Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Council

Wednesday 30th September 2015 @ 7.30pm – Millennium Hall Invermoriston

**Present:**

Stuart Findlay (Chair), Johnny MacDonald (Treasurer), Carol Pritchard (Vice-chair), Deirdre MacKinnon (Secretary), Rachel Hayes, Julia King, Councillor Margaret Davidson.

**Apologies:**

Iain MacKnocher (Vice-chair), Jennifer McArthur

**Minute Secretary**:

1. **Previous Minutes for Approval 26th August 2015**

Proposed: RH   
Seconded: JDM

1. **Matters Arising and Action**

* Fort Augustus car park extension – Cllr MD to confirm a site meeting with the Head of Infrastructure on !5th October. DM wishes to attend.
* Road sign on the A82 near Abriachan – Transport Scotland contacted.
* Invermoriston Hall toilets and carpark – the hall committee should raise this issue with THC. The CC would support an upgrade.
* Auchterawe Road vegetation – THC to progress.
* Inchnacardoch bay vegetation – JDM to speak with the Community Company

re a cost if the Community Challenge cut the vegetation.

* Pot- holes at the Fire Station road entrance – completed.
* Abertarff dog fouling complaint – SF attended a site meeting with the dog control officer, additional signs have been put up and contact has been made with Albyn Housing to have a fence erected between the path to the woods and the nearby property gardens.

1. **Treasurer's Report –**   
   No bank statement available

Opening Balance: £11246.81 as at 3rd July 15

Incoming: Nil

Outgoing: £3548.90 to THC for play park slide.

Closing Balance: £7698.81

DM & JDM to resend annual accounts and AGM draft minutes to the Ward Manager for the CC grant..

SF requested the CC purchase 2 defibrillator containers in order to install the defibs in the communities of Fort Augustus and Invermoriston – details passed to JDM

DM to contact Etape re £500 to be ring fenced for children’s activities.

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

SF read out the **Police Report Sept 2015.** See Appendix 1

* IM play park - ongoing.
* Free Church Road - awaiting THC to complete repairs.
* School playing field - Cllr MD reported that the school playing field was free and could be used for football/shinty practice. There would be no charge if the goals were owned by the community
* SSE resilient fund - SF reported the fund is now closed for 2015 but will reopen the spring of 2016. CC interest is noted.
* Community defibrillators – it is proposed to put one at the Millennium Hall Invermoriston and the other at the Cill Chuimein Medical Centre.
* First Responders - ongoing with Cllr MD
* Adopt a phone box - ongoing.
* Scottish Canals issues - DM to make contact.
* Telford centre wood deliveries – change of delivery reported.
* Abertarff bus stop – SF to check if a seat has been fitted.
* Fort Augustus car park tokens for locals - ongoing
* Community Council elections due 2015 – SF discussed the election timetable format and nomination forms return date. Councillors to respond.

1. **Renewable Energy Project**

***Report on the developments near Fort* Augustus *and Glenmoriston September 15***

**Consented projects;**  ***Beinneun windfarm*** - 75 to 85MW, 25 turbines. LIAISON GROUP REPORT - JDM 32 turbines- 108 MW Liaison group structure has been set up. Initial Community Benefit discussions have started. Next meeting 30th Sept 15. Neal Read & JDM-CllrMD-SF

***Bhlaraidh windfarm*** - 108 MW - LIAISON GROUP REPORT - CP & RH Weekly construction updates for distribution. Next meeting 1st October 15. SSE & CP-RH-Cllr MD-SF . Contact made with corporate affairs to agree community benefit details.

***Stronelairg windfarm*** - 240MW LIAISON GROUP REPORT – First meeting 1st October 15. SSE & CP-RH-CllrMD-SF

***Auchterawe Substation/Grid connections & Beauly/Denny Line -*** LIAISON GROUP REPORT Next meeting 12th Nov. 15. SSE & SF-JK-DM-CllrMD

**Non consented projects; *Millennium Windfarm 10 turbine extension*** – Falck have submitted an a appeal against the objections to the Scottish Gov. A reporter will be selected to consider the application and representations.

***Moriston windfarm*** **- 54 MW**! No update

***Dell windfarm*** **- 42 MW**. Awaiting decision from Highland Council. No update  ***Culachy project*** 25 turbine site RES developer. Letter from RES on the 1st July notifying the CC of a Supplementary Environmental Information report. RES have arranged a meeting on 29th Sept. 15 with stakeholders and interested parties to discuss a possible proposal to improve the entrance to the Corrieyairack Pass

SSE – community benefit discussions with Graham Keddie scheduled for w/c 23rd Nov. to be confirmed.

MWF south – appeal lodged with the Scottish Office and a reporter will review the application. The CC representation/objection has been passed to the reporter for consideration.

The CC attended a meeting with RES on proposed improvements to the Corrieyairack pass.

Community Council community liaison group meetings;

Auchterawe Substation/Beauly Denny line - SF JK next meeting 12th Nov 15.

Beinneun windfarm - JDM next meeting to be arranged.

Bhlaraidh windfarm – CP + next meeting 18th Nov 15

Stronelairg windfarm – CP + next meeting to be arranged.

1. **Planning:**

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| Type of Application | Name | Location/Development |
| 15/03567/ful | Mr & Mrs Kennedy,  Shorelands,  Fort Augustus | Erection of two chalets |
| 15/02410/ful | Mr N Curley Tigh Na Roinn Invermoriston | Extension of dwelling. |
| 15/03468/75m | Beinneun windfarm | Modification |

The CC discussed the above applications and has no concerns.

**7 - Correspondence**

By email

THC - notification of weekly planning applications

THC – Publication of the MFLDP adopted by THC.

THC – The winter resilience community aid program 2015

THC – Invitation to HSCHT open day and AGM

Scottish Hydro Elect. Power - consultation on submarine electric cables.

RES Corrieyairack Pass improvements 29th Sept.

DPEA – case WIN-270-4 MWF south appeal.

DSSB - fibre program arrange a meeting.

Community Empowerment Act - 23rd Sept.

SSE- our standards your rights

SSE – openlines SHET newsletter.

SSE – Corporate Affairs, community benefit meeting w/c 23rd Nov 15.

SSE – Resilient fund, the fund will reopen spring 2016.

1. **AOCB:**

CC to write to NHS Lochaber regarding local community nursing.

Home Care – Cllr MD discussed introducing a locally operated system covering the CC area.

JK – reported to the CC on data protection. The data protection test page showed the CC were exempt.

Sam Cornelius resident in Auchterawe has agreed to do the CC minutes and will attend the October meeting.

CP – raise an access issue at Inverwick. CP to contact THC access officer direct.

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**Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 28th October - 7:30pm @ Fort Augustus Memorial Hall**

**Appendix 1: Police Report Sept . 2015**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORM**

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| Command Area | Inverness | Community Group | Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston |
| Station | Fort Augustus | Officer | PC N104 Jones |
| Date of Meeting | 30/09/2015 | Location | Millennium Hall   Invermoriston |
| Meeting Attended | PC N104 Jones | 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. Drugs / Alcohol Misuse    4. Crimes of Dishonesty | 1.  - As part of Operation Route road policing Officers have issued 7 conditional offers to drivers for speeding.  - There have been several non injury road traffic collisions in the area, on the A82 – No offences committed.  - A complaint regarding parking issues on Station Road, Fort Augustus.  2.  - One report of an assault in Fort Augustus – Detected.  - One complaint regarding a noise complaint in Fort Augustus – Householder spoken to and NO further issues.  - One report of a person missing after jogging in a hill above Invermoriston – Person traced safe and well.  3.  - No incidents.  4.  - Three vandalisms reported in Fort Augustus – Enquiries ongoing for these incidents.  - One report of a Fraud incident – Enquiries ongoing, this is believed to be connected to the ATM Skimming incident in August 2015.  - One report of an attempted fraud in Fort Augustus – Enquiries ongoing. |
| 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 | |
| Midge Death Music Festival – This took place on the 19th/20th September 2015. It did not take place at Dalcataig however is believed to have taken place near to Dundreggan reservoir. There were no calls or complaints regarding this festival. | |
| Any local / Area Command / Divisional / Police Scotland updates / key messages | |
| Could all persons who have used the ATM at The Great Glen Trading Centre, Fort Augustus prior to the skimming incident in August 2015 check their bank account to ensure there is no unusual activity; If there has been unusual activity contact your bank immediately in the first instance thereafter contact Police. | |