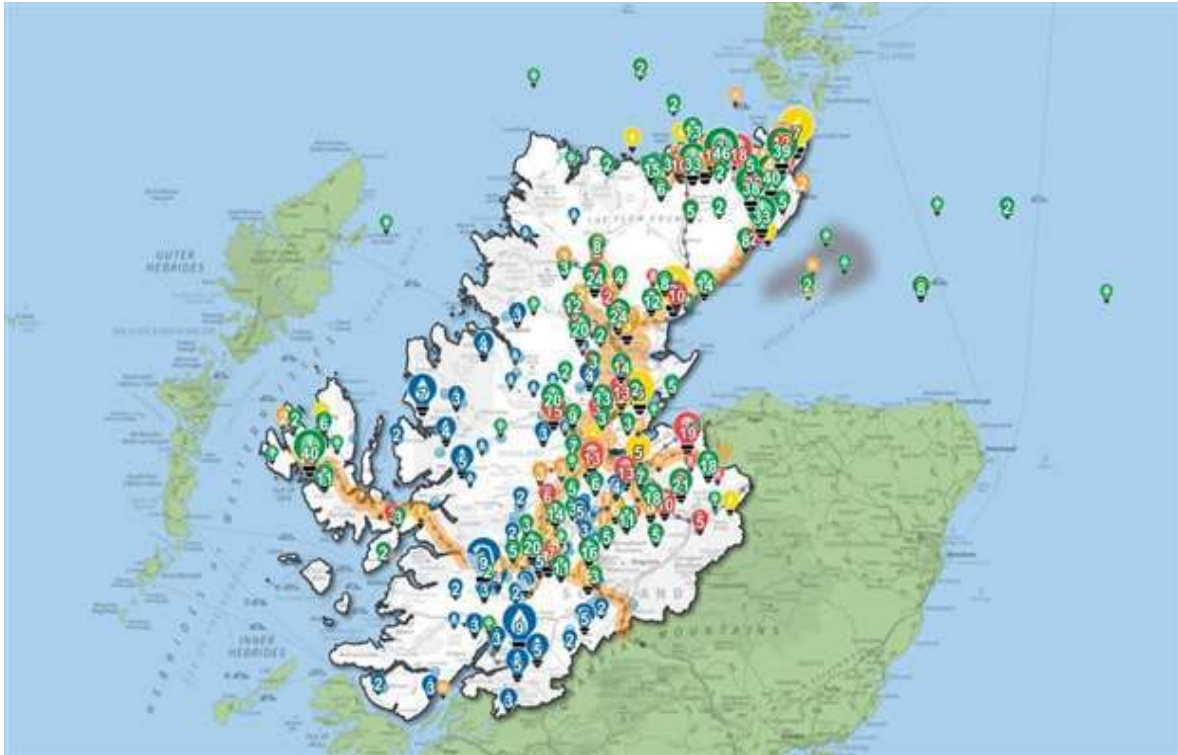


Contin Community Council.

Chair's Annual Report

The year has been exceptionally busy. Issues with Pylons and Turbines within the CC area have demanded a great deal of time. With the expertise of John Heathcote, our treasurer, we have been able to help other local CCs such as Strathpeffer and Marybank, Scatwell and Strathconon .

Here is an image of the 1305 proposed developments in the Highlands.



Our next major problem for our residents in Contin, linked to climate change, was the exceptionally heavy rain in late December when drains in Coul Road and the A835 were unable to cope with the flooding. It is not much improved as I noted from heavy rainfall on 31 May.

BEAR Scotland has planned improvements to the drainage on the A835, to be executed this summer, which should help.

Coul Road residents were particularly badly affected. The issue is for residents to resolve since The Highland Council does not maintain unadopted roads. John tried to help them and gave his best advice. We arranged and paid for the rental of Contin Hall to meet with residents over this issue. A number of points were made and the search for solutions remains ongoing.

Working with a local landowner and The Highland Council, we managed successfully to improve the bin storage for residents in Coul Road.

Communities were asked by The Highland Council to produce a Local Place Plan by September 2024. The Community Council did this as other groups within the village reported they were too busy. With the help of Louise and Natasha from Wester Ross Biosphere, we conducted a survey and submitted our plan by the September deadline. A meeting was held in Contin Hall to share outcomes with our

residents followed by an article in The Contin Post. The very good news from this is that our residents feel that Contin is a great place to live. Having a playpark was suggested as a good addition. In the meantime, we donated £6000 from Allt Dearg Community hydroelectric scheme to Strathpeffer for helping to develop Phase 2 of their playpark. This is now complete. Contin residents think it is excellent.

We have paid for the following Microgrants for community groups:

Contin Community Trust Summer Gala (Food) £250.00 22/05/2024, Contin Hall Children's Emergency First Aid £36.00 25/06/2024, Festive Lunch £250.00, 11/10/2024 Halloween party food £60 20/01/2025, Coffee Morning - Last Monday in Month £250.00 17/02/2025, 1st Strathpeffer Girl Guides Amsterdam trip £250.00 19/03/2025, Contin Book Club £180.00 27/03/2025, Contin Trust Easter Party £100.00 25/05/2025, Contin Community Hall Stage & Delivery £340.00.

We have made a path to the War Memorial from the slip road to enhance safety particularly for the Remembrance Sunday commemorations which take part there. We are working on extending the path to the Plaque on the memorial.

Councillors are also working on improving the triangle area from the A834 Strathpeffer into Contin and along the A835 to the small car park near the memorial. The dangerous trees have been cut down and removed. It is hoped to create some shrubbed areas new trees and a seating area. This was one of the ideas put forward in our Local Place Plan.

We have been asked to complete many surveys from THC and other organisations this year. It has been exceptional and extremely time consuming. We have completed as many as we could.

We have kept in touch with local community councils and supported each other as much as we could.

We have also met with Koehler regarding proposed Wind Farms on our patch.

I am pleased to report that CJT Projects, New Contin Community Trust and the Community Council have had a meeting and are keen to work more closely in order to get projects up and running from the list of suggestions the Community Council has initiated.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the councillors who have attended meetings and carried out much of our work and kept in touch with members of the public. Due to ill health, I have not been as active within the community as I would have liked but I managed to keep up with meetings of wind farm grant panels as I represent Contin CC on these.

Thanks also to all our councillors who have contributed to our meetings and projects over this past year and kept in touch by email and to Councillor Liz Kraft who has provided support and advice as well as attending our meetings.

We send our warmest wishes to Kenny MacLean who has been Chair of Garve and District Community Council for the last 22 Years. He has now officially retired. He has always been on hand to help and support other local Community Councils with his many years of knowledge. He will be greatly missed.

Norma R Ross.

09/06/2025