

Laggan Community Council - Ordinary Meeting

Meeting 11 – 19th August 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) Lauren Hendry (LH), Cllr Pippa Hadley

Minute secretary: Elspeth Rae

Apologies received: Cllr Muriel Coburn

4 members of community present

Meeting declared quorate

Declaration of Interests: none

2) Approval of minutes of meeting 10 – Proposed LM, seconded MK.

Review of Action Log

- E-bike – no progress
- Laggan Residents' Mailing List –planned handover to LCC has not happened due to suspension of LCA dissolution. Remarked that if no progress on mailing list handover within a month, LCC should find another way to set up own mailing list. Noted that people must opt in to LCC mailing list.
- Draft MOU with SSE – still outstanding
- Xmas lights – still no clear understanding of HC process for installation and billing. Noted that LCC do not have the money to pay for installation (sum of £750 previously mentioned).

Discussion of funding options for Xmas lights. CM - conversation with SSE to explore possible funding options. Possible for existing LCA funds to be used OR LCC apply for micro-grant from SSE fund per HC process. Decided that SSE fund should be approached - (ER) CM to re-contact SSE if feasible.

- Planning: Cluny Estate, see discussion in section 4a) following.
- Planning: RES turbines – installation of 2 wind masts. Noted: updated design is still untested.
- Roads – speed limits in community: HC response to date not very helpful. LCC to develop a case for need for speed limit.
- Rubbish: LM went to clear layby previously discussed, found to be clear and has continued to be so at time of meeting. LM consulted VABS for help and advice on possible signage inviting visitors to take own rubbish home. HC not keen to install bins as would not empty them. TS also felt it was not their responsibility. Noted that easiest way to proceed with sign placement would be to ask landowners for permission to place signs on land adjoining layby rather than in layby itself. LM to review with VABS.
- LCC communications: www.laggan.com updating in progress, as information received.
- LCC facebook page: discussed usefulness and possible names (mention Badenoch). ER to pursue.

3) Financial report – Update from Treasurer: month-end (July) a/c balance.

Current balance: £5570.60, includes Highland Council Annual Grant: £438.30 and sum held for SSE micro grants: £4038.00, resulting in an available working total of £1570.22.

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

a) Planning update: review of July planning applications (5)

- Cluny Estate (3) – to refurbish estate properties for employees and staff. As LCC needed more info, CM contacted estate factor who offered a site visit. PH recommended this be done in a timely fashion so that LCC can give an informed opinion on the application. CM to arrange visit with factor. Also to clarify with HC planning re purpose of application, holiday or workers accommodation.
- Sherramore - applications made by SIMEC for construction of new forest road and timber felling plan. CM asked SIMEC for details of route for construction and for timber to be taken out and timings. A representative will come to either Sept or Oct LCC meeting to discuss the plan. LCC would oppose access through the village. PH advised: LCC should request formal notification from HC of planning applications (which is not happening at the moment) as a statutory consultee, and can thus ask for consultation period to be extended.

b) Licensing update – none.

c) Roads update – A889 Widening - CM will speak with Kate Forbes MSP - design process underway.

d) Report from Public Sector Agencies – NHS, Police, Fire

- NHS: application & survey concerning a new pharmacy in Newtonmore. Could LCA send out an email to encourage people to complete the online survey? Could also be publicised at Gergask surgery. CM will speak to surgery.

e) Highland Council

- Core Paths extension Proposals

No problems with proposals. Noted: need for core path to link existing paths through Laggan, to Newtonmore – LCC to develop a map with a proposed route - JC/MK?

- Community Council Scheme changes: no impact on LCC – no need to make any additional comments
- Christmas Lights: already discussed in 2).

5) Community Development/Action Plan

a) Community Action Plan: actions to date and next steps - CM to contact Karen at VABS. CM to resend Community Action Plan to interested parties.

b) Noted: Housing Survey carried out by HSCHT (Highland Small Community Housing Trust) on behalf of LCT, appeared on Laggan community facebook page.

c) HSCST Board Nomination request.

Sheena Slimon is currently vice chair of HSCHT, LCC would support an individual who wished to be nominated. No nominations from meeting. *Update after meeting: SS seems likely to re-stand for committee.*

6) Consultation requests from SSE Cloiche/SSE Melgarve – for future CC meetings in September or October
SSE Cloiche - suggest public meeting in October. Suggest that SSE Melgarve come to first 30 minutes of September LCC meeting

7) LCC Communication, next steps: already discussed in section 2).

8) SSE Stronelairg Grant Application updates

Small grants next meeting Sept 12th. LM to contact Sheena to publicise in Splash. If too late, then note to Residents e-mail and Facebook page? Information placed on www.laggan.com pages

Large grant deadline end of first week in September, Friday 6th for panel meeting in November

Concern noted that Community unaware of any awards and how are they publicised. If SPLASH acceptable vehicle, then contact Broadband company for a report but also to ask if SSE would be an appropriate entity to announce such information.

9) No questions/contributions from the members of public present.

10) AOB – CC elections dates and procedures, information will appear from 23rd September, copy of nomination pack will be published on HC website, deadline for submission of nomination papers 8th October

11) Proposed date and time of next meeting – 16th September 2019 at 1830

27th August 2019 – date of draft

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

Approved at Community Council meeting on 16th September 2019.

Colin S. Morgan

Chair