

## Lairg Community Council

### Minutes of meeting held in Lairg Community Centre on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Andrew Mackay, Chair/Treasurer (AMK), Jackie Young, Secretary (JY), John Sutherland (JS), Jamie Dick (JD), Sandy Allison (SA),

**Apologies:** Highland Councillor Linda Munro (LM)

**Also attending:** Steven Maclean, LDCI (SM), Iain Thomson (IT)

**Police Scotland:** None present

**Minutes Secretary:** Mary Goulder (MG)

**Item 1. Welcome/Apologies (as above) /Police report.** Chair Andrew Mackay welcomed everyone. No report had been received from the police. Nothing noted to pass back to them.

**Police note.**

**Non-agenda item. Co-option.** Chair proposed the co-option of Iain Thomson. All present agreed and IT accepted. THC Ward Manager will be advised. **MG Action.**

**Item 2. Adoption of Minutes of October meeting.** The Minutes of the October meeting were adopted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Jackie Young; seconded: Jamie Dick.

**Item 3. Matters arising.** (1) **LCA acoustics.** AMK has not yet been in touch with LCA either for an update or to invite and LCA representative to a CC meeting. **AMK Action.** (2)

**Lairg cemetery drainage.** SA has dug out around the top and side of the cemetery boundary but water is still appearing within the graveyard. A burst drain is suspected. Highlight this to Cllr Munro to chase up further action. **LM Action.** JY and SA will liaise regarding quotes for materials to carry out tidy up of paths, etc. **JY/SA Action.** (4) **Water on pavements.** Some work has been undertaken to find the source of this flooding. SA suggested that there is a pipe nearby which might be utilised to drain away this water. THC to follow up. **LM Action.**

(5) **Ord Place carvings.** The carver will be advising of a new date on which he will complete the work. (6) **Remembrance service.** SA attended and laid the wreath on behalf of the CC. He reported a good attendance.

**Item 4. Public toilets update.** It is understood that nine public toilet facilities within Sutherland have been reprieved from closure plans.

**Item 5. LDCI update.** SM gave report. (1) Ord Place carvings. See above (Item 3(5)). (2) Police station. Police Scotland has indicated that it wishes to maintain a presence in the building; a decision regarding a public transfer is expected in April 2019. (3) Part time post. Susan Clark has been appointed to a new 20 hour per week post to work on the Care & Wellbeing Project. Magda is moving to Orkney in December but will continue to work part-time till February at which point staffing will be reviewed. AGM will be on 28<sup>th</sup> November following a drop-in session, between 4 and 7pm, at which members of the public can be updated on all projects. (4) Gunn's Wood. An expression of interest has been lodged. (5) Bus shelter. The structure has been cleaned and painted, new Perspex panels fitted. The project should complete by the end of November. (6) Directors. There are now ten directors on the Board with four associates. (7) Winterfest. Costs for events have been covered; many donations received and welcomed.

**Item 6. Financial report.** Treasurer's account balance stands at £2,341.82. The Windfarm account balance is £42. No change in the Project account balance of £4.73. Owing to holidays no business has been transacted recently. Process is ongoing to allow for an award from the E.ON Rosehall/SSE Achany Fund to be made to the Micro Grant. An updated financial report will be circulated soon. **MG Action.**

**Item 7. Planning applications.** Weekly Planning Report is **still not** being received by Chair or MG. **LM Action.** It is understood that THC has been experiencing very disruptive problems with its IT service provision.

**Item 8. Windfarms.** (1) Sallachy. A meeting scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> November to agree community benefit arrangements. (2) Lairg windfarm extension. Alan MacIntyre of Energiekontor will attend the December CC meeting.

**Item 9. Highland Councillor's report.** Emails regarding the outcomes of Cllr Munro's Action points from last month's meeting had been circulated. LM advised by email that she is in touch with Graham MacKenzie regarding the flooding issues though he is currently on holiday.

**Item 10. Correspondence.** (1) Request for donation from the Friends of Sutherland Veterans for the annual event next year. A donation at the same level as last year was approved. **MG Action.** (2) SA has been approached by a resident of Glenburn who wishes to utilise the Dial-a-bus service to get to the churchyard but has been advised that there is no service. Cllr Munro to be asked to check this out. **LM Action.**

**Item 13. Any other competent business.** None raised.

**Item 14. Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Lairg Community Centre.

**Item 15. Lairg Windfarm Ltd – Lairg Community Fund.** At private discussion following the main meeting an application by Friends of the Bradbury Centre for £500 towards continuing provision of music therapy and reflexology sessions was approved. **MG Action.** A letter received from Rosehall Primary School Parents Committee seeking funding towards costs of the Christmas party was discussed. With the Micro Grant currently closed due to lack of funds the Committee will be advised accordingly.

**MG Action.**

Meetings closed 9.35pm