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| <b>Councillors Present:</b> | Barbara MacAskill (BM) Chair<br>Diane Buckle (DB) - Treasurer<br>Mandy Ingram (MI) - Member<br><br>Councillor Ken Gowans (by video) | Susan Falconer (SF) – Secretary<br>Margaret Menzies (MM) – Member by video |
| <b>Also Attended by:</b>    | 19 members of the public in person plus 3 attending through MS Teams                                                                |                                                                            |

| Item Ref | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action By                         |
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| 1.       | <p><b><u>Introductions</u></b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone</p> <p>Apologies received from:- James Duncan</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                   |
| 2.       | <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>None</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| 3.       | <p><b><u>Accuracy of Minutes of the meeting of 14 May 2024</u></b></p> <p>No changes noted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                   |
|          | <p><b><u>Approval of Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Minutes approved by BM and seconded by MI.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                   |
| 4.       | <p><b><u>Matters arising that are not considered elsewhere on the agenda</u></b></p> <p><b>School Transport</b> The Inverness Courier has not responded regarding our situation on the withdrawal of School Transport. BM considers that there are no further options open to the Community Council but will continue to pursue the matter with the Council where possible.</p> <p><b><u>Actions:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to be in touch with HC over this matter.</li> </ul> <p><b>War Memorial Fencing:</b> A quotation from Davy McLean for fencing around the memorial has been received. 4 new fence posts, 5 new panels and some small weather related repairs are required. The old concrete and wood will need to be removed and the panels painted (not included in quote). Total of £1140+VAT</p> <p>Matching paint for the panels is available from a resident. It was also suggested that Kevin (DB's partner) could possibly pick up the waste material and dispose of it.</p> <p><b><u>Action:-</u></b> Apply for funding from SCCT</p> <p>Confirm arrangements for disposal of waste timber and concrete</p> | <p><b>BM</b></p> <p><b>BM</b></p> |

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|  | <p><b>Potholes down Ruthven Road:</b> Repair work has been almost completed..</p> <p><b>Raigbeg Bridge</b> - SCC continue to await response from HC.</p> <p><b>Other potholes</b> – BM to identify &amp; highlight with paint - more feedback from the community would be welcomed. One near James Macphersons house especially bad. JM suggested using the What Three Words App as an easy way to identify precise locations.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Continue to Follow up with HC</p> <p><b>Law &amp; Order</b> – Community Beats – not yet actioned.</p> <p><b>Windfarms</b> –Proposal to form an advisory Group - BM has requested this proposal to be added to the agenda for the next SCD meeting. The group will consist of SCD, SCC and SCCT representatives, + 2 members of the public (Moy &amp; Tomatin).</p> <p>A Questionnaire regarding the community's attitude towards the proposals for a number of windfarms in the area has elicited 16 responses and 2 direct emails. The results so far show roughly 30% for and 60% against with those against also requiring more information. The questionnaire will remain active for another month.</p> <p>There was some further discussion on windfarms in general.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the confusion surrounding Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) mentioned on the questionnaire. D Bryden explained that the windfarm companies are presently only at the Scoping Study stage which would allow them to focus on certain aspects of the EIA more closely depending on the feedback received from the public. The Community should also consider the volume and spread of these proposals and their cumulative impact on Strathdearn.</li> <li>It was noted from a member of the public that in the past, The Scottish Government and the companies involved had taken little notice of even a professionally commissioned response.</li> <li>A request was made to update the Questionnaire to include a more recent application (Kyllachy)</li> <li>It was also noted that only the windfarm construction was detailed at this stage not the infrastructure required to service it. Thus the whole picture was not being presented.</li> <li>For background information it was noted that the Moy windfarm had laid underground cables which were undersized and subsequently overheated and had to be replaced at substantial cost</li> <li>A Questionnaire to be inserted in the next newsletter so that it reaches the entire community</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b> Await outcome of SCD meeting.<br/>Expand Questionnaire to include Kyllachy<br/>Include Timelines for development and windfarm website addresses on the Community website<br/>Include Questionnaire in next Newsletter</p> <p>N.B. Ken Gowans advised that he could not take part in the above discussions because of his role in Planning on The Highland Council.</p> <p><b>Local Place Plans</b> – BM and SF had attended an online training session provided by Highland Council on the preparation of a Local Place Plan (LPP). During that session BM had asked if the Strathdearn Community Action Plan could be used as the basis of an LPP and had been advised that other Councils (e.g. Crail) had done this. This will now be considered as a starting point for the Strathdearn LPP and may reduce the cost of preparation. SF confirmed that the LPP can take any format as long as some key criteria are included.</p> | <p><b>BM</b></p> <p><b>JD</b></p> <p><b>BM</b></p> |
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|     | <p><b>Action :</b> The Training slides will be shared on the Community website .</p> <p>DBryden advised that the LPP can be used to underpin any future consultation on Windfarms and should identify area and specific thoughts on this topic.</p> <p>KG advised the meeting that the Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan was to be submitted to Council for approval this week.</p> <p>KG noted that a new Local Living Questionnaire is being distributed to Communities and should be promoted locally.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> KG to send link to Local Living Questionnaire details</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>BM</b></p> <p><b>KG</b></p>     |
| 5.  | <p><b><u>Financial Report</u></b></p> <p>The bank account currently stands at £686.52</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                       |
| 6.  | <p><b><u>Law and Order</u></b></p> <p>As previously noted in Matters arising.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                       |
| 7.  | <p><b><u>Road Safety</u></b></p> <p><b>Station Road</b> No response yet from Network Rail concerning the state of Station Road as a Safe Route to School.</p> <p><b>20 mph Limit</b> - A member of the community stated that Traffic Calming measures were not working well – with very few adhering to the 20mph limit. BM reminded the meeting that feedback on the 20mph limit had been given to HC as a result of a questionnaire recently shared to the community. KG then advised that The Highland Council had analysed the feedback received and there had been a presentation on this - KG to provide this to the CC. In short the measures have been seen to reduce overall speeds. Some limits will be removed, some added and some zones may change. The temporary Road Traffic Order may be made permanent after this.</p> <p><b>Action</b> KG to send ' Update on 20mph limit' presentation which will be shared on the community webpage</p> | <p><b>BM</b></p> <p><b>KG/ BM</b></p> |
| 8.  | <p><b><u>Applications to the Trust</u></b></p> <p>No applications received for consideration at this meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                       |
| 9.  | <p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p>There are no new applications of note.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                       |
| 10. | <p><b><u>Windfarms</u></b></p> <p>See previous discussion in Matters Arising (Item 4)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                       |

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| 11. | <p><b><u>Update from SCD</u></b></p> <p>The Chair read out an update received from SCD Chair Stephen Knott.</p> <p>In summary –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An EGM was held recently which provided strong direction from the community</li> <li>• There was significant support for the purchase of Dalarossie Church</li> <li>• Upgraded e-charge points will be installed soon after confirmation from Highland Council</li> <li>• Solar panels already installed on the hall and shop/café are having a positive financial impact on energy costs</li> <li>• The purchase of Hazelbank woods is progressing</li> <li>• Planning consent is being sought for affordable housing development</li> <li>• The board are working to determine priorities from the community action plan that have not yet been supported</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |
| 12  | <p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email had been received from RTS Forestry informing the community of the Glenkirk Forest timber haulage schedule. This will be restarting in early June for about two weeks and will adhere to the conditions already agreed.</li> <li>• The Great Glen Community Fund Manager has advised that the Dumnaglass and Stronelarg Windfarm Scholarship Fund is now open for applications Strathdearn residents are eligible for this – with awards of £5000 available towards a student loan (STEM subjects).</li> <li>• Mr Alan Hardwick has provided an update on the progress of the Tomatin Flower project. One patch has been planted and shows good growth. AH thanked the Community and others for their support and help. The objective of involving the community and especially schoolchildren has been achieved</li> <li>• Mr Alan Hardwick had also written to restate his request to the Community Council (made earlier in the year) that The Community Council act on behalf of the community by pursuing the setting up of a Local Energy Discount Scheme (LEDS) with some or all of the ongoing windfarm companies. He has asked that awareness be raised now on this potential community benefit option by reaching out to all community members to ascertain their interest.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> AH to liaise with the CC to develop a LEDS promotion campaign across the Community.</p> <p>Other correspondence received including a report from JD on his recent Fire Station Visit was deferred until the July Meeting.</p> | SF? |
| 13. | <p><b><u>Any Other Competent Business</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The boulders on the footpath outside the old shop (currently belonging to Mr M Mackay) have been removed.</li> <li>2. The Chair advised that a discussion regarding the bus stop being relocated to outside the Strathdearn will be deferred until the next meeting.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | BM  |
| 14. | <p><b>Date of future meeting- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b></p> <p><b>The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |     |