Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council

Thursday 28th August 2014 @ 7.30pm – Fort Augustus Memorial Hall

**Present:**

Stuart Findlay (Chair), Carol Pritchard (Vice-chair), Johnny MacDonald (Treasurer), Julia King & Cllr Margaret Davidson

**Apologies:**

Iain MacKnocher (Vice-chair), Jennifer McArthur, Deirdre MacKinnon (Secretary) & Rachel Hayes

**Minute Secretary**: Emily-May Winstanley

SF welcomed Malcolm Sutherland and Morag Fraser of Caledonian Concepts.

Malcolm gave a presentation to the CC following the meeting on the 19th August with Transport Scotland, police and THC.

This covered the proposed date first Sunday in May 2015.

Number of participants 3000 to 3600.

Road closures, safety and start timings for each group of cyclists.

Community benefits.

A general discussion followed,

Again albeit the CC supported the event, the matter of total road closures was still an issue.

The discussion included suggested route changes, rolling road closures, single lane closure and different timings.

SF felt that with the increase in numbers, then logistically the roads would be closed longer.

Malcolm asked the CC their view on changing the date to 26th April 2015 instead of the holiday weekend in May.

It was agreed this would be a better date.

SF thanked Malcolm and Morag for attending.

1. **Minutes:**

Minutes from Community Council meeting on 26th June 2014

Proposed by – JDM

Seconded by – JK

1. **Matters Arising**:

Auchteraw Bridge repairs– Action Cllr MD to investigate.

Invermoriston bins – an extra general waste bin by the recycling bins is required during summer season, an extra pick up has been organised meantime.

Fort Augustus footpath around the Abbey grounds is open to the public.

1. **Treasurer's Report**:

Bank balance as at 28th July 2014 at £5917.12

Income: £ Nil

Expenditure: £212

Request for a donation from the CC for the Fort Augustus and Invermoriston Sheep Dog Trials Association charity event on 30th August.

The proceeds from the event go to Cancer Research and the Fort Augustus Senior Citizens,

Agreed donation - £250

The Old Free Church Road repairs - Application to THC discretionary budget for funds, the CC will contribute £500 towards costs.

1. **Community Amenity Issues and Police report:**

-Community Transport – ongoing

-Service Point – considering the possibility of merging with other agencies and a library facility.

-HC Budget Consultation – Action - CP to arrange meeting in October

-Public Transport – a member of the public was refused entry on a Citylink bus with a Stagecoach ticket after a Stagecoach bus broke down.

Action- SF to provide Cllr MD with details. Cllr MD to raise issue with transport department.

-Slide in Jenkins Park – investing possible funding.

-Auchteraw Sub-station – some improvements have been made following discussions. A programme of work has been raised showing the mitigation works being implemented.

-Fort Augustus Village Car Park – parking spaces have been re-lined.

THC and the CC will continue to investigate the possibility of extending the car park.

-Fort Augustus public toilets – necessary repairs will be carried out during October. It maybe possibility to have additional toilets available during July and August when the village is at it's busiest.

-Abertarff Place- access to rear of properties, SF investigating having the area and vegetation cleared.

-Battery Rock Path- THC, CC and FAGGBI will attempt to have this access cleared during the winter period.

-FAGGBI are committed to renovating the Welcome to Fort Augustus signs at each end of the village during the winter months.

**Police** – Sgt A. Blakey attended the meeting and gave the CC an update on the local area and Police staffing.

1. **Renewable Energy Projects** –

See Appendix 1 attached for the July/August update

The CC have agreed to object to the Dell Wind Farm Planning Application.

1. **Correspondence:**

By email -

THC-IMFLDP Notice of examination by Scottish Ministers 3.7.14

Scottish Rural Parliament hour 3.7.14

Great Glen Way – Re-launch invite. 24.7.14

Scottish Hydro potential – Kirknewton Trust 24.7.14

Scottish Rural Parliament – Key Themes 25.7.14

Scottish Rural Parliament – Transport infrastructure 6.8.14

THC B862 Road closures 12.8.14

THC – Quality Awards 2014 (Friday 26th Sept) 13.8.14

Scottish Rural Parliament – rural hour 9.00-10.00pm 19.8.14 & 18.8.14

Scottish Rural Parliament – News Letter 27.8.14

By letter -

Dell Wind Farm – Environmental Statement

THC- Kirking of the Council. Sunday 14th September 2014 28.8.14

1. **Planning:**

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| Type of Application | Name | Location/Development |
| 14/03051/MSC    14/03003/SCRE |  | Erection of house, 75m SW of Tigh Litrichean, Dalchreichart.  Proposed footpath/cycleway, Land between Bridge of Tarff and Glenmore Fort Augustus. |
| 14/02958/SCRE  14/02915/FUL |  | Increase size to original application13/01237/FUL Inchmore Fish Farm Glenmoriston  Change of use from temporary construction compound to 2 houses on agricultural building yard. Site south of A887 and west of Torgoyle Bridge coal yard Glenmoriston. |
| 14/02929/SCRE  14/02541/PIP |  | Proposed 132KV OHL  Connection for Beinneun Windfarm. Land between Beinneun forest and Auchteraw substation Fort Augustus.  Erect house Plot 14, Millfied Fort Augustus. |

CC to look for more detail on 14/02958/SCRE application

CP brought up concerns regarding caravan in Invermoriston, she is worried about what is happening to his sewage.

1. **AOCB:**

Lamp post on Caley Brae is damaged and dangerous. SF to contact THC.

Pavement along canal side – chips and tar have been put down. Cllr MD to check.

Vegetation has been cut at the overflow car park

CP got in touch with forestry regarding the felling in Invermoriston and has co- ordinates with Great Glen Camera Club and they have organised a photo-shoot

White lines need to be done at the Jenkins Park/Auchteraw junction. SF to contact THC.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 25th September 2014 – 7.30pm**

**Fort Augustus Memorial Hall**

**FORT AUGUSTUS & GLENMORISTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS UPDATE** **July/August** **2014**

Appendix 2

***Report on the developments within 15km circumference of Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston***

***Millennium Windfarm 10 turbine extension*** – S36 planning application submitted 23rd May 2014. Representation sent from CC to Scottish Gov./HC

***Beinneun windfarm*** - 75 to 85MW, 25 turbines. Grid connection granted. Meeting with CC to be arranged on proposed extension and community benefit.

***Bhlaraidh windfarm*** - 108 MW - 32 turbines awaiting construction. Site investigation works started. On going.

***Stronelairg windfarm*** - 240MW awaiting planning consent, 67 turbines. . Site investigation works started. Approx. 6 months time scale. CC and SSE to arrange meeting.

***Moriston windfarm*** **- 54 MW**!! planning application submission May/June 2014, Latest design 18 turbines. As its 54 MW it will be an S36 application. No update.

***Dell windfarm*** **- 42 MW**. final design is for 14 turbines. Under 50 MW this will be a HC planning application. Planning application submitted to THC.

**C*oire Glas*** - 300 to 600MW pumped storage system. On hold.

***Culachy project*** 25 turbine site RES developer. No update.

***Bhodaich project*** - 5/6 MW. SSE hydro scheme. No update.

**NEW Gamesa Energy UK – Aberchalder Wind Farm –** investigating potential for a wind farm of approximately 65MW. CC to make contact with Project Manager.