## **Laggan Community – Ordinary Meeting,**

Meeting No.5. 20/05/24 Laggan Village Hall

Item		Action
1.	Attendees: K Thew, M Khazaka, A Armstrong, K Fletcher, A Todd, R Jones,	
	J Berry,	
	<b>Apologies</b> : A Gallagher, C Hamill, V Macpherson, M Gallagher, K Deans	
	(CNPA)	
2.	Approval of Minutes LCC 20/04/23	
	To be amended and reissued for approval	KT
3.	Matters Arising	
	We have notice from Ian Jackson, Education Officer, advising	
	that the village school is now permanently closed. This will be	
	carried forward to the next LCC meeting for further discussion	
	pending /any further information.	
	<ul> <li>Approval given for payment to previous Treasurer for financial</li> </ul>	
	and bank signatory transfer assistance.	
	<ul> <li>Approval for expenses in respect of continued minute taking and</li> </ul>	
	production. Nominated MK, Seconded KF	
	<ul> <li>P Lloyd to be advised that updated minutes will be available</li> </ul>	
	from our website and a link will be sent to him.	
4.	SSE Renewables Community Investment Benefit. As previously	
	discussed we could have a CBO (Community Benefit Organisation),	
	Carole Masheter and VABS can assist in setting this up, we still await a	
	response from VABS KT has made contact with Kingussie Chair and was	KT
	directed to KCDC, a charity dealing with the Hydro funds for Kingussie.	
	Carole has provided some potentially useful contacts and KT has already	
	spoken with some and arranged meetings with others. All information	
	will be collated and presented once complete. NB If we then benefit	
	from any other funding from other sources those funds can be added to	
	a CBO but currently with the panel only this is not an option.	
	Stronelairg - SSE panel is discussing setting up a scholarship fund for	
	local students and an apprenticeship scheme for local employers and	
	students. No further information. MK Dealing. Nothing to add.	MK
5.	Financial Report:	
	Report not given	

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6.	Statutory Items for Community Council to discuss	
	Planning Applications update	
	24/00047/FULL Freezenkers Belgerren Bereich	
	24/00847/FULFuaranban, Balgowan. Passed     24/00847/FULFuaranban, Balgowan. Passed	
	• 24/00904/S36 Earba Pumped Storage Scheme. The LCC have	
	responded. The environmental issue is being further	
	investigated by groups such as John Muir Trust.	
	Electricity Act 1989 Section 36 – Earba Pumped Storage	
	<b>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.	
	23/04700/FUL. – Telecoms Mast Creag Dhub. Declined	
	New Applications Received	
	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	
	<b>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	
	• FPA-11448 Felling Permission Jahama Estates Due 29/5/24 - No	
	objection. LCC will respond as such.	
	24/01679/FUL A 25 metre Lattice Telecoms Mast installation	
	west of Loch Pattack and Ben Alder. 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	
	• 24/01616/FUL The Larches, Laggan. Installation of a ramp.	
	Respond by 28 May. – LCC have no objection to this installation	
	and will respond as such.	
7.	Licencing - Nothing to report	
8.	Roads – Nothing to report	
9	Public Sector Agencies – Nothing received. We will continue to invite	
	public sectors to our meetings.	AG
10	Highland Council – RJ to chase up replacement brown signage. RJ to	7.0
	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	Active Travel/Connecting Laggan – Following the meeting we received	
	the following information From C Pizaro and we are including it in the	
	minutes for information:	
	Following discussions with Sustrans we have decided it wasn't worth	
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	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.	
12	Christmas Lights 2024. 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 be include J.	
15	Ashworth and F Grant. – No changes to report.	RJ
13	Village Amenity Group – 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
	Public Toilet – 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
	AOB	
	<ul> <li>The church is now on the market for sale at £35,000. This is for</li> </ul>	
	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.	
	There will be no church picnic at Ardverikie this year, there will	
	be a BBQ in late August (date to be confirmed)	AA
	Bus Shelter - We will write in the first instance to Highland	
	Council requesting a bus shelter. All of the village children who	
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	attend schools in Newtonmore and Kingussie now rely on the	AG/KT
	bus service and have nowhere to wait. Alongside this we will	AG/KI
	ask about a crossing installation.	
	Supporting Guidance, feedback and community engagement.	АТ
	What would we like to have guidance on? AT dealing	AT
	<ul> <li>Broadband Upgrade – Invite to next meeting. Obtain further</li> </ul>	
	info as an application for a grant to implement the upgrade has	10/1/7
	been requested.	AG/KT
	Beavers – Jonathan Willett has confirmed that there is evidence	
	that beavers have been present at Spey Dam	
	Dates for meetings 2024	
	17 June AGM	
	16 September	
	21 October	
	18 November	
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Date of next meeting - 17 June. To be held at the Village hall - This will also be the AGM.