

Laggan Community – Ordinary Meeting,

Meeting No.7 - 22/07/24 Laggan Wplftrax

Item		Action																												
1.	<p>Attendees: K Thew, A Armstrong, A Gallagher, C Hamill, V Macpherson, C). Members of the public –, D Narro, H Narro, W Todd, A McPherson, A Fielden</p> <p>Apologies: M Gallagher, K Fletcher, A Todd, M Khazaka, J Berry</p> <p>Meeting declared quorate.</p>																													
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes LCC 18/06/23 AA seconded CH</p>																													
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glen Truim – advice on how to contact Google Maps re use by inappropriate vehicles. After little response from Google KT to liaise with Highland Council re this procedure. • Church (meeting held 18 June 24) There will be zoom meeting with the sub committee re interested parties and proposed business plans. Minutes will be provided from this meeting. • Ecology Survey – We have been invited to join a Teams meeting to look at the strategy and give feedback. CH will email everyone to see if we get any comments on this matter. 																													
4.	<p>SSE Renewables Community Investment Benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KT and AG have had a meeting with John Fotheringham and Tony Piriam at Spean Bridge. They have given us some excellent advice and sample documentation which we can act upon. Our next step will be to apply to (or meet with) OSCR with regard to the setting up of a dedicated SCIO in order that our SSE fund can be properly managed. The problem that we foresee is that volunteers will be required for the SCIO and as such we discussed asking each of the other groups in Laggan to provide representation where possible. • As MK not present we have not had an update on the student grants/fund 																													
5.	<p>Financial Reports for May and June 2024 Treasurer report Laggan Community Council 22 July 2024</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Previous bank balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5008.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Expenditures since previous meeting:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Available Council funds:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£677.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Karen Thew minutes March, April, May</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Laggan Community hall hire April, May, June</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sub-total:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance available to council</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£527.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Ringfenced:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSE Micro Grant money</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,280.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. J. Warner Microsoft licence</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£59.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sub-total:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£59.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance available SSE Micro Grants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4220.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CNPA funds for environmental/litter projects</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£51.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current bank balance (677.34 + 4280.17 + 51.07)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4798.59</td> </tr> </table>	Previous bank balance	£5008.58	Expenditures since previous meeting:		Available Council funds:	£677.34	1. Karen Thew minutes March, April, May	-£90	2. Laggan Community hall hire April, May, June	-£60	Sub-total:	-£150	Balance available to council	£527.34	Ringfenced:		SSE Micro Grant money	£4,280.17	1. J. Warner Microsoft licence	-£59.99	Sub-total:	-£59.99	Balance available SSE Micro Grants	£4220.18	CNPA funds for environmental/litter projects	£51.07	Current bank balance (677.34 + 4280.17 + 51.07)	£4798.59	
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6.	<p>Statutory Items for Community Council to discuss</p> <p>Planning Applications update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00904/S36 Earba Pumped Storage Scheme. No update available. D Tomb will be at our next meeting where an update will be provided. • ECU00004850 Caroline Brown, Scottish Govt under Section 37. AG to correspond with Caroline Brown with a similar response as we provided to Highland Council. HC have previously refused our response, however, we feel it is important that our thoughts are passed on to C Brown. • 24/00665/FUL Shepherds Hut Breakachy has been withdrawn. <p>New Applications Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/03259/FUL Forest Road Coire Na Lairg (Jahama Estates) Agreed • 18/0384 Link Road Melgarve (Jahama Estates) incorrect reference to be investigated • 20/00596/FUL (Jahama Estates) Forest timber access roads Agreed • 20/00594PNO Formation of track at West Laggan (Jahama Estates) – Planning permission not required. • 24/02186/FUL – Agricultural shed 120m NE of Blaragie Farm Pending • Wolftrax Felling Permission – remaining clearance from storm damage on the Red Squirrel Trail - pending 	
7.	Licencing - Nothing to report	
8.	<p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A86 Murlaggan – Works commencing for repairs 22 July for 6 weeks (weather permitting) 7am-7pm • A86 – Section between Newtonmore and Laggan. Closure planned for 3 weeks commencing 19 August. KT to contact BEAR in respect of this and request a change of dates, or night time working. The impact on the community, its businesses and its school children need to be considered, as do the alternative routes available. Glen Truim should be excluded as an alternative route and when works do go ahead close monitoring of either end of Glen Truim should be implemented. We have also been contacted by The Strathy and we will give them a note of our concerns. Anyone who feels strongly about this closure should also contact BEAR via email to NWCorrespondence@BEARScotland.co.uk 	
9	Public Sector Agencies – No response from our contact. AG/KT to challenge lack of response for past several months	AG/KT
10	Highland Council – Brown signs and lamppost upgrade - The brown signs have arrived RJ was to chase up the siting of the signs. RJ not present at this meeting so no update obtained	RJ
11	Laggan Community Action Plan -Priorities and the way forward (Incorporating Active Travel/Connecting Laggan, CNPA – Cairngorms 2030, Christmas Lights, Village Amenities Group, Public Toilet.)	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • CNPA are actively looking towards connecting communities. AG/AT to set up meeting with KD and contact C Pizarro for onward discussion. • KT has contacted HC with regard to a village bus shelter • The public toilet is owned by the Highland Council. If the Highland Council close the toilet then it will revert to LCH. The issue is that whilst the HC own the public toilet they remain responsible for consequent environmental liability of the toilets sewage. LCH do not want to take on the liability until HC have resolved this issue. 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. See above re SCIO set up proposal. • Work at the picnic area and park is very slow going, mainly due to the lack of volunteers available. 	
	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permission has been initiated for development at Tigh An Each. This a note only at this time. • An update on beaver population was requested at the meeting. No CNPA representation to answer this question. • LCH have been approached regarding the sale of land adjacent to the picnic site and play park. Shareholders are being consulted but a sale looks to be favourable. • The community has expressed an interest in the purchase of the school buildings in Gergask Avenue. They are looking to have a restructure to a Community Benefit • The red telephone box situated at Catlodge is marked to be removed. We have been asked whether we can make enquiries to keep the structure as a landmark and for its aesthetic character. • A McPherson noted the interest of LCH 	KT
	<p>Dates for meetings 2024 16 September 21 October 18 November</p>	

Date of next meeting – 16 September 2024 To be held at the Laggan Village Hall.