**Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council**

**AGM Meeting**

**Wednesday 25th May 2016 @ 7.00pm - Invermoriston Millennium Hall**

**Present:**

Carol Pritchard (CP) (Chair), Iain MacKnocher (IM)(Vice Chair), Deirdre MacKinnon (DM) (Secretary), Johnny MacDonald (JM) (Treasurer), Rachel Hayes (RH), Peter Yair (PY), Steven Smith (SS) & Helen Clay (HC).

**Apologies:**

Councillor Margaret Davidson

**Minute Secretary**: Sam Cornelius

1. **Minutes**

Minutes from the AGM on Thursday 28th May 2015 were read for approval. These were proposed by DM and seconded by JM.

1. **Chair Persons Annual Report**

CP presented the annual report (attached). There were no matters raised.

1. **Accounts**

JM provided copies of the CC accounts which were agreed correct proposed by DM seconded by RH. DM to email a copy of the accounts and the draft AGM minutes to THC as soon as available.

1. **Office Bearers**

In line with the standing orders, the office bearers stood down from office. No new nominations were proposed and it was therefore agreed that the office bearers be re-elected.

Chair - Carol Pritchard

Vice-chair - Iain MacKnocher

Treasurer - Johnny MacDonald

Secretary - Deirdre MacKinnon

Proposed by HC and seconded by JH

AGM meeting closed at 7.15pm

**Provisional date for the next AGM - Wednesday 24th May 2016 at 7.00pm**

**FORT AUGUSTUS & GLENMORISTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Chairman’s Report AGM - 25th May 2016**

Since the last AGM the Community Council have held 10 council meetings between Fort Augustus and Invermoriston community halls with one meeting being held at the Old School in Dalchreichart. This is the first AGM of our term in office since the Community Council elections were held in 2015. After some initial vacancies we now have a full complement of eight community councillors including new members.

The day of the CC meeting has changed from the last Thursday of the month to the last Wednesday of the month to enable Councillor Margaret Davidson to continue to attend following her becoming Leader of the Highland Council and having other regular commitments during the last week of the month. Although this change has led to a couple of members of the community having missed attendance at meetings, the new arrangement is now well publicised. I do thank Highland Councillor, Margaret Davidson for her involvement, attendance, help and support to the CC during the year, particularly since she became leader and has increased commitments across the whole Council area.

I would also like to thank the community councillors for their regular attendance and commitment in all the community council issues we have dealt with during this term, also their attendance at meetings over and above the schedule meetings.

Again this has been a busy session with the community council supporting and representing the communities across a wide range of issues:

* The Fort Augustus Service Point closure threat.
* Community transport issues.
* Broadband issues.
* Facilitating and supporting the Home Carers initiative.
* Regular renewable energy project updates on consented projects and commenting on and receiving progress reports on new applications.
* Reviewing planning applications and responding where appropriate with objections or comments.
* Giving input to the Scottish Canals planning application in respect of MacVeans.
* Agreeing split community benefit between FA&GCCS and Glenurquhart CC in relation to the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm.
* Attending community liaison group meetings for Stronelairg and Bhlaraidh Wind Farms.
* Attending SSE Beauly-Denny line and sub-station Community Liaison Group.
* Receiving updates on the plans for the replacement Medical Centre.
* SSE Grid connection discussions.
* Ongoing trunk road maintenance issues.
* Giving input to Police Scotland on community priorities.
* CC continued support of community events and groups within the area.

Over the next 12 months I would welcome improvements in communication of community issues across the Community Council area and the continuation of the work of the CC in challenging times.