

Stromeferry and Achmore Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 29th May 2012 @ 8:00 p.m. Achmore Hall

Present: Biz Campbell, Ellanne Fraser, Martin Fraser, Phil Game, Mary MacBeth, Wilfar Matheson

Kate Bulloch has resigned, leaving a vacancy on the CC.

Martin stepped down as chair at the AGM but agreed to chair this meeting and a subsequent special meeting which will deal with filling the vacancy and finding a new chair.

Jim Comber, Neil MacRae

1) Apologies: Dawn Lupton, Jann MacRae.

2) March's minutes.

These were accepted, proposed by Wilfar seconded by Ellanne.

Copies of approved minutes are on our website at:-

www.stromeferry-and-achmore.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=220934

Email phil.game1@btinternet.com if you would like to be put on the circulation list for the draft minutes.

3) Secretary's report

Communications received

Email from Geoff Underhill with details of skip hire, circulated to members of the CC.

Our thanks to Geoff for some very useful information

Subscription confirmation from SLVCO & Newsletter

To be passed to Wilfar.

Action: Mary

Four Highland Council Planning lists, which have been circulated to members of the CC

There was nothing for our area.

Emails and phone calls from volunteers for Defibrillator training and monitoring

Confirmation of our registration for the data protection act

Letter from the Scottish Community Foundation re seminar on the 30th May

Mary to attend and report back to the CC

Action: Mary

NHS May Bulletin; circulated to members of the CC.

Link to Website is: <http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/Meetings/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

Highland Council Consultation Developer Contributions and Public Art Strategy, comments from members of the CC to Mary so she can respond by the 6th July 2012

Action: All

4) Treasurer's report

Please see full treasurers report in the AGM.

We have now received our grant for 2011 / 2012.

Along with the submission of the annual treasurer's report we will apply for the 2012 / 2013 grant.

Action: Wilfar

No purchases this month.

5) Distribution of minutes to those not currently on our email circulation list

The questionnaire was distributed last week, and some responses have already been received.

Would anyone who has not yet responded please do so as soon as possible so as not to miss any future communications.

Action: Phil

6) Notice boards

No progress this month due to other commitments.

Action: Martin

7) TEC Services – Spreadsheet

The spreadsheet has been updated, photographs taken and all details sent to TEC services. Phil to chase TEC services for a response.

Action: Phil

As updates come in the spreadsheet will be updated and uploaded to the website at www.stromeferry-and-achmore.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=220934.

Action: Phil

The sign indicating the Achmore/Plockton left turn coming from Kyle has been reinstated.

All new road faults should be reported by individuals to the Council via the normal route and then details of the faults should be sent to mary.macbeth1@btinternet.com as shown on the web page. We will then provide as much documentation as possible to TEC services to help them identify and prioritise the faults and fix them.

8) TEC Services – A890

The road is now open 24 hours a day. The previous proposal on alternative routes was circulated to all members of the CC by Phil.

Nothing received from Neil Gillies at the Highland Council regarding an update on proposals for a long term solution to the landslip risk. This is due by the end of June.

Nothing yet regarding copies of recent slope inspection reports, Wilfar to chase

Action: Wilfar

9) Scottish Water

Work on Plockton road

The work site has now been cleared.

Automating the pump to cater for power cuts & Mains low pressure

We have been informed that SW is trialling a bypass of the Achmore and Stromeferry holding tanks. So our water is pressured by the pump at the water treatment works at Achnandarach

Jim asked if the Stromeferry holding tank had been bypassed, we will double check.

Action: Mary

Emergency procedures

We will chase SW for a reply.

Action: Mary

Damage to surfaces in the Square and Achbeg Crescent

Nothing yet from Scottish Water, we will chase SW for a reply

Action: Mary

10) Tilhill and Braeintra / Fernaig Woodland

Mary contacted all those who registered an interest in this topic. Mary sent a letter to Tilhill summarizing the views covering access, wildlife, effect on local businesses and asking Tilhill to utilize local resources wherever possible.

A copy of this letter will be put on our website, please contact Mary if you would like a copy.

Action: Mary

11) Broadband

Audrey has contacted Vicki Nairn on our behalf but again we have just hit a brick wall by the Project Board for next generation broadband rollout.

However Vicky Nairn has given us the name of Harry Emambocus at the Scottish Government in the Broadband Policy and Digital Economy Team who are the steering group and will provide funding for HIE. We will contact Harry Emambocus to see if he can provide more information.

Action: Phil

For anyone interested the recent Infrastructure Action Plan strategy published by the SG in March 2012 can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00386525.pdf>

Martin asked Jim if he had details of a satellite based broadband service and Jim said he would forward the details to Mary.

Action: Jim

Martin mentioned the work done in Arnisdale by Peter Buneman and suggested we contact him to see if he can assist.

Action: Phil

12) Defibrillator for local emergencies?

We have two volunteers to check the condition of the defibrillator and nine volunteers for training. It was agreed we should do more work to inform people how the defibrillator will work once installed. We will visit the installation in Glendale and produce an update to all members of the CC recommending an implementation plan for all to discuss

Action: Mary

If you are interested in training in use of the defibrillator (which takes about 2.5 hours) and other life saving technique, please email Mary at mary.macbeth1@btinternet.com

13) Fernaig Trust

Jim was asked to give an update.

He informed the meeting that the Hydro feasibility study was expected at the end of next week.

As Kate has resigned from the CC we will have to ask another member of the CC / FCT to report back to the CC.

Action: All

14) Provision of a recycling centre at the Auchtertyre Business Park.

Mary has been able to obtain a list of names of chairmen and secretaries of the neighboring CCs, but no contact details. Biz suggested Mary contact Robbie Bain.

Action: Mary

15) Constitution.

As yet no response from Robbie Bain regarding a signed copy for our own records

Action: Mary

16) Donation to Auchtertyre and Loch Duich schools mini Olympics

We are awaiting more details from Dawn (who due to work commitments could not attend this meeting). It was agreed in principle to make a donation dependant on Dawn's feedback.

Action: Dawn

17) Issues raised at CC training session.

Public liability insurance

We do have a certificate for 2010 / 2011. But do not yet have the certificate for 2012 / 2013 which should come with this year's grant.

Action: Wilfar

Formal list of assets & who is liable

Completed by Wilfar.

How to deal with licensing issues

Mary to contact SLVCO for guidance

Action: Mary

Distribution of agendas, best practise is to circulate these to everyone in the area one week before the CC meeting.

Mary outlined a proposed schedule to distribute the agenda to everyone in the community one week before the CC meeting.

Action: Mary

Written treasurers report for each meeting.

This will be done using the standard Highland Council pro forma as per the AGM.

Action: Wilfar

Election of a vice chair

This was deferred to be put on the agenda for a later meeting.

Action: Mary

18) Finalise the CC summer recess

As everyone is finding it very difficult to attend meetings due to work commitments at the moment it was agreed we should skip the June and July meetings and make our next full meeting in August.

A special meeting will be held to co-opt an eighth member and elect a new chair.

19) Feedback to Scottish Government re planning changes

Mary circulated the proposals by email on the 14th May, would all members of the CC please respond to Mary by the 15th June.

The planning reform webpage is at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/reform>

Action: All

Mary will collate all responses and reply to the SG by the deadline of the 22nd June.

Action: Mary

Biz informed the meeting that the area now has a new planning officer, Graham Sharp.

20) Annual General Meeting

This was held just before the start of this meeting. The Minutes of the AGM will be circulated with the minutes of the May meeting.

Action: Phil

21) AOB.

Mary asked Biz why the ruling group at the HC is not Independents!!!

Mary asked Biz how the Leader of the HC is from the Labour group and the deputy leader is from the Liberal Democrats and the ruling coalition is made up of SNP, Labour and Liberal Democrats when the largest group is in fact the Independents.

The results were:-

- 36 Independent
- 22 SNP
- 14 Lib Dem
- 8 Labour

So the group with the smallest mandate have provided the leader and the group with the second smallest mandate the deputy.

All agreed this was not an obvious reflection of the views of the voters and we should write to the leader of the HC to express our view.

Action: Mary

22) Next meeting.

The next full meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th **August** at 7:30 p.m. Achmore Hall.

We will organise a special meeting of CC members to fill our vacancy and elect a new chair. Details regarding how to apply to join the CC will be circulated in due course.

Action: Mary

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.