

Laggan Community Council - Ordinary Meeting

Meeting 10 – 17th June 2019

Laggan Village Hall @ 1830

Approved Minutes

1) Attendees: Chair Colin Morgan (CM), Vice-chair Mignonne Khazaka (MK), Treasurer Liz MacFarlan (LM), Jo Cumming (JC), Elspeth Rae (ER)

Minute secretary: Elspeth Rae

Apologies received: Lauren Hendry, (LH) Cllr Muriel Coburn, Cllr Pippa Hadley

1 member of community present

Meeting declared quorate

Declaration of Interests: none

2) Approval of minutes of meeting 9 – Proposed LM, seconded ER.

Review of Action Log

- EV & e-bike charging points – no update
- Updated LCC mailing list – awaiting LCA contact with community for approval of handover
- Draft SSE CB Fund MOU (years 4 – 25) received 14/03/19, to be reviewed – still outstanding
- laggan.com– minutes of previous LCC meetings can now be seen but edit required for ease of filing
- Rubbish bin replacement - now in place
- Xmas lighting –.CM has asked for update as none received, SSE would be broadly supportive
- Planning – response sent to HC re Laggan Hotel indicating no grounds to object.
- Roads – see item 4c) following
- Highland Council/Community Council scheme update - see item 4e) following
- Speed limit/signage in Laggan Village – see item 4e) following
- SSE CB fund micro-grant panel meeting 13th June – no applications received, meeting cancelled.
- Attendance at HC CC network meeting 8/06 - meeting cancelled.

3) Financial report – Update from Treasurer: Tabled AGM report valid for this meeting.

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

a) Planning update: Planning application from **Cluny Estate** – upgrading of Greaves Cottage. CC has no problem with renovation work and discussed intended purpose. A further review of the application to be made.

Glenshero WF - Updated information received from SSE as a result of objections by CNPA and SNH. CC has copy of new information and one is available in Laggan Stores. CC can submit any additional comments on the planning application by mid July if needed. Request for any update on proposed turbine design was proposed. **CM to contact RES.** Previous info suggested that turbines planned were only in development phase and not tested.

SSE – Cloiche Wind Farm – SSE has requested a consultation meeting with CC and community. Proposal is essentially a re-instatement of a western array previously proposed and withdrawn from the original Stronelairg development. SSE advised that they were likely to have more details in 3 months and so more sensible to delay any meeting until Sept/Oct.

CM has also sent e-mail to SSE Melgarve to understand if proposed Cloiche development will make any difference to decommissioning the Melgarve site by end of 2019.

b) Licensing update: none.

c) Roads update: A889 Noted that some patching and infilling work is due to start soon, per previous request at last CC meeting. Re concerns raised about speed on roads, BEAR stated temporary speed

limits could be introduced during and after infilling work to protect the temporary repairs, but this was overruled by TS. CC will keep up general pressure.

BEAR met with land and business owners again and are considering a widening strategy, if feasible. Proposal would be from A86/A889 T junction to Catlodge and is being explored for opposite side of road to Pottery Café. Feasibility study is being developed. Transport Scotland (TS) indicating a desire to complete work by end of this financial year (March 2020), after which they would consult on proposals for A86. A86 landowners would need to be consulted.

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

e) Highland Council:

Concerns tabled about rubbish in layby on A889: This should be cleared up, however HC will not do so and advised against placing any bin in lay-bys. The lay-bys are responsibility of Transport Scotland. Suggestion that LCC could do a clean-up. To investigate: signage, adopt a layby scheme or micro grant.

Planting (Tubs): bedding plants for summer will be provided by HC end of week (24/06). Planting volunteers have been advised.

Speed limit/signage: Contacted HC (Craig Irvine) re speed limit/signage in Laggan Village and elsewhere – awaiting update from him.

5) Community Development/Action Plan:

a) to note outcome of “Big Conversation” event and next steps

The development stages are 1) survey 2) big conversation 3) summation 4) circulation of summation to community and steering group 5) contacting those community members who had registered interest to participate in teams at Big Conversation meeting.

Key themes identified: communications amongst community organisations; enabling the Hall to meet the changing needs of 21st century; encouraging more visitors to stay longer; paths and cycle-ways; affordable housing; and the upkeep and maintenance of community spaces.

6) LCC Communications/Website: What should the Laggan Community Facebook page be used for? Is it an appropriate place to post community information– i.e. role of Facebook page versus the community website. Further discussion with Facebook administrators to be arranged.

CM advised that www.laggan.com website had been updated to include a “calendar” page able to highlight community events. CM can receive event information to put on the site. A “news” page is also available. Council members to go to site and make suggestions.

Email addresses for CC officers to be changed to use the “.com” domain. CM to action. New addresses noted below.

7) Other Questions/contributions from the members of public present: No additional questions

8) Proposed Date and time of next meeting: 19th August 2019 at 1830

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

Approved at Community Council meeting of 16th September without amendment. Proposed by LM and seconded by MK.