

## Laggan Community – Ordinary Meeting,

Meeting No.5. 18/06/24 Laggan Village Hall

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Attendees:</b> K Thew, M Khazaka, A Armstrong, A Todd, A Gallagher, C Hamill, V Macpherson, M Gallagher, J Berry, K Deans (CNPA), R Jones (HC). Members of the public – S Young, J Young, S Slimon, D Narro, H Narro, A Watt</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> K Fletcher</p>	
2.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes LCC 20/05/23</b> MK seconded AT</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment to J Warner for software package for production of Laggan Matters. Agreed to pay as an ongoing matter.</li> <li>• Removal of J Warner from banking system. Authority and certificate agreed as noted h/w: <i>We resolve that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>If we add or remove Authorised Signatories in the “Add or Remove Authorised Signatories” section on the “About your request” page of this form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in this form’s “About your business” section.</i></li> <li>- <i>If we change the Signing Rules in the “Change the Signing Rules on the Mandate” section on the “About your request” page of this form, the Bank will update our mandate accordingly for the accounts we specify in this form’s “About your business” section and the current mandate will continue as amended.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Agreed KT seconded AG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church meeting to be held at the church 7:30 18/06/24 The church is up for sale and the meeting will set out guidelines on procedure and possible ongoing ownership/usage.</li> <li>• Community Broadband. Representative from the broadband provider was unable to attend the meeting but has agreed to attend in July/August.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>SSE Renewables Community Investment Benefit.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Panel for grant allocations is made up of 2 Community council members and members of the community and grant applications come via this panel.</li> <li>• SSE manage the fund.</li> <li>• Need to set up an alternative way to manage funds before Dell and Cloiche come on line as SSE are not able to manage other windfarm funds for us.</li> <li>• There is a new online application process. <b>Community Fund Portal.</b> (This portal excludes the microgrants.)</li> <li>• AG will put information onto Laggan.com so that everyone can see how this process works and how to access it.</li> <li>• Fort Augustus and Glen Morriston (FAG) have agreed to monitor the proposed Apprenticeship process on our behalf.</li> <li>• The Stonelairg and Dunmaglass Scholarship Fund Scholarship Funds is now open for applications for those undertaking a</li> </ul>	

	<p>STEM related course at degree level (or equivalent) in the coming academic year. The fund will make two awards of up to £5,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Grants. MK has been in contact with Carole Masheter of SSE with regard to establishing a Student Fund for <del>the</del> Laggan with a meeting to be scheduled for late June/early July prior to the September Panel meeting.</li> <li>• A meeting has been arranged with Glen Spean DTO to try and help us take our own plans forward.</li> <li>• The size of our current fund and the lack of applications for Community Benefit continue to cause concerns. The fund is approximately £415, 000 with a further £80,000 per year for the next 20 years. If you have any ideas on how to best use monies from the fund please approach Alistair Todd who can help with any ideas/queries. ** please note that we are actively seeking to establish a CBT/DTO in order to be able to properly manage the fund.</li> <li>• The Microgrants fund stands at £5,000</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Financial Reports for May and June 2024</b>  Previous bank balance £5,289.50  Expenditures since previous meeting:  Available Council funds: end April £928.67</p> <p><b>May</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hostworld to renew domain for Laggan.com website -£30.33</li> <li>2. Laggan community hall rental January &amp; March 2024 -£40.00</li> <li>3. VABS for auditing of 2023–2024 accounts -£35.00</li> <li>4. J. Warner Treasurer services -£90.00</li> </ol> <p><b>June</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Wolftrax hall rental April 2024 -£20.00</li> <li>6. Hostworld Windows SSL Certificate 2024 - 2025 -£36.00</li> </ol> <p>Sub-total: -£215.33  Balance available to council £677.34</p> <p>Ringfenced:  SSE Micro Grant money end April £4,309.76</p> <p><b>June</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. J. Warner laminator -£29.59</li> </ol> <p>Sub-total: -£29.59  Balance available SSE Micro Grants £4280.17  CNPA funds for environmental/litter projects £51.07  Current bank balance (677.34 + 4280.17 + 51.07) £5008.58</p>	CH
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>24/00904/S36 Earba Pumped Storage Scheme.</b> The Community Council has made an objection to the scheme as there is no information available in respect of the location of the substation which would be required. We have asked that both elements be considered concurrently. The meeting discussed that BEAR should conduct a traffic flow scheme and that should the development go ahead then the roads should be upgraded at the expense of the developer.</li> </ul>	ext

	<p>SSEN has cancelled the consultation meeting which was scheduled for June. We await further information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECU00004850 Caroline Brown, Scottish Govt under Section 37.</b> Consultation request for Melgarve Cluster (Cloiche and Dell) Although we have made our objections formally in respect ft he proposed overground pylons to connect into Melgarve, we have had a response via Highland Council giving reasons why our objections were not upheld. Overground cabling is the most effective method, both financially and environmentally and as such we have taken this as far as we can.</li> <li>• <b>FPA/11448 Felling on Jahama Estates.</b> This is now ongoing but we will write to Jahama and ask that they be mindful of time when lorries are to be passing by Strathmashie.</li> <li>• <b>24/01679/FUL Telecoms mast west of Loch Pattack and Ben Alder.</b> We have recommended that as this mast doesn't directly affect <del>out</del> our community we should leave any objections to the land owner.</li> <li>• <b>24/01616/FUL The Larches, Laggan.</b> Installation of a ramp. Planning approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Applications Received</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>23/010215/FUL</b> Change of use and extension of byre, garage and log cabin. Planning approved.</li> </ul>	
7.	<b>Licencing</b> - Nothing to report	
8.	<p><b>Roads</b> – Glentruim Road – This small road has become increasingly busy of late with many more vehicles and reports of very large vehicles such as tour coaches. Russell Jones advised that the Highland Council have now had signs delivered and they should be installed at each end of the road as soon as possible. Can RJ advise when this work is scheduled? Also can we look into other appropriate signage such as speed limits and hidden access points. RJ to write to Google on behalf of the HC and ask that Glentruim Road is taken off their routes.</p>	RJ
9	<b>Public Sector Agencies</b> – Nothing received. We will continue to invite public sectors to our meetings.	AG
10	<p><b>Highland Council</b> – RJ to chase up replacement brown signage. RJ to continue investigating lamp post upgrades for Laggan. Flowers for our planters arrived and are now all planted. Thanks to Amanda and Pat Gallagher, Mairi Boyle and Kate Fleming for their kind assistance.</p>	RJ
11	<p><b>Laggan Community Action Plan -Priorities and the way forward</b> (Incorporating Active Travel/Connecting Laggan, CNPA – Cairngorms 2030, Christmas Lights, Village Amenities Group, Public Toilet.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNPA portal open for communities to look at and put their plans forward. The money is available now for things such as battery storage and solar panels – see Kincaig Hall.</li> <li>• CNPA are actively looking towards connecting communities. AG/AT to set up meeting with KD and contact C Pizarro for onward discussion.</li> <li>• RJ to provide KT with contact to approach with regard to a village bus shelter</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public toilet is owned by the Highland Council. If they no longer wish to keep it then it will revert to LCH. LCH do not want ownership of the toilet. HC comfort scheme is £100 p.m. this is currently managed by the church. We need a group to take over management of the toilet/comfort scheme.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass cutting in Gergask. The residents are not happy at the poor quality of grass cutting. RJ advised that due to budget cuts and lack of manpower this is not likely to change. KT will write to Debbie Sutton at HC</li> <li>SSE microgrant funds have been used to make repairs to the Cluny monument</li> </ul>	KT
	<p><b>Dates for meetings 2024</b></p> <p><b>22 July</b></p> <p><b>16 September</b></p> <p><b>21 October</b></p> <p><b>2nd December</b></p>	

Date of next meeting – 22 July To be held at the Laggan Wolftrax @18.30