

**Laggan Community Council – Ordinary Meeting
Meeting 3 – held in Laggan Village Hall at 18.30 on October 15, 2018**

Minutes – approved without amendment at Meeting 4 – proposed MK, seconded LM.

Present – Chair: Colin Morgan (CM), Vice–Chair Mignonne Khazaka (MK), Treasurer Liz MacFarlan (LM), Jo Cumming (JC) (unavoidably delayed arrival)

Apologies noted – Sheena Slimon (SS), Annette Reavley (AR), Cllr Pippa Hadley, Cllr Muriel Cockburn.

In attendance – Karen Derrick (VABS); Attendees from Community – 15

Agenda

1) Chair opened meeting at 1830 and declared meeting initially not quorate to await the arrival of JC.

Item 5 taken first on agenda as this was a “consultation item” with community.

Karen Derrick from VABS reviewed assistance they could provide to draw up a new Community Development Plan. Karen explained what she could do to aid the development of a CDP, in some detail.

Action: Karen to be asked to supply a hard copy brief of the framework – **ACTION**

CHAIR – when received, brief to be sent separately to each Laggan Organisation and ultimately attached to these minutes.

With the arrival of JC, Chair declared meeting quorate and proceeded to formal Council agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes of Meeting 2 held on September 17, 2018

Proposed: MK. Seconded: JC. No amendments required. Approved minutes to be circulated to Highland Council representatives.

3) Financial Report – No written report required as no change to finances since last meeting. The Treasurer reported the safe arrival of a Debit card. An application for access to Digital banking was agreed. Signatures on form required from all councillors.

Action: Treasurer to follow up.

4) Statutory items

a) Planning update, Glenshero Wind Farm

Chair thanked Laggan Coffee Bothy for having the Glenshero Plans available for all to see. Dates for response noted as: LCC November 19th ; Highland Council by January 29th

Action - after discussion, it was agreed that LCC, with assistance from Stuart Young, would respond with a paragraph to recommend a base-level noise assessment of certain key properties and locations – determined on discussion to potentially be the school site as children deemed potentially vulnerable. Other consultation comments to be determined prior to submission.

Chair reported that RES (developer) has asked for an initial community response to the plans and a re-opening of the Community Benefit discussion.

Afternoon of October 22 proposed & agreed, venue tbc. **ACTION CHAIR to finalise**

Chair drew attention to the Stronelairg extension plans. It is technically a new wind farm application and LCC not yet consulted. **Action** – Chair to follow up.

b) Licensing update – nothing to report.

c) Roads update – A9 dualing. Generally, it was considered that the consultation had “run its course” with little benefit in further response. A possible response to positioning school bus stop may still be feasible, however as this is a HC responsibility and with a likely 4-5 year period before it was required, comments now, are unlikely to be acted on. The closure of Glentruim road exit while the new bridge is under construction may also cause an issue for residents/businesses but no time-frame has been given for this and no indication of diversions to traffic. To be followed up. **Action – LCC to respond to consultation.**

d) Report from Public Sector Agencies - none

Chair attended the recent B&S CC forum. Police reported a B&S problem with low-level drugs and asked for anyone with suspicions about this to contact Crime-Stoppers anonymously. Police also asked the public to contact them if there was any concern about excess speeding in an area. They could install monitoring devices.

e) Review of Community Council Scheme of Operation – Principle feedback to be in relation to sensible on-going funding for CCs to be truly effective in their consultation process. Present grant insufficient for LCC to do effective community consultation and engagement. An extension to date for returning review to November 2. **ACTION CHAIR**

6) SSE Stronelairg Community Benefit Fund

MK and CM had attended the meeting with other CC reps from Spean Bridge, Stratherrick and Foyers and Glengarry. SSE will administer fund on behalf of LCC. Requests for 3 additional panel members from the community to join the panel, were made. CM and MK will represent CC. Application forms for those interested were available to be taken away and returned to SSE by October 22nd –It is hoped to attract a diverse range of panel members. Contact with School parents suggested. **The next SSE Panel meeting is at Laggan on November 13, 2018 at 1830.** Fund applications are expected to be open directly to SSE by the end of the 2018.

7) SSE Melgarve development update

It was reported that the issue of inappropriate and dangerous vehicle movements had improved to and from Melgarve, although vehicles travelling in convoy on the Laggan – Newtonmore A86 continues to be inconsiderate. SSE Melgarve project team have been asked to meet with LCC. No date yet set. SSE advise there will be a “contractor” departure from the site by the end of October 2019.

ACTION: Chair to set meeting date with SSE Project team.

8) Speyside Way extension

The Chair reported that the recent Newtonmore CC minutes indicated that CNPA had determined that “the end of the Speyside Way” was in Newtonmore. The council (and community attending) was disappointed at this development. It was noted that the non-availability of public transport to Laggan could be the issue and that the “unofficial Speyside way route” to Laggan was via the A9 Glentruim exit to Catlodge. It was agreed that the Council explore appropriate means available to “extend” the “way” to the Spey Dam.

9) Other questions from those present – none

Noted that there were no applicants yet for role of Minute Secretary. Chair reminded everyone this post remains open and would pay an honorarium. Applications should go to Chair – chairlaggancc@laggan.eu

10) Next meeting – November 19 2018 at 18.30 – Laggan Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20.15.