

# **Ardross Community Council**

## **Minutes of Public & Management Meeting**

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2022**  
**7.30pm**

### **Ardross Community Hall**

Present: Peter Allen (Chair), John Edmondson (Secretary), George Mackay, and Willie Beattie.

Cllr Molly Nolan

Sandra Cunliffe, Emma Chisholm and James McDougall

Meeting started at 8 pm.

The Community Council was not quorate to make decisions on Community Benefit.

1. There were apologies from Alison Gordon and James McTaggart. As well as Cllrs Maxine Smith and Tamala Collier.
2. The Minutes of the July 2022 Public Management Meeting were proposed by Peter Allen and seconded by John Edmondson.
3. Since the Treasurer was not here it could not be verified that the money had been deposited in our account.

Cllr Tamala Collier had asked the Roads Department to look at the road junction at the Old Smiddy.

The Secretary was still trying to get information about the demographics of Ardross. He explained that it was difficult to get hold of Phil Tomalin at times. The Highland Council should have made formal arrangements so that we had a Ward Manager, it was after all part of the constitution of the Community Council.

Email correspondence already circulated was noted.

4. Emma Chisholm explained that in 2021 she had picked up a lot of litter from the Golf Course Road. Again last week she had picked up over 100 empty beer cans from the side of the road on southbound verge. There was little that could be done without catching the culprits redhanded. Maybe something could be written in the Newsletter. The Community Council had no powers in this matter. The discussions moved on to fly-tipping. Legislation and the Council's procedures did not make it easy to dispose of waste responsibly. It was suggested that Emma Chisholm write an entry for the Newsletter and send it to Alison Gordon.

Peter Allen mentioned that there was a public meeting about a bio-waste plant in Fearn, which would produce methane, so big that the waste would have to be imported. It was going to be quite big by all accounts. The meeting was on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

5. It was decided not to comment on the Forestry Consultation. However it was agreed to invite a representative from Forestry Land Scotland to attend one of our meetings to try and resolve the issues with the Stittenham path.

John Edmondson wanted to raise the issue of Smart Meters. Most of Ardross was not able to connect Smart Meters, and there were no plans to connect Ardross by building infrastructure. It was agreed that the **Secretary** write to OfGEM and ask what their plans were to ensure Ardross had Smart Meter connections so that we might benefit in future from reduced tariffs living so close to wind farms.

Cllr Molly Nolan left the meeting

6. It was decided that we should sustain our objection to the entrance to the Strath Rory wind farm on a bend on the B9176. The Transport Planning team said that sight lines could be achieved if a few trees would have to be chopped down and it was reliant on the grass being cut on the verge or cleared of snow. Everybody thought that it was a dangerous place to have a site entrance.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting.

Next Management Meeting on **10<sup>th</sup> October 2022** at the Ardross Community Hall

