

Lairg Community Council

Minutes of meeting held in Lairg Community Centre on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Jeff Norrie, Chair (JN), Andrew Mackay, Vice Chair (AMK), Hector MacLennan, Treasurer (HM), Jackie Young (JY), Sandy Allison (SA), John Sutherland (JS)

Apologies: Iain Mackay (IM), Cllr Hugh Morrison (HMN)

Police Scotland: None present

Also present: Sheena Skinner, Gary Thompson, Anne Morrison, David Ross, John Foley, Fiona Morrison SSE and Carol Elliot Foundation Scotland (E.ON Rosehall)

Minutes Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above)/Police report. This meeting followed immediately on the close of the AGM. There was no police report available.

Non-agenda item. Result of election for the SSE & E.ON Community Fund Panel. Carol Elliot gave details of the election held today for the two vacant positions for community representatives to the Panel. Four nominations had been received but one withdrew yesterday leaving an election required to select from the three remaining. Forty eight people voted but one paper was spoiled. The two nominees who received the most votes were Anne Morrison and David Ross who will now serve on the Panel for the next three years. John Foley was thanked for standing and for his interest in and commitment to the community. All those present for the election then left the meeting. 7.45pm

Item 2. Adoption of Minutes of May meeting. The Minutes of the May meeting were adopted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Andrew Mackay; seconded: Sandy Allison.

Item 3. Matters arising. None raised other than JN will check with LDCI Project Officer regarding the publicity for the upcoming public meeting about involving local businesses in the NC500 promotions. **JN Action.**

Item 4. LDCI update. Owing to annual holiday of the Project Officer no update was available.

Item 5. LCA update. None received. It is understood that the LCA meeting was held last night.

Item 6. CALL update. Letter received from SSE following the CC's approach last month but nothing new was intimated in it. CC still awaits local public meeting to be arranged by SSE.

Item 7. Falls of Shin update. Project manager has been appointed.

Item 8 Financial report. (MG) Treasurer's Account balance stands at £2,204.33; payments made in the last month were to Faclan Word Service, Lairg Gala Week and Lairg in Bloom, the two latter payments being to cover micro grant awards made while the cheque books were with the auditor. The Windfarm account stands at £1,039.76 but cheque issued tonight for £392 to repay the Treasurer's account for the above micro grants will leave a balance of £647.76. The Project account balance is unchanged at £104.73. The annual accounts, having been approved at tonight's AGM will now be submitted to THC in hopes of triggering prompt payment of the annual grant. JN advised that the restoration work on the 'sheep' is going ahead; one has already been moved to Ferrycroft. He will obtain an invoice from Lockhart's for materials and pass to MG for payment. **JN/MG Action.**

Item 9. Planning applications. Nothing relevant this month.

Item 10. Retiral of Ward Manager Andy Mackay. A card and Amazon voucher for £100 was approved as a gift to mark AM's contribution to Lairg during his term of office. SA will

get the card and sign it on behalf of CC. Cheque authorised from the Project Account to MG to purchase voucher. **SA/MG Action.**

Item 11. Windfarms. All quiet. No decisions expected from Scottish Government until after the election.

Item 12. Adoption of amended MOU for SSE/E.ON Rosehall Community Panel.

Approval given to confirming the permanent three-way split of funds; proposed JN, seconded AMK. Carol Elliot of Foundation Scotland will be advised. **MG Action.**

Item 13. Correspondence. (1) A letter of condolence was sent to Margaret Walker expressing the CC's sympathies on the sad news of the death of David Walker. (2) Lairg Estate invoice for £100 for the tennis courts rent from 1st May 2016 to 30 April 2017 received and payment approved. **MG Action.** (3) Sam Barlow has asked for CC approval for Lairg Table Tennis Club to make improvements to the tennis courts including repainting the lines for the existing court, creating a second court and a portable net. The existing posts on the multipurpose court may be reduced in height. Lairg Fire Brigade has assisted by providing volunteer labour to litter pick and prepare the courts for line painting. Approval of the project was given by the CC. **MG Action.** (4) Letter received from Chris Knight of St Austell Brewery regarding a possible event in Lairg as part of a John O'Groats to Land's End cycle ride. JN will respond. **JN Action.**

Item 14. Any other competent business. (1) Sheena Skinner reported that the Right of Way sign at Ferrycroft Cottages has been removed also that a tree has fallen across the pathway. Matt Dent, Access Officer to be informed. **MG Action.**

Item 15. Date and time of next meeting. There being no meeting in July next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 in the Lairg Community Centre. The room is already booked.

Item 16. Lairg Windfarm Ltd – Lairg Community Fund. No applications this month.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.