advise works now complete? Trust are looking for funding applications, Project coordinator is available to help applications, including individual applications. Please note any info provided is strictly confidential

Broadband – HOE came out to talk to trust, it is hoped that at the Convention of Highland & Islands on Monday BT will be tied down to where they will not get to with the latest improvements. Present knowledge suggests Knockie, Torness, Inverfarigaig may not benefit from the present role out.

Balfour Beatty – Waste form the overhead line upgrades has been left in the fields next to Boleskine where school groups go.

**AP IBR to contact Neil Anderson (SSE) and FCS (Landowner) to get it removed**

Communications between Foyers Residents and Tenants Association and the CC can be improved by including each other in emails being sent to THC/Agencies.

## 14. Next Meeting

**27th October, 7:30pm, Foyers School**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM**

Command Area	Inverness	Community Group	Foyers & Stratherrick CC
Station	Fort Augustus	Officer	Pc 111 Mathieson
Data of Meeting	27/10/2015	Location	Foyers Primary School.
Meeting Attended	Pc 371 Murray		

**Meeting Preparation**

Ward and Local Policing Plan Priorities.	Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Road Safety</li> <li>2. Public Protection</li> <li>3. Drugs/ Alcohol misuse</li> <li>4. Crimes of Dishonesty</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There has been one minor road traffic matter reported.</li> <li>2. There have been no public protection issues.</li> <li>3. There have been no alcohol or drug issues.</li> <li>4. There has been one report of theft from the R J Macleod Torness Electrical sub station site. Overnight on 25/10/15 there have also been reported thefts from similar sites in the Fort William, Aviemore and Glenmoriston area's. It would appear that criminals travelling from outwith the Highland area may have been responsible. The public are requested to be vigilant especially through the hours of darkness at such works locations.</li> </ol>
Update on Previously Agreed Actions – See previous OP 55/8 & Relevant Reference on the Area Command Action Tracking Table	
Not applicable.	
Update on any local community safety issues / trends within the community and any assistance / information requested from the community. Review IMPACT / intelligence etc	
Nil.	
Any local / Area Command / Divisional / Police Scotland updates / key messages	
Nil.	

## **SFCC TREASURERS REPORT 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

### **ORDINARY ACCOUNT PREVIOUS BALANCE £3,550.91**

Expenditure since August = £266.55 wages re Toilet Block to end of October and close of season. £214.22 re. Toilet sundries. £103.96 Toilet Block Water Rates. £41.89 Toilet Block Insurance. £15.00 Hall Hire. £156.24 pro-rotta Secretarial Honorarium. £8.50 Stationary. Income since August = THC Comfort Scheme **£1,014.00**. THC Annual Community Council Grant £1,024.98

**ORDINARY ACCOUNT CURRENT BALANCE £5,183.58.** This includes available balances that are ring-fenced:-

1. **TOILET BLOCK** - £1,864.97
2. **SFCT PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM GRANT** - £769
3. **SFCT NOTICE BOARD MAINTENANCE GRANT** - £100
4. **SFCT ANNUAL EXPENSE GRANT** - £,1,895.22

### **FREE FUNDS**

We have free funds of £554.39.

### **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

Public address system to be purchased and installed.

### **TREASURER NOTES – OCTOBER 2015**

These notes are intended to assist with the retirement of the 2012/2015 Council and the inauguration of the Council for 2015/2018.

### **TOILET FUND.**

The toilet fund sits within the main account but is ring-fenced. The 2015 fund has received a £500 discretionary grant from THC and £1414 from THC Comfort Scheme. Currently available £1,864.97. The running cost for the 2015 season including Wages, cleaning and maintenance sundries, Plumbing repair, insurance and water rates are closing the season to date expecting no late or additional expenditure at £1,919.23.

With similar costs expected for the next season and with the expectation of signing again for THC Comfort Scheme worth £1414.00 bringing the operating fund to £3,278.97 the Toilets should be able to meet the 2016 costs and still have a good balance at the end of the 2016 season.

### **P.A.SYSTEM and Notice Board Annual Maintenance.**

This ring-fenced amount arose courtesy of the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust as a grant awarded on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to be spent on specific items or returned if unspent.

Available balance £869.21. The P A System ring-fenced £769.21. Notice Board Annual Maintenance ring-fenced £100. A new grant can be applied for at the end of this term and expenditure can be readdressed up or down according to requirements.

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL EXPENSES**

This ring-fenced amount arose courtesy of the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust as a grant awarded on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to be spent on specific items as laid out in grant application explanatory annual expenditure spread sheet (as attached) or to be returned if unspent.

Available balance £1,895.22. A new grant can be applied for at the end of this term and expenditure can be readdressed up or down according to requirements.

### **PROJECT ACCOUNT**

Currently available £1,353.89. This account is intended to deal solely with the Play Park although the direct debit covers all THC insurance for both the Play Park 75% and the Toilet Block 25% hence an adjustment has been made into the account from the main account of £41.89 which represents the Toilet Blocks annual cover. Costs for the Project a/c tend to be insurance, grass cutting and mower service.

### **THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL ANNUAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANT.**

This needs to be applied for and before release requires the signed annual accounts, the Chairman's Report and the minutes of the AGM to be submitted.

### **GENERAL ANNUAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURE**

A general indication of recurring considerations not included above are Data Protection, The Secretary's Honorarium and the Wreath.