



6.	<p><b>Statutory Items for Community Council to discuss</b>  <b>Planning Applications update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>24/00847/FULFuaranban, Balgowan.</b> Passed</li> <li>• <b>24/00904/S36 Earba Pumped Storage Scheme.</b> The LCC have responded. The environmental issue is being further investigated by groups such as John Muir Trust.</li> <li>• <b>Electricity Act 1989 Section 36 – Earba Pumped Storage Scheme.</b> The siting of any proposed substation remains an issue. It was discussed whether the current Beauly/Denny line will have enough capacity to take more power from another substation.</li> <li>• <b>23/04700/FUL. – Telecoms Mast Creag Dhub.</b> Declined</li> </ul> <p><b>New Applications Received</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECU00004850Caroline Brown Scottish Govt under Section 37 - Consultation request for Melgarve Cluster (Cloiche and Dell) Received 3/5/24 Response by 2/6/24 Also received from Highland Council.</b> – We can continue to object to erection of further pylons in line with the letter we sent to Scottish Government in October 2023. However, SSE have advised that should cables be underground then they must be 200 metres away from existing underground cabling. This would be a worse outcome for the peatlands</li> <li>• <b>FPA-11448 Felling Permission Jahama Estates Due 29/5/24 – No objection.</b> LCC will respond as such.</li> <li>• <b>24/01679/FUL A 25 metre Lattice Telecoms Mast installation west of Loch Pattack and Ben Alder.</b> A further mast planned in a remote area. The question is do we require coverage in this area when there are other solutions already available and in use, such as satellite comms. Response to be issued by 24 May</li> <li>• <b>24/01616/FUL The Larches, Laggan. Installation of a ramp. Respond by 28 May.</b> – LCC have no objection to this installation and will respond as such.</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Licencing</b> - Nothing to report	
8.	<b>Roads</b> – Nothing to report	
9	<b>Public Sector Agencies</b> – Nothing received. We will continue to invite public sectors to our meetings.	AG
10	<b>Highland Council</b> – RJ to chase up replacement brown signage. RJ to continue investigating lamp post upgrades for Laggan. Flowers for our planters are confirmed and will be arriving in Kingussie first week of June. RJ advised the meeting that one of the other local CC's have had an objection to the 20mph speed limits. We will send out and email to poll opinion with our residents and will report back to Highland Council. This letter can also include a poll to have a speed reduction on the trunk road as it passes our village.	RJ
11	<b>Active Travel/Connecting Laggan</b> – Following the meeting we received the following information From C Pizaro and we are including it in the minutes for information: <i>Following discussions with Sustrans we have decided it wasn't worth</i>	

	<i>advancing another funding application to the Places for Everyone programme. A variety of factors, including an extremely expensive quote to assess the bridge and still a lot of uncertainty over Transport Scotland's position have led us to believe that it is not worth pursuing it at this time. Next Tuesday 28th May at 2pm we will have a final meeting with Sustrans via Teams to have a formal debrief and look at options and alternative plans for the future.</i>	
12	<b>Christmas Lights 2024.</b> We have been advised that grant money can pay for Christmas lights and should make our application before the next panel meeting takes place. Christmas lights which attach to the lampposts may be available from the Highland Council. The cost including installation, removal and storage is being sought. RJ liaising with Highland Council about planned upgrades for the older lamp-posts in Laggan. Information awaited. The working group will include J. Ashworth and F Grant. – No changes to report.	RJ
13	<b>Village Amenity Group</b> – Work has started in the park area. Volunteers are welcome to help as and when they are available. MK suggested that we may be able to get assistance from the D of E students at Kingussie High School. KT to contact Mr Munro in this regard	KT
	<b>Public Toilet</b> – Funds for the upkeep of the toilet will run out 31 December in line with the church closure. We will look into whether SSE grant money can pay for the upkeep and a contract cleaner. AT to contact SSE	AT
	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The church is now on the market for sale at £35,000. This is for the footprint of the church only. Maintenance of the graveyard will continue to be under the remit of Highland Council and will still continue to be used as a graveyard.</li> <li>There will be no church picnic at Ardverikie this year, there will be a BBQ in late August (date to be confirmed)</li> <li>Bus Shelter - We will write in the first instance to Highland Council requesting a bus shelter. All of the village children who attend schools in Newtonmore and Kingussie now rely on the bus service and have nowhere to wait. Alongside this we will ask about a crossing installation.</li> <li>Supporting Guidance, feedback and community engagement. What would we like to have guidance on? AT dealing</li> <li>Broadband Upgrade – Invite to next meeting. Obtain further info as an application for a grant to implement the upgrade has been requested.</li> <li>Beavers – Jonathan Willett has confirmed that there is evidence that beavers have been present at Spey Dam</li> </ul>	AA AG/KT AT AG/KT
	<b>Dates for meetings 2024</b> <b>17 June AGM</b> <b>16 September</b> <b>21 October</b> <b>18 November</b>	

Date of next meeting – 17 June. To be held at the Village hall – This will also be the AGM.