



BROADFORD & STRATH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Broadford and Strath Community Council
18th November 2024

Present:

John Finlayson (Cllr), Hermione Lamond, Paul Mathews, David O Donnell, Alistair Macpherson, Den Connel, Nick Ferguson, Hamish Fraser (chair of meeting), Rhona Coogan (left at 8pm)

Norma Morrison, George Woods

Apologies:

Skye Deans

Declarations of Interest

Nick Ferguson walling contractor for Highland Council.

Minutes of last meeting

Paul proposed, David seconded.

Matters Arising

- Helipad – NHS have carried out a feasibility study

Wreath – Alastair did not get a receipt

Damaged wall at Broadford car park

Community built wall and not HC responsibility

Nick Fergusson volunteered to repair the wall at carpark

HF said that it would be worth contacting Bear Scotland as they own the path

Workers Camp and Overhead Power Line

- RC, DC, AMP met with KF re. the workers camp.
- Broadford is a unique area due to the impact of the OHL and it has been raised at higher level about the impact it will have.
- KF suggested that there should be more permanent housing rather than the proposed temporary camps.
- SSEN approached HC about land banked for future housing sites however SSEN said that those sites were too small.

- Concerns passed on that supposedly environmental impact assessment to be carried out on the proposed site.
- AMP raised concern about the overload on all the services.
- SSEN made commitment to build 400 houses in the North.
- ECU have not approved the overhead power line yet.
- SSEN very much working in silos.
- Comparison made with MOWI contribution to Colonsay housing
- No benefit from the original overhead power line.

Solar Farm:

- Email received from someone who had asked about the potential support for solar panels
- Chair to write to the person who emailed regarding solar farm to ask for some more information on their proposal.

Youth members

- Thanks to Skye Deans who is now 18 and can no longer be a youth member
- Skye keen to join as a full member should space come up
- CC to speak to Roddy Macleod regarding another youth member

The metal plate has been dislodged on the road near Corry Lodge. Can this be reported?

War Memorial

- HC are custodians of the war memorial.
- No budget for tidying it up.
- Untidy round the area.
- No remembrance service on the Sunday at the memorial.
- There had been discussions about moving the war memorial to the Calum Robertson area beside the community garden, but all were not in agreement.
- It was cleared, tidied and painted in 2018 with help from government funding for the centenary of WW1. It is overdue another go. This needs to be repeated regularly.
- DOD to email JF to get someone from HC to come and meet community members and have a look at the war memorial to discuss a way forward **Action: DOD**

Christmas Decorations

- Panels had been damaged, but a repair will be attempted.
- Bridge lights – 5 to be replaced.
- Tree – NK has proposed a living tree however there are lots of pipes and concern about a living tree.
- Speak to Fraser Struthers re light connection **Action: Hamish Fraser**

South Skye Community Campus:

- BVH transfer to SSCC SCIO. A public vote is to take place on 5 December in BVH and online for all residents of South Skye.
- Funding ongoing
- Weekly checks
- Planning decision should be announced very soon

Planning

- One planning application – Claymore restaurant extension
- Replacement transformer near the hospital
- Local Place Plan has been accepted and registered
- Relevant planning applications to be shared with BSCC. Important to ensure that they align with LPP, which is now accepted.

Associate membership

- Parent Council to hopefully join us but were unavailable to attend this evening

Bank

- Ongoing saga with BOS
- AMP to be paid for wreath
- Look at other bank accounts - COOP/ RBS

AOCB

HL to meet with HC to discuss Elgol road

Ongoing - Local Energy Scotland have invited representatives to discuss how to create a Skye and Raasay community benefit fund. Next meeting on the 9th of December. DOD to attend on behalf of Community Council.

Millenium bridge – contact manufacturer and find out if it would be suitable to use plastic wood.

SLOW signs on Breakish section of the A87. Our thanks to Seonachan MacLeod, who spearheaded this.

Work on benches in the village looks great. Many thanks to Cheryl McIntyre and students.

Date of next meeting: 16 December 2024