



Strathdearn Community Council AGM

Minutes of the meeting, held in The Strathdearn and by MS Teams on 18th June at 7.30pm

Councillors Present:	Present: Barbara MacAskill, Chair , (BM) Diane Buckle ,Treasurer (DB) Susan Falconer, Secretary (SF)	Mandy Ingram, Member (MI) Margaret Menzies, Member (online) (MM) Councillor Ken Gowans (online) (KG)
Also Attended by:	21 members of the community, including 3 online	

Item Ref	Details	Action By
1.	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies received from James Duncan - Member	
2	<u>Minutes of AGM 2023</u> No changes noted.	
3	<u>Chairpersons Report</u> BM delivered her annual report (see Attachment 1). Afterwards Denis Barley on behalf of the Community thanked BM for all her hard work for the Community Council over this last year.	
4	<u>Financial Report</u> The Financial Report for 2023-2024 was presented by DB. The Accounts were prepared by DB and independently examined by Lianne Brunton on 18 th June 2024. (see Attachment 2) One correction was suggested by Denise Barley regarding the Newsletter Costs (Expenditure) – which should be Newsletter Subscription Costs. The Accounts were proposed for approval by BM and seconded by MI.	
5	<u>Nomination of Office Bearers</u> Cllr Ken Gowans took the chair for the appointment of Office Bearers. SF nominated BM to continue as Chair and this was seconded by MM. BM accepted. BM then took control of proceedings and the following office bearers were also elected. BM nominated SF as Secretary, and this was seconded by DB. SF accepted. MI nominated DB as Treasurer, and this was seconded by BM. DB accepted. The Community Council is now constituted as follows: Chair/ Barbara MacAskill Secretary/Minute Secretary/ Susan Falconer Treasurer/Diane Buckle Carlie Borthwick/Member James Duncan/Member Mandy Ingram/Member Margaret Menzies/Member	
6	<u>Close of Meeting</u> The meeting was closed at 8.10pm	

Attachment 1

Chair's Report

On behalf of Strathdearn Community Council, I am pleased to welcome you to this year's Annual General Meeting.

In the Autumn October 2023 CC elections, saw the election of Diane Buckle, Susan Falconer, Mandy Ingram, Carlie Borthwick and Margaret Menzies, together with Jimmy and I, a new CC was formed.

Since taking on the role as Chair in October 2023, it has been a very busy few months. We have had a lot to learn and get involved in during our 7 months as Office bearers and newly formed Community Council.

Snow Clearing During this winter Anderw McDonnell and Jason MacDonald have made a really good job with the snow clearing. The feedback from Strathdearn residents has been very positive and SCC would like to thank them both for their continued service.

School Transport Provision: It is with much frustration that SCC have not been successful in challenging the decision to terminate the Strathdearn Primary School provision, despite seeking the help from our Ward Councillor Ken Gowans, Fergus Ewings office and reporting the issue to The Inverness Courier.

20mph Questionnaire

SCC have conducted a questionnaire in relation to the 20mph speed restrictions which resulted in many responses which have been forwarded to THC. SCC would like to thank all residents who took the time to respond to their questionnaire.

Station Road

Enquiries are ongoing with Network Rail regarding the general condition of Station Road, now that it

has been deemed as a safe route to school. SCC have secured funding from SCCT for works to be done on the potholes. SCC have asked the contractors Andrew MacDonnell and Jason MacDonald to halt any works until SCC hear back from Network Rail.

Windfarms There has been a flurry of Windfarm activity highlighted to SCC over recent months. SCC have been holding presentations and have been providing the community with updates on the windfarms likely to directly affect the Strathdearn Community, within The Strathdearn Newsletter and community media platforms.

Law & Order The police continue not to attend our CC meetings and have been providing a Community Beats Newsletter, which unfortunately does not seem to feature Strathdearn and there remains to be no allocated officer to the area. This continues to be a topic that features at the Community Council Forum. We Thank Jimmy Duncan for continuing to attend the forum meetings on our behalf.

We have continued with the regular business of the CC with road safety issues, potholes and incidents of speeding within the village.

Upon taking up the role as Chair, last October, with the support from all but one, we decided to end verbal SCD updates at our SCC meetings. This was done to make a clear separation of the organisations within the community and to put a halt to some very volatile meetings. This we are pleased to say, has worked to date, as the meetings have had a much calmer and friendlier tone.

SCD have continued to provide us with written updates, and we thank Steve Knott for doing so. We are also extremely grateful to SCD for providing the hall for our monthly meetings.

We would like to thank the Chair of SCCT Frank Roden who has attended all meetings and has contributed to SCCT applications when required.

We thank our Ward Manager Mark MacKay and our Highland Councillors, Ken Gowans and Duncan MacPherson and more Recently Duncan MacDonald for attending our meetings and helping us with issues and procedures..

Our Secretary and Treasurer (Susan & Diane) have both been superb within their roles and I would like to thank all of our community Councillors for all their help and for joining SCC to make sure Strathdearn Community Council has carried on. We would not have a Community Council without them.

Finally, we would like to thank all members of the public who have taken the time to attend our meetings throughout this past year. Your involvement is very much appreciated.

Thank you

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Chair

Strathdearn Community Council.

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Attachment 2

STRATHDEARN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - TO 31st March 2024

	Year to 31/3/24	Year to 31/3/23
Opening Balance at 1 April 2023	£216.96	£479.42
INCOME		
Newsletter Subscriptions	£102.00	£94.00
Highland Council Funding	£480.36	£704.68
Advertising (Newsletter)	£50.00	£10.00
SCCT - Xmas Lights Funding	£360.00	£0.00
SCCT - Laptop Funding	£599.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£1,591.36	£808.68
EXPENDITURE		
Secretarial Costs	£0.00	£275.00
Insurance	£84.00	£84.00
Rent	£153.00	£617.04
Xmas lights - Highland Council	£180.00	£0.00
Laptops	£447.00	£0.00
Newsletter Costs	£97.35	£95.10
TOTAL	£961.35	£1,071.14
 Closing Balance at 31 March 2024	 £846.97	 £216.96

Accounts Prepared by:

Signed



Diane Buckle

DATE

18/6/24

Accounts Independently Examined by:

Signed



Lianne Brunton MAAT

DATE

18 June 2024