

Laggan Community Council - Ordinary Meeting

Meeting 3 - 2020 – 16th March 2020

Laggan Village Hall @ 1900

Draft Minutes

1) Present – Chair Colin Morgan (CM), Vice-chair Mignonne Khazaka (MK), Treasurer Gordon Stirling (GS), Secretary Amanda Gallagher (AG).
Apologies noted: Liz Macfarlan (LM), Lauren Hendry (LH), Cllr Pippa Hadley and Cllr Muriel Cockburn. No members of the public in attendance. Quorum was declared.

2) Approval of minutes of meeting 2 – 17th February 2020 – Approved without amendment. Proposed MK, seconded AG.

Matters arising:

- 2020 Christmas Lights – To contact Newtonmore CC to determine their process for installation and safety checks as well as whether they had any spare lamppost sets. Potential siting of Christmas tree at entrance to village to be explored. CM to write to HC Ward re 2020 process noting that CC would still require funds available for display.
- HC Ward grant received for £500 for a “Gateway to Laggan” project. Agreed LCC boundaries on trunk roads are the appropriate place to designate and have “gateway” signage, inclusive of Balgowan, Kinlochlaggan, Catlodge, Glentruim and Laggan Bridge. Agreed to actively promote Laggan as home of the Upper Spey and/or source of the Spey – noted to be geographically accurate with LCC boundary and from Spey Fisheries Board. MK agreed to commission design ideas for future meetings.
- Communications – it was agreed that a form of written information sheet should be produced either 2 or 3 times per year. AG to discuss format with LM. It was noted that items of “news” would benefit more to disseminate via social media platforms i.e. Facebook (GS), Residents e-mail and the updating of the Laggan.com website (CM)

3) Financial report – Treasurer note

- Month-end (February 2020) a/c balance – no changes from January account. Highland Council bill for Christmas Lights agreed to be paid (GS) but with a complaint sent (CM).
- Status of change of signatories – process completed with exception of new debit card. GS following up.
- SSE Micro Grant Approval process – no grants applied for in March. It was noted that SSE had requested evidence of any grant completion activities for their marketing purposes. Photos of village amenity projects available. Awaiting completion of Village Hall notice board installation. To contact VH.

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

a) Planning update - new EE Emergency services phone mast at Strathmashie – an objection sent re location and installation plans. Developer has been in contact to discuss potential re-siting.

Jahama Estates attendance at meeting was cancelled. LCC submitted a “neutral” response to o/s planning application. Jahama’s written response to questions raised by LCC was tabled. LCC noted that no agreement yet reached to use private estate road for timber extraction. Noted with dismay that alternative route via village would simply be unacceptable and noted the intended timing of extraction (July to October) and volume of lorry movements (2-4 per hour) would also be unacceptable. CM to discuss with Jahama.

- b) **Licensing update** – questions on process for Occasional licences were tabled. MK agreed to follow up on process.
- c) **Roads update** – A889 update – Dalwhinnie Railway Bridge Closures – noted a response from BEAR that bridge repairs would not occur in May. Still awaiting definitive proposals. A889 repairs – still awaiting dates for any proposed plans for re-surfacing and widening.
- d) **Report from Public Sector Agencies** – NHS, Police, Fire – COVID 19 updates noted.
- e) **Highland Council** –
- 1) Awaiting Gardens team to undertake agreed village pavement tidy up (HC); Spey bridge clearance work (now by Bear) & Drainage work outside School (HC).
 - 2) Awaiting Response from HC Chief Exec to customer service response times. Being coordinated via Badenoch CC forum.
 - 3) Awaiting outcome of Laggan Public Toilet proposals. Noted that 2 issues were outstanding i) users of septic tank will be moving forward with a maintenance proposal – not an LCC issue ii) Noted that Comfort Scheme for users of toilet was assumed to be progressed via Church. In event that closure occurred after 1st April then LCC could become involved as matter may become an “amenity” issue. To clarify progress on Comfort Scheme by Church (CM).

5) Community Development/Action Plan

- to note present status on each of the 6 priority projects.
 - Progress continues on the “Connecting Laggan project”. Steering group will meet within next month.
 - Village amenity – litter clearance project. Noted that landowners continue to be supportive. MK to discuss with Ralia Estate. LM continues to go round area.
 - Possible “litter clearance” weekend to be considered to coincide with Spey River bank clearance scheduled for 25/26th April. CM to contact school. (Post meeting – noted that Spey Clearance project postponed to November)

6) Other Questions/contributions from the members of public present – none.

7) Any other agenda items – dates to note. When confirmed will be published on website and FB page.

- SSE Melgarve visit – dates still to be finalised.
- Glenshero WF Preliminary Public enquiry Reporter event – proposed for 22nd April 2020 – to be confirmed
- Proposed Drew Hendry MP surgery – 2nd April 2020 – to be confirmed

8) Proposed Date and time of next meeting – no meeting scheduled for APRIL - next meeting scheduled for Monday 18th MAY at 1900.

Date of draft minutes - 19th March 2020

Residents may intimate other topics for the Community Council to discuss by contacting chairlcc@laggan.com or secretarylcc@laggan.com