

## Laggan Community Council – Establishment Meeting

Meeting 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Laggan Coffee Bothy @ 1830

### Approved Minutes

**Attendees:** Liz Cowie (Highland Council)(LC), Colin Morgan (CM), Mignonne Khazaka (MK), Liz MacFarlan (LM), Amanda Gallagher (AG) Lauren Hendry (LH), Gordon Stirling (GS), Jo Cumming.

The meeting was called by Highland Council ward management to formally establish the newly appointed Laggan Community Council. Liz Cowie chaired the meeting initially to receive nominations for the officers of the Council and to explain changes to the Scheme of Establishment – copies of which were given to each council member.

4 significant items/changes to the Scheme of Establishment were noted:

- 1) P27-35– that the new Community Council constitution is adopted at its next formal meeting.
- 2) section 5.5 (p7)– an encouragement to consider adding non-voting associate membership of the community council to other community groups in the area.
- 3) section 6.3 (p11) – to note a change in the rules for meeting quorum with respect to co-opted members of the Community Council
- 4) Section 5.7 (p8) – young (full voting) members (age 16-18) to be actively encouraged to participate/co-opted for a 2 year period.

The undernoted officials were nominated and appointed:

Chair: Colin Morgan

Vice Chair: Mignonne Khazaka

Secretary: Amanda Gallagher

Treasurer: Gordon Stirling

In addition Liz McFarlan agreed to act as Minute Secretary.

Following confirmation of these appointments, Liz Cowie handed over the chairing of the meeting to the incoming Chair.

CM took the chair, thanked Liz for attending, for taking the new Council through the essential elements of the scheme and asked for any questions to LC. LC advised that the Ward was again offering a £500 grant to the Community Council to use on a project to benefit or make an improvement for the local community or environment. LC left the meeting at 1900.

The chair noted that with the appointment of a new Treasurer, the new council would require to adopt a resolution to add the new treasurer as a signatory on the Community Council bank account. Signatories for the account were agreed to be the Chair (CM), Treasurer (GS) and previous treasurer (LM). These 3 would also be administrators of the LCC Facebook page with CM continuing to edit/update the lagan.com website.

### **It was unanimously resolved that:**

- The Authorised Signatories in the current Royal Bank of Scotland Mandate for the Laggan Community Council RBS bank account be changed in accordance with the section on Authorised Signatories – to add Gordon Stirling as a signatory on the account with the current Mandate to continue as amended.

### **Future meeting dates 2020**

It was agreed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month will be retained as the Community Council meeting dates. Unless otherwise agreed at future meetings, NO meetings will be held in the months of APRIL, JULY, AUGUST and DECEMBER 2020. All meetings will start at **1900** with the exception of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, which will start at **1830** to accommodate a meeting with the SSE Cloiche Wind Farm project team from 1930. It was noted that JC and GS will not be able to attend the next meeting in January.

The chair is to circulate the list of action items carried forward from the previous Community Council. These will in part, form the agenda items for CC action in 2020. The progress of the 2019 Community Action plan will form a significant part of future agendas.

AG updated the meeting on a very positive first meeting of the Paths/Trails project to “connect Laggan”. An agreed communication has been prepared and will be circulated for publishing on the various LCC communication channels.

Signed

Colin S. Morgan  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2019