

## Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council

Draft Minutes of the Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **Members Present:**

Deirdre MacKinnon - Chair (DM)  
Iain MacKnocher - Vice-Chair (IM)  
Helen Clay - Secretary & Treasurer (HC)  
Stuart Findlay (SF)  
Jeff Dymond (JD)  
Mike Anderson (MA)

### **Apologies:**

Carol Pritchard (CP)  
Rachel Hayes (RH)  
Margaret Davidson - Councillor (MD)

**Note taker:** Samantha Cornelius

### **Presentations:**

ETAPE presented information about the cycle event taking place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019. This will be the events 6<sup>th</sup> year with 5,600 entrants. Overall there has been a decrease of participants from within Scotland but an increase from England, Wales and outside the UK. There will be a leaflet drop to 31,500 homes along the route with relevant information in early April. Road signs advising of the closures will be in place 10 - 12 days before race day. There is an event website which also provides information on road closures and contact details for people needing to use essential transport during the day. Macmillan Cancer Support remains the event charity which aims to raise a further £280,000 this year. Many riders also raise money for their own charities. The CC will benefit from a donation of £1,000. Any local groups wishing to obtain a donation, by assisting at feed stations and/or marshalling, can contact organisers for more information.

SSE representative Archie Munro (Lead Project Manager at Fort Augustus Sub-station) gave details of an offer to the community about the installation of an information pod. The pod would display predetermined information and is not interactive. The would be a 60/40 split on screen time, so SSE would use 60% of the time to show information surrounding the extensions to the sub-station including but limited to progress updates, traffic movements, safety issues etc. The community could then utilise the other 40% to display any information it wishes, upcoming events, Ness News, CC minutes etc with information being updated remotely. The pod could be sited either internally or externally within the village. SSE would pay for the installation and rental costs for the unit for the term of the programme at the sub-station, although a trial period of six months to determine effectiveness for both parties was suggested. Suggestions for the location of the pod, if acceptable to the CC, would be discussed at a later date.

### **1. Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were agreed to be an accurate and true reflection. Proposed by SF and seconded by HC.

## **2. Matters Arising**

**Car Park:** No update.

## **3. Police Report**

There have been 19 incidents reported to Police since 29 Dec 18.

One non-injury road traffic collision, seven speeding offences, one road traffic offence, one call about the manner of driving of vehicles.

Two reports of a disorder offence, one report of a neighbour dispute.

There was also one report of vandalism.

Police provided advice/assistance to members of the public for all other incidents.

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

The balance this month is £3,191.79.

## **5. Community Amenity Issues**

**Dalchreichart Cemetery:** No update.

**A82:** Dropped kerb by the Doctors' surgery (BEAR) and white lining throughout the village remains outstanding. Pot holes at the Fire Station entrance still outstanding, also pot holes at Canalside from the road to the Memorial Hall, on the A82 outside the current Surgery to the car park.

**Torgoyle Bridge:** Works to commence Monday 18/19<sup>th</sup> February the road will be closed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Emergency services and scheduled bus services will be accommodated during the works. Local access will be maintained to the properties and businesses either side of Torgoyle Bridge, however road users will not be able to travel over the structure during working hours. Out with working hours the bridge will be reopened to all traffic with a 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

**Invermoriston Cemetery:** No update.

**Christmas Lights:** Still waiting for the Christmas lights to be turned off both at Canalside and the Lovat.

**Village Re-instatement:** SSE advised will address when the snow goes. There is an ongoing issue to get the matter fully resolved as the current earthworks have resulted in slopes. Letters have been sent to residents regarding the pavement and crossing works on the Fort William road.

## **6. Renewable Energy Projects**

Stronelairg Windfarm: Not yet finalised the agreement with SSE about the community benefit but monies have been paid to the Community Company amounting to two years up front.

Glenshero: An e-mail has been received from Graham Kerr who wishes to attend a CC meeting to advise about mitigation as there is no community benefit from the scheme. An invitation will be

given to the next meeting.

Beinneun Windfarm: A lot of applications have been received (over 120) from those residences within the catchment area for the electricity grant. The CC have submitted an application for a grant to cover the issue of the Ness News for the year, if successful it will account for 90% of the costs and should be determined within the next few weeks. Two volunteers from the community to join the Board are still required.

Millennium Windfarm: No update.

Dell Windfarm: SF responded to the Reporter from the Scottish Office. After consideration of the additional information provided the CC does not believe the information significantly impact the reasons for objection and that therefore it will continue to oppose the application on the following: cumulative landscape impact; cumulative visual impact and cumulative traffic impact.

Auchterawe Substation: The last meeting discussed the continuing works by SSE in preparation for the planning requirements ready for commencement of the project at the end of March. Discussion was had on the upgrade of the Auchterawe road together with new lay-bys and extensions to current lay-bys. The next scheduled meeting will take place at The Lovat on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00p.m.

CC advised of latest information from SSE surrounding the intended road closures to undertake such work which had not been raised at the last CLG meeting. CC to ask SSE to hold a further meeting as soon as possible to discuss the issue fully.

## **7. Planning & Licensing**

- a. 19/00134/FUL - Erection of a house. 1 Glendale Park, Invermoriston, Inverness, IV63 7AB.
- b. 18/05534/s42 - Removal of conditions relating to holiday accommodation. Bramble Lodge, Millfield, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BY.
- c. 18/04080/FUL - Formation of forest access. Culachy Wood, Fort Augustus. Granted but with numerous conditions.

A query was made in regard to the consultation that was reported to have occurred between BEAR and local businesses/residents about the closure of the swing bridge from 28 January as not all residents were advised. CC to make enquiries.

## **8. Correspondence**

John Owen raised concerns over the development of the woodland play area and the flora and fauna therein.

Public drop in event about Community Care for Fort Augustus, Glenmoriston and Glengarry at the Telford Centre on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 4 - 6 p.m. There will be presentations and the opportunity to view plans on the proposed developments around the Telford Centre, the future of social care services and Highland Hospice work in partnership with the community. Representatives will attend from THC, Community Council, Highland Hospice, Boleskine Community Care and NHS Highland

Scottish Water provided an update for the CC on progress of the Loch Ness Water Project and will do so every three months.

Concern was raised over an article in the Stratherrick & Foyers CC newsletter regarding the plan by THC to upgrade the Suidhe Viewpoint. CC to confirm their support to Stratherrick CC in their objections.

BEAR Scotland are to undertake rock stabilising along the A82 between Drumnadrochit and Loch End from the 4<sup>th</sup> February for ten weeks.

## **9. AOB**

SF and DM to contact Scottish Water about the lack of public consultation surrounding the waters at Kytra Lock and the closures/disruptions to the Great Glen Way without any prior notice.

Members of the community can obtain a voucher to enable them to a 20% discount at the Canal Centre from Scottish Canals.

Drainage on the A82 remains an issue at Shorelands and past Allt na Criche towards Invermoriston.

HC to contact Helena Huws as the advertising banner outside Kiltane is still there.

The dog waste bin in Abertarff Place has been replaced but is in a new site, DM to enquire as to why and whether it can be returned to the original site.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Millennium Hall, Invermoriston at 7.30 p.m.