

Laggan CC – Ordinary Meeting

Agenda, Meeting 8 – 16th Sept 2024 - 18:30

Laggan Community Hall

1. Attendees Present, apologies and resignations

Councillors K Thew, A Gallagher, C Hamill, V McPherson, A Todd (Assoc)

Others – D Tomb, C Pasteur (Gilkes), P Lloyd (Ardverikie Estates) Alice Fogg (VABS), R Jones (HC), F Grant, A Watt, N Grant, D Narro, H Narro, Laura Moench

Apologies -AArmstrong

Resignations – M Gallagher

Meeting declared quorate and open 18:30

2. Approval of Minutes July 2024

Amendment required – Per public toilet. Amends will be circulated. Remainder agreed as an accurate record of previous meeting. CH/AG

3. Matters Arising

- Glen Truim.
- i. Residents to monitor whether sat nav route via Google reverts back to being the recommended route between e.g. Fort William and Aviemore.
 - ii. Can the route be made “local access only”. RJ advises this would likely be accepted by HC. RJ to follow up. C Hamill to convene a meeting with RJ and residents affected.
 - iii. Speed. A speed restriction of 30 mph should be imposed on this road. RJ to follow up.

3. SSE Renewables

Community Benefit Update - proposal for awards of student grants for local residents. Carol Masheter (SSE) has provided an update and will provide us with criteria, an application form and will help us to set up the award. These grants are for young people and adults entering into any further education courses, and are in addition to the funds being offered for two STEM course applicants. The awards will be £500 in the first instance and are available on an annual basis for the duration of the HE course. (subject to annual application) The total amount ringfenced for the awards is £5000 This fund can be managed by the current bank account held by LCC and CH will investigate how this will work and any associated banking cost. This will not be the same scheme nor is it connected to the scheme which was set up by Dr Richardson. Fort Augustus will assist us in the running of an apprenticeship programme.

Contact from SSEN re Earba – generic email received from SSEN advising that they will be conducting consultations re the proposed siting of a further

substation. It should be noted that the LCC have not received any formal replies to any correspondence issued to SSEN since the original meeting we had with Gilkes Energy in respect of this potential project.

Melgarve – has work started at Melgarve? We will try and ascertain state of play.

5. Financial Report

Previous bank balance: £4798.59

Expenditure from council fund since previous meeting:

1. £100.82 for Hostworld SuperCali Windows (web/email)

Remaining funds:

- Council: £426.52
- SSE Micro Grant money: £4220.18
- CNPA funds for environmental/litter projects: £51.07

Current bank balance: £4697.77

Highland council have been provided with paperwork required for release of Council funding to LCC. Awaiting funds.

6. Statutory Items for Community Council to note and discuss

a. Planning Applications Update

- i. 24/00904/S36 Earba Pumped Storage Scheme. Update from David Tomb. See attached.
- ii. 24/00023REFBS Appeal to Scottish Ministers for telecommunications mast Creag Dhu (PPA-270-2302 Response by 13th August made and unaccompanied site visit planned) – for note only, no objections were taken from Kingussie, Newtonmore or CNPA.
- iii. FPA-11778 - SF Comment required for felling to clear windblown trees at Wolftrax – agreement sent to planning.
- vi. 18/0384/FUL link road Melgarve Suggest that this is taken off the minutes as the reference would indicate works from 2018.

b. New Planning Applications

24/02924/FUL – siting of shepherds hut /hot tub Breakachy – retrospective

24/03607/FUL – Realignment of Forestry Track and bridge installation to replace collapsed culvert. Land 1.3km SE Strathmashie Cottage (Shepherds house)

24/03206 and 03207 – Change of use and extension to steadings to ancillary accommodation for Cluny Est. 1 - Auchmore Farm. 2 – Farm bldg opp East Lodge

It was agreed that our usual neutral stance be maintained.

c. Licencing Update -no updates

d. Roads

A86 now completed and reopen. No remedial works are required.

A9 works at Crubenmore and Kingussie (Spey Bridge) ongoing. Light controlled , no closure.

A889 Dalwhinnie Village. Starts 30 Sept Local access and businesses only, night closures for working.

Speed limits locally. There is a Transport Scotland meeting scheduled and this is on the agenda to be discussed.

e. Public Sector Agencies

No reports received, despite requesting same.

7. Highland Council - Brown signage RJ to request dates for installation. Lamp-posts – there is no upgrade available currently for the lampposts on the village road. Upgrades would be required in order to support Christmas light installation.

New HC contacts: Jessica Boughey. Community Support and Engagement, and Lewis Hannah. Community Development Manager

8. Laggan Community Action Plan (Incorporating: Active Travel/Connecting Laggan, CNPA (Cairngorms 2030), Christmas Lights, Village Amenity Group, Public Toilet)

Christmas Lights. As lampposts are not able to be upgraded currently we will seek to purchase new lights which will be more substantial than the current lights . AT will research and report. Team/subcommittee will discuss at next meeting

Active Travel/Connecting Laggan – Nothing to report

Amenity Group – Works continue in the park area. Volunteers are welcome

9. SEPA

No updates to report

10. Correspondence received /to note

- SSEN Consultation
- SSEN annual engagement survey
- SSEN Community Fund (end Aug)
- Badenoch and Strathspey action Tracker
- Cairngorm Trust Newsletter
- HCCP Board Update
- Invitation to discuss community approaches to landscape regeneration
- Armed Forces Covenant
- Highland Local Development Plan (RJ) (survey)
- Whole Family Wellbeing Programme
- Wealth Building
- Annual Grants – our accounts are required
- Communities Housing Trust CEO Update
- Local Energy Scotland -August CAR Spey Bridge LES bulletin.

The majority of the above items are received into the chair@laggan inbox and are surveys in the main. With so few council members available it was not possible to

achieve an agreement to forward/allocate for completion. KT will email all council members to ask for their assistance going forward. There have been several more received and dealt with. This item is to demonstrate the types of items routinely received which take up a lot of time to deal with and ultimately may not always be of any relevance to LCC. No actions are necessary for this point

11. AOB

None

12. Date of next meeting

21 October 2024 Laggan Wolftrax