

## Draft Minutes

### Community Council

7:30pm, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (postponed from 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021) (Zoom)

**Attending:** D Anderson (DA) (Chair), J Jones (JJ) (secretary), F Christian (FC), E Sneddon-Hughes (ESH), (Treasurer) J Hilder (JH)

**1. Welcome and Apologies:** This meeting was deferred from 8<sup>th</sup> April

Apologies: Cllr A Baxter

**2. Acceptance of previous minutes (inc amendments) meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**2021:**Proposed: F Christian, Seconded: D Anderson

**3. Matters arising**

**Police matters** – None

Heritage: Free Church Anchor – on going.

Monument Park Drinking Water Supply: on-going. The secretary has emailed Scottish Water and an update is awaited, however, the situation is likely to remain as it is during the Covid pandemic. A second email has been sent, no reply as yet.

Dail Mhor House: Situation remains and nationwide there is no respite at present.

Longrigg Woodland: The consultants' report is on the Company website and the community consultation will be later in the year, in September or October, when the community has come out of lockdown, businesses have opened up and restrictions should have eased.

**4. Planning Matters**

- a. 21/0096/FUL Conversion of former sawmill to dwelling Glenhurich Cottage, 6 Glenhurich, Polloch - Noted

**5. Correspondence**

- a. Three Lochs Festival – Joanne Matheson – The Secretary to email to clarify if the request is addressed to the Community Council or the Community Benefit Fund as the email address and text are ambiguous
- b. BT Enterprise – Telephone Kiosk Polloch - Noted
- c. Emergency Closure Burnside Rd & School Rd – Completed, no action required
- d. Election Employment at Scottish Election – Has been put on Facebook
- e. K6 Kiosks – Mark Embling has donated £250 to the Community Company - £150 for Polloch & £100 for Scotstown kiosk refurbishment. The Secretary has written thanks and Treasurer has confirmed the receipt of the donation. However, the Community Council will be responsible for maintaining the kiosks so the donation will be transferred to the Council Council's bank account, which simplifies the accounting and auditing.
- f. Homestart Perinatal Infant Mental Health- K Macleod - Display on Facebook & place poster on noticeboard
- g. K6 Kiosk Scotstown – Sunart Community Company Gareth Niblock has offered his and his son's assistance with cleaning and repainting the kiosk. Secretary to contact Mr Niblock
- h. Scottish Community Council Winter Newsletter - Noted
- i. Community Council Year End Instructions - Noted

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- j. New SSE Communities Fund – Information is available at the following link advising of the new SSE fund for communities at <http://news.ssen.co.uk/news/all-articles/2021/march-2021/resilient-communities-fund/> Link to the fund page is at - <https://www.ssen.co.uk/resiliencefund/>
- k. Sunday Lunches email – C Hunter emailed expressing her gratitude for the lunches and to everyone involved in the “Sunday Lunches”. Catriona has asked that this be conveyed to all involved. J Richards and T Dobson have conveyed their thanks, too. The Community Council wish to express thanks to Jody McGarvey and Kate Campbell who prepare and cook the meals which we are able to provide by way of a grant from the Highland Council Ward Discretionary Fund.
- l. Damage to drainage CRM:0022110 – School Road fields. Noted. The Secretary to email the Communities Housing Trust
- m. K6 Kiosks Polloch & Scotstown – Mark Embling - Noted
- n. Lochaber Social Care Steering Group – JJ to check if there is a link on the website. The Chair states there is a press release due in the near future. She will also request that the NHS Steering Group page on the NHS website is updated.
- o. HC- The Death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh – On behalf of the Community Council the Chair conveys condolences to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth
- p. Ariundle/ Faeries Rd route closures – emails have been received giving an update on the current position. Slow progress is being made on the lower bridge across the Ariundle River, but the Faeries Road crossings will remain closed until funding can be sourced. It was agreed that the secretary reply to FLS and clarify the best options to progress the matter.
- q. Ward Discretionary Grant SCC (SG15075) End of Project Report – Final Reminder – Noted and Treasurer will produce the end of project report
- r. Broadband Survey - M Bain Highland Council – This is a survey that will help inform the Corran Narrows Socio-Economic Study and there is a need to test the quality of broadband connectivity/ speed. The purpose of this test is to capture a true reflection of the broadband connectivity, which will determine the approach for an online survey, which will form part of the study. After discussion it was agreed that a single person running the test would not be a true reflection of the coverage throughout the Strontian area, as the village centre has fibre cabling whilst outlying areas e.g. Ardnastang, Scotstown, Polloch, etc use copper and is far slower and less stable. Therefore we will ask people in those areas to run the test so a clearer picture can emerge.

### 6. Treasurer’s Report

Current account: £4,459.87; Deposit account: £5,588.48. The deposit account is reduced by the loan of £5,000 to the Scotstown Grazings Committee; the work has been completed, the application for reimbursement has been made and the loan will be repaid when the grant is received.

### 7. Any other business

- a. Dail Mhor Compost request – J Hilder – There is a request from Dail Mhor staff for some compost for the flowerbeds in the quadrangle in Dail Mhor. Purchase of compost approved and J Hilder will arrange purchase and delivery
- b. Village clean up – volunteers are asked to come, at 11am, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021, to the village centre car park where Denise Anderson will issue bin bags and gloves will be available. Please observe social distancing. T Dobson has offered his trailer for collecting and moving the bin bags. J Hilder says the jetty has been cleared already and thanks those volunteers involved.

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- c. A question was raised about when the Village Hall might be available for use. T Dobson will check with the Village Hall Committee.
  - d. A question was asked about where the Community Council Minutes were on the website. The secretary explained that the minutes are on the website and were a month behind as they were previously printed in the De tha dol? and were not “approved” until the following month. However, he would arrange for the “draft” minutes to be posted on the website.
  - e. Sunart Community Company, a brief update:
    - Oakwood now has a website offering items for sale, so people from anywhere can make a purchase. Not all items are listed but there is a very good selection, Oakwood will reopen on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 21 and the website will go live the following month.
    - The work on the jetty and green shed continues and the shed now has a new roof and the building has been repainted. There will also be work on the jetty in the next few weeks. There has been a lot of help from people in the community involved in this work, which is very much appreciated
    - The Company has discussed seeking funds to review the Community Action Plan (also referred to as the CADISPA Plan) that was produced in 2014/5 and this plan helped with the Community School, jetty project and Urram obtaining funding. However this plan is now not current and getting ever more out of date. The Company is looking to revisit the plan. Previously consultants were retained to do the work, but the Company think this can be done locally, and are providing advance notice they will be seeking funds for a part-time officer to help a Steering Group to conduct a review.
    - At the AGM there was a suggestion and request that the Company approach local business and employers to find out how they coping and what if any, issues they may have as we emerge from lockdown. This will be an “immediate” piece of work with a bigger consultation in the autumn/winter
    - A Longrigg Woodland community consultation will take place later in the year in September or October.
  - f. We are informed that the Agricultural Show is not being held in 2021
8. **Date of next meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:30pm, currently via Zoom as CV19 restrictions apply

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