

# Laggan Community Council - Ordinary Meeting

Meeting 1 - 2020 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Laggan Village Hall @ 1830

Approved Minutes @ meeting 2 on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**1) Attendees:** Chair Colin Morgan (CM), Vice Chair Mignonne Khazaka (MK), Minute Secretary Liz MacFarlan (LM), Secretary Amanda Gallagher (AG), Lauren Hendry (LH), CNPA Deidre Falconer, (DF)

**Apologies received:** Treasurer Gordon Stirling, Jo Cumming.

There was 1 member of the community present.

There were no declarations of interest.

**5) Cairngorm National Park Authority discussion** with Deidre Falconer was moved forward on the agenda. DF explained the current compilation of the CNPA, which has more local voices on it than before. She welcomed LCC input and requested a copy of the Local development Plan plus updates on the progress of these specific projects: Sustrans: Marketing; Village amenities. It is the CNPA Year of Coasts and Waters. CM thanked DF for her input.

**2) Approval of minutes of Establishment meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – specifically to note approval of a Resolution to add Gordon Stirling (Treasurer) as a signatory to the community council's RBS bank account. These were approved by email circulation prior to the meeting.

- **Formal Adoption of the Revised Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Highland** as amended in September 2019. This was approved.
- **Formal Adoption and signing of new Community Council Constitution to include new Standing Orders** – appendix 4 in revised scheme. This was approved.
- **Associate Group Membership (non-voting)** After discussion, it was decided that CM will email the Chair of each of the various Laggan committees – LCT, LCH, LFT, Heritage, Church, Parent Council, Friends of Laggan Surgery, to invite a nominated member of each to attend LCC meetings. MK offered to co-ordinate a bi-annual meeting of local businesses and groups.
- **Young Members 16-18** – (full voting) LCC will look to recruit.

**3) Financial report** – Acting Treasurer (LM)

- Month-end (December 19) Total balance stands at £4422.71, with £2590.11 ring-fenced for SSE micro-grants, leaving an available balance for LCC of £1832.60
- Status of change of signatories. LM reported an on-going problem with RBS, due to be resolved within 5 working days and after several phone conversations and an official complaint being made.

**4) Statutory Items** for Community Council to note and discuss.

a) Planning update – 2 local new-build projects were discussed at Catlodge – Douneside and between Shanvall and Glentruim. Comments were made to planning by CM on behalf of LCC about the latter, but neither was objected to.

b) Licensing update – CM reported the difficulty in accessing Licensing information from Highland Council website. MK to follow this up.

c) Roads update – A86/A889 update. There has been no progress on this. Bear is to meet at the end of January about the widening of the A889. The poor state of the Glentruim road was noted - CM to follow up with HC

d) Report from Public Sector Agencies – NHS, Police, Fire – none.

e) Highland Council – nothing new.

**6) To note items for action brought forward from previous Community Council**

- Wind Farm developments – Cloiche, Stronelairg, Glenshero. The Cloiche Wind Farm Public Engagement Event at Laggan Community Hall on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February was noted. LM to publicise it on Facebook. SSE to attend the next LCC meeting on Feb 17. For Glenshero WF, a public enquiry will take place in 2020
- Christmas Lighting Project 2020. LCC needs to make plans for the 2020 Christmas Lights. A suggestions box was discussed, to be placed in The Coffee Bothy for people to post their ideas about this.
- May 2020 75<sup>th</sup> - Anniversary VE day celebrations. LM to liaise with LCH to check on whether they have any plans for an event. A suggested BBQ and Ceilidh was tabled – for follow up.
- B&S Ward grant proposals. There is £500 available for a project to benefit Laggan. Initial suggestions: Playground amenity improvements; Christmas Lights: clearing of the Picnic area: to be put towards establishing a Laggan Youth Club. Further discussion and decisions to be made at next meeting.

**7) Community Development/Action Plan**

- to note present status on each of the 6 priority projects and next steps. Feedback was available from: Sustrans group – meeting again on Jan 23.  
Tidy up group – has received the anti-litter signs and is now planning to approach local landowners to get these put in place.

**8) SSE Cloiche Wind Farm** – see item 6.

**9) LCC Communications**

- Discussion on future Newsletter – to be discussed next meeting. A suggestion was made that each Laggan group might be approached to see if they would take on a single publication of any newsletter?
- Facebook Admin. GS.

**10) Questions/contributions from members of community present.** None.

**11) Any other agenda items** – Emergency Resilience Planning – for March agenda with Jahama Estates attending.

**12) Date and time of next meeting** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1900 – to include SSE Cloiche attendees