Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council

Thursday 28th May 2015 @ 7.30pm – Invermoriston Millennium Hall

**Present:**

Stuart Findlay (Chair), Deirdre MacKinnon (Secretary), Johnny MacDonald (Treasurer), Carol Pritchard (Vice-chair), Jennifer McArthur, Rachel Hayes & Julia King

**Apologies:**

Iain MacKnocher (Vice-chair), *Councillor Margaret Davidson*

**Minute Secretary**: Katie Roper

**Guest Speakers;**

SF welcomed Malcolm Sutherland and Morag Fraser from ETAPE Cycling Event.

Malcolm provided feedback from the event to the CC.

* 3300 participants. The event was successful.
* A survey has been commissioned for the event and results will be circulated within a few weeks.
* It was noted that the closed road and the associated safety aspects were a major attraction for participants, as well as location and scenery.
* MacMillan key charity - so far c. £152,000 and further 22 charities raised c. £54,000. Totals rising all the time.
* Locally employed marshalls with 3 training events in advance and debriefing team leaders and groups was a big improvement. All to receive a donation: FA Scouts, Kilchuimen school parent council, FA Fire Station.
* Pre-arranged escorts happened as arranged
* £500 to be donated to council by ETAPE event.
* It was acknowledged that the move to change the date away from the bank holiday

and improved race management led to it being a better event this year.

* Need to further debrief the canals to ensure smooth running of future events
* Action points:
  + DM to email address of the FA Fire Station Officer to Morag
  + SF to contact Malcolm Sutherland regarding use of the £500 funding
  + CP suggested the potential for litter picking on the road when closed in the future - Malcolm Sutherland to feed this idea back to future meetings with BEAR.

SF Thanked Malcolm and Morag for their attendance.

1. **Previous Minutes for Approval 30th April 2015**

Proposed: DM  
Seconded: JDM

1. **Matters Arising and Action**

* Adopt a phone box scheme - ongoing RH
* Onshore wind farm consultation - attended Ward Forum meeting, CP submitted a consultation form. SF submitted a consultation form on behalf of the CC and another member of the public also submitted.
* Scottish Canal litter bin - SF emailed Scottish Canals and yet to receive a response.
* Childcare facilities- DM followed up and found out that it's possible that someone may start doing this from her home - Cllr MD to further update.

1. **Treasurer's Report**

Opening Balance: £8304.91

Incoming: £3548.90

Outgoing: Nil

Closing Balance: £11853.81

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

**Police Report May 2015.** See Appendix 1

* A82 road and forestry plan - SF and MD attended a meeting with Transport Scotland, Forestry Commission Glen Urquhart CC. Issues discussed;

A82 recent rock fall, road closures, diversion routes and other associated problems.

SF circulated a copy of the FCS newsletter showing pictures of the rockfall, maps, plans and emergency repairs.

SF will copy and circulate to the councillors, the Transport Scotland response to the CC letter highlighting the A82 issues.

* FCS - SF referred to previous correspondence received detailing the schedule of works for harvesting above the Invermoriston Hotel.

FCS - Drop in sessions to discuss the work will be arranged in the Millennium Hall.

SF will arrange for the liaison manager to visit and provide details of future planned harvesting along sections of the A82.

* IM play park - RH and CP in contact with consultancy fundraiser. Next steps - checking the Children’s Committee members and that the constitution fits the aims. RH - will meet with the Children’s Committee to discuss the process for a public consultation.
* FA playpark - no further action.
* Free Church Road - SF to meet Alan Johnson from THC on 4th June to agree the level of repairs achievable.
* School playing field - SF has requested a further meeting with Maria Gibbons. MG is waiting on a response from THC.
* SSE Resilient Community Grant- Cllr MD ongoing
* Defibrillators - a new contact in Balfour Beatty has assured the CC that they will be delivered.
* 02 - Mobile and TV signals have been restored.
* Medical Centre wall - ongoing.
* First Responders - Cllr MD ongoing

1. **Renewable Energy Projects**

11th June - day or evening. To meet to sort out the details for SSE liaison group about Bhlaraidh wind farm. Available to attend: JDM, DM? JM, RH, CP.

Beinneun wind farm.- we have not yet met with Neil Reid for update on progress and community benefit. SF to action.

1. **Planning:**

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| Type of Application | Name | Location/Development |
| 15/01566/ful | Mr Michael Blackburn,  Ceannocroc Lodge,  Glenmoriston | Amendment of 14/03963/ful  Relocation of 2 intakes and add one |
| 15/01976/OHL | Scottish Hydro,  Dundreggan | Overhead line diversion - Dundreggan for Levishie Hydro |
| 15/01865/ful | Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd,  Beinneun Windfarm | Formation of Burrow Pit,  SE of Bunloyne Farm |

Bidwells have arranged a Public Consultation - 22nd June in FA village hall.

Also they wish to meet members of the CC who can attend.

The CC discussed the above applications and have no concerns.

**7 - Correspondenc**

**CC correspondence list**

**By email**

30-04-15 THC Planning – response to email re 15/01455/scop

01-05-15 THC B851 Traffic Management arrangements for 1st-9th 15th and 23rd May

01-05-15 THC Planning acknowledgement of comments for 15/00731/ful

01-05-15 THC Planning weekly lists for w/c 1st – 8th – 15th May.

05-05-15 THC emails on school field. 5th and 22nd May.

Police Scotland monthly report.

**Paper Mail**

Post Office – decision to move to new premises on the 9th June 15

Letter – re the village improvements.

THC Public Consultation on draft flood management strategy

Transport Scotland – official reply to the CC letter of concern.

FCS – news letter on A82 rock fall 12th March 15

1. **AOCB:**

DM

Telford Centre - Vehicle that delivers the wood chippings has been changed and is now a danger when navigating the road into Abertarff Place to reach the Telford Centre. SF to get in touch with THC

JDM -

ATM- FA is losing the ATM which does not charge for withdrawals.

DM - explained that there will be free cash withdrawal transactions at the new post office. Debit cards only. Open 0800-2100. Unable to use business debit cards, credit cards and foreign cards.

SF -

As parking at the new post office is limited, can locals obtain a display disk to park in the car park for free? Currently get 20 mins for free. SF to contact THC.

Residents in Abertarff Place have requested clarity on grass cutting by THC in the area as there appears to be conflicting answers.

SF to contact THC

**Date of Next Meeting Thursday 25th June - 7:30pm @ Fort Augustus Memorial Hall**

**Appendix 1: Police Report May 2015**



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM**

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| Command Area | Inverness | Community Group | Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston |
| Station | Beauly | Officer | PS N0936 Stuart |
| Date of Meeting | 28/05/2015 | Location | Millenium Hall, Invermoriston |
| Meeting Attended | PC N0111 Mathieson | Meeting Not Attended (Contact Made) | N/A |

Meeting Preparation

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| Ward and Local Policing  Plan Priorities. | Activities conducted over the reporting period to support those priorities. |
| 1. Road Safety   2. Public Protection  3. Alcohol / Antisocial Behaviour    4. Crimes of Dishonesty | 1.  - Numerous road traffic offences have been detected in the area this month.  - Driver charged with careless driving on A87.  2.  - No incidents reported this month.  3.  - Damage to equipment at Inchnacardoch Hotel, Fort Augustus. No suspect identified.  4.  - Two Poachers warned by water Bailiffs. |
| Update on Previously Agreed Actions – See previous OP 55/8 & Relevant Reference on the Area Command Action Tracking Table | |
| None | |
| Update on any local community safety issues / trends within the community and any assistance / information requested from the community. Review IMPACT / intelligence etc | |
| None | |
| Any local / Area Command / Divisional / Police Scotland updates / key messages | |
| PC William Jones will start at Fort Augustus Police Office on Monday 15th June. He will be your designated Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston area officer. | |

Meeting Outcomes

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| Date Raised | Issue | Agreed / Proposed Actions | Area Command Action Tracking Table Reference | Remarks |
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Intelligence - SID Log References (If submitted)

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Next Meeting

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| Date | Thursday 25/06/2015 | Time | 1930 hours | Location | Memorial Hall, Fort Augustus |

Area Commander Review

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| Initial |  | Date |  |

Distribution:

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