

Contin Community Council Ordinary Meeting

On-line via Zoom, 19:30 Tuesday 05 December 2023 v0.3

Minutes

Welcome and apologies

Present: Norma Ross (NR, Chair), John Heathcote (JH, Secretary), Simon Bates (SB, Treasurer), James Ruggles-Brise (JRB)..

Apologies: Ronald Gall, Phil Baarda, Frances Welton, Cllr Liz Kraft.

Ronnie Gall cannot attend Tuesday evening meetings at least until the AGM. This is not a constitutional problem as confirmed by the ward manager but will require resolution at some time thereafter. Possibly day-time meetings or a selection of different evenings?

Appropriate gifts have been arranged for retiring members of the Council.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, proposed SB seconded JRB.

Matters arising

See updated action list of progress.

JH has inspected the A834/A835 slip-road and considers the signage inadequate and poorly maintained. This has been reported via the Council's web-site.

Police report

Nothing reported.

The 20 mph speed limit has now been implemented. Apparently the automatic illuminated speed warning signs cannot be adjusted to the new limit and therefore they are now redundant.

Finance update

The finance update had been circulated.

Money currently available from Allt Dearg is £9897.41. The amount of money varies with generation and is not guaranteed. There is no restriction on its use.

NR requested £1500 for winter support and this was approved by all.

PB needs some money for the next stage in investigations on the Island. CCC to offer £2000 from Allt Dearg, additional funding to be sought from Foundation Scotland.

Contin Forest Parking charges

NR updated the meeting on this. No change and charging will be put in place. Paul Hibberd from FLS will attend the next CC meeting to explain this.

Bank account

SB is now a signatory to the bank account. Other changes being progressed. **Ongoing actions SB**

Release of funds to Contin Trust for seating and trees

Proposals for seating have now been seen and were considered by all to be satisfactory. For the Trust to work out landscaping plan. £2240 to be released from Allt Dearg, all in favour.

Managing correspondence and how we work as a CC

All agreed that we were happy to NR to make an initial screening of the large amount of e-correspondence that now arrives.

There is no reason why short, on-line CC meetings should not be organised as circumstances require and these could be day-time. There is a requirement that a week's public notice be given.

Weekly planning report

SB expressed interest in seeing this.

A position was agreed.

CCC will not comment or otherwise engage with respect to small and localised developments such as individual houses. CCC will comment only on applications with wider community impact, such as multi-house developments, new infrastructure, etc.

A contact list for CC members is needed. **Action JH 2302-01**

Local Democracy Matters and Local Place Plan

Deadline for responding to Local Democracy Matters is 28 February 2024. There is up to £300 available to CCC for support with this. Wider engagement of the community is needed.

The Trust will need to be involved in any discussions, as a significant property owner.

NR has identified that Fairburn may be able to support us with this. We should contact Just Enterprise via the Inverness Impact Hub. <https://inverness.impacthub.net/justenterprise.html>. Likewise the Local Place Plan, where we may need professional support. **Action NR to progress 2302-02.**

AOCB

The small bridge on the island has been repaired by someone. The CC is grateful for this.

JH will attend a free seminar on the National Planning Framework, offered by Mackay Hannah.

End of meeting

The meeting closed 20:15.

The next meeting is 6 February 2024, 19:30 in the Small Meeting Room at the village hall.

Summary of actions

Action	By whom	What	Status
2301-01	PB	Spend balance of £107 in Gàidhlig fund	Ongoing
2301-02	NR	Advise Paul Hibberd of forthcoming CC dates	Complete, PH will attend Feb. meeting.
2301-03	SB	Add SB as a bank account signatory	Complete
2301-04	SB	Change bank account address	Ongoing
2301-05	SB	Enable electronic banking	Ongoing
2301-06	NR	Approve seating etc	Resolved at meeting of 5/12
2301-07	JH	Arrange meeting dates and book room	Complete
2301-08	NR	Address overhanging hedge	Ongoing
2301-09	NR, JRB	Damage to bridge on the island	Resolved
2301-10	NR	NR to contact Ward Manager about Local Plan development	Replaced by action 2302-02
2301-11	PB	Circulate report on recent archaeological investigations	Complete
2302-01	JH	Generate a contact list of CC members	New action
2302-02	NR	Progress contact with SSE/Fairburn over community engagement	New action