

Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 29th November @ 7:30 p.m. Achmore Hall

Present: Biz Campbell (part), Kate Bulloch, Ellanne Fraser, Martin Fraser, Phil Game, Dawn Lupton, Mary MacBeth, Wilfar Matheson

Apologies: Jann MacRae

Acceptance of the minutes proposed by Dawn, seconded by Ellanne

1) Election of officers

As this was the first meeting of the new Community Council (CC) all posts were to be filled

Chairman – Martin Fraser; nominated by Mary, seconded by Dawn

Secretary – Mary; nominated by Martin, seconded by Wilfar

Minute Secretary – Phil; nominated by Ellanne, seconded by Dawn.

Treasurer – Wilfar; nominated by Martin, seconded by Phil

2) Co-op of new member

Kate Bulloch was co-opted onto the CC; nominated by Martin, seconded by Dawn.

3) Update from Biz

CCs have a maximum of eight or nine members we should check with Robbie Bain for our quota.

Action: Mary

The minimum number required for a quorum is four.

CCs are asked to hold their meetings on a regular day each month or every two months to allow councillors to schedule attendance. It was agreed we would hold our meetings monthly (with some exceptions) on the last Tuesday of the month.

Minutes are to be sent to councillors; Biz, Audrey Sinclair and Richard Greene and Robbie Bain ward manager.

Action: Phil

Although there have been many cuts to the Highland Council budget the Dial-a-Taxi scheme has been spared and will continue to run as now.

4) Finances

Dawn asked if there was to be the usual £100 donation for the Christmas party; all agreed it should be given. Martin raised the issue of paying for the use of the hall and general access to the CC funds. Biz informed the meeting that we would have to show the previous CC accounts were correctly audited before any new grant could be paid and monies accessed.

Action: Wilfar to contact Lizzie Bird / Neil MacRae / Robbie Bain to receive a handover of the accounts

There was then a general discussion of other topics using notes of the last CC meeting held on the 27th. April 2010

5) Minutes

There was a discussion about the best way to produce and distribute minutes. Biz told the meeting that minutes should be produced and formally approved by all present at the start of the subsequent meeting but that various CCs

distribute draft minutes soon after a meeting had taken place. When minutes are formally approved another copy of minutes should be distributed with corrections if required.

Martin asked that Mary clarify best practise with Robbie Bain.

Action: Mary to contact Robbie Bain

After further discussion there was a vote and the majority view was that pending results of the clarification from Robbie Bain draft minutes will be produced and sent to all attendees for correction as soon as possible. The **draft** minutes will then be circulated to the community via email, our website and notice boards. Minutes will be presented and formally approved at the next meeting of the CC.

Action: Phil

6) Re-siting of the re-cycling bins from the Square

There have been various discussions at previous CC meetings and many new locations suggested for the bins. However it had not been possible to find a new location suitable for all concerned parties. Therefore it was agreed that the bins should stay where they are and an effort made to stop people loading the bins from the road side, where it is very difficult to clean up broken glass. It is hoped that restricting access to the square side will also reduce the amount of broken glass outside the bins.

Action: Dawn to label bins to stop access from the road side and / or block access from the road side.

7) Broadband

Biz informed us that there had been new initiatives at Holyrood regarding broadband; she will email Phil with details and contacts.

Phil to email all concerned locally to see if anyone is aware of any other new developments before resuming our campaign to get a better service.

Action: Biz, Phil

8) TEC Services

Mary raised concerns about the state of the road through Braeintru. Wilfar and Martin raised concerns about the road into Achmore from the A90 and the flooding caused by the raised verge. There was a general discussion about the poor state of the roads. Phil explained that the previous CC had created a detailed list of road faults with pictures and exact locations. Faults had then been prioritised and sent to TEC services. It was agreed that this would be resurrected for the next meeting when everyone would be able to nominate their "favourite" pothole.

Action: Phil to distribute the pothole spreadsheet

9) A.O.B.

Kate informed the meeting that the Fernaig Trust has been granted £6,000 from the Lottery Fund to finance a feasibility study into the proposed Hydro Scheme.

Correspondence

None

New Matters arising

1) Agenda for next meeting.

Apart from the ongoing items detailed above Martin asked that members raise any other issues so that these can be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action; All

There will not be a meeting in December so the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st January at 7:30 p.m.
Achmore Hall

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.