



Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.00pm, via MS Teams

1. Present

Jillian Bundy (Chair), Patricia Groves (Secretary), David Craig, Donald Omand, Karl Rosie (Councillor, Highland Council), Heather Thompson, Fiona Milligan (Project Manager, Infinergy), Ken Hardie (Construction Manager, Infinergy)

Apologies

2. Chair's Remarks

Jillian welcome everyone and introduced Fiona Milligan and Ken Hardie of Infinergy to update the Committee on Limekiln Wind Farm

Fiona Milligan noted that the Highland Council Planning Meeting for the Limekiln Extension would be held at 10.30, 20th October 2020 and could be accessed via Webinar. The Met Mast application will go to the Planning Team but the Developer awaits further details.

Ken Hardie presented aerial pictures of the Limekiln Project and informed about the timescale for the tender of civil works, SSE substation connection and access across Milton Farm. Construction to start in November 2020, the 21 turbines installed summer 2022 and commissioning end of the summer of 2022. There will be more tree felling summer 2021 but there will be tree planting of different species in some areas.

Jillian asked Fiona about the lack of consultation over the removal of the core path around Limekiln. Highland Council responsible for consulting with the public and there will be a recommendation for an access plan provided in the future.

Ken explained that 17 out of the 21 turbines are close to the Core Path and there will be heavy machinery in continuous use throughout construction that will make it dangerous for the public.

There was a lot of discussion about the Core Path and a proposal was made to make a loop across to Helshetter

Fiona and Ken left the meeting at 20.03.

3. Actions

- Objection too late for Strathy Wind Farm but Jillian will pursue it.
- Objection will be made about Dounreay Tri in the future, when appropriate.
- David submitted objection letter for SSE Limekiln Grid Connection.
- Karl has contacted the Traffic Department and a cable will be placed across the road in the centre of the village to monitor speed, type of vehicle etc. from the first week in November 2020. After the data is analysed, the positioning of the speed deterrent signs can be decided.
- Core path discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Alec McManus has confirmed the money is available for the Village Officer so the grass cutting contractor can be asked to cut the cemetery grass. Check if any other maintenance is required in Scrabster, Janetstown etc. when driving around.
- Karl has arranged for Davyd Jones to attend the next meeting.
- Email was forwarded about community shops.
- Development Trust in place to explore a community shop.

4. Correspondence

E mail from Alec McManus about allowing 16 – 18-year-old young people to become part of the Community Council. Emails to be sent to Thurso High School, Farr High School and Elaine Bentham

(Youth Worker) to ask if there is any interest.

Alec McManus has requested contact details of the Office Bearers.

Jillian will contact George to see if he will remain as the Treasurer.

5. Police Matters

No report

6. Planning and Licensing Updates

Cairnmore planning submission by the 4th November 2020. An objection will be submitted. The public opinion is not known.

7. Treasurer's Report

No update but once accounts have been confirmed a Grant will be available.

8. Village Officer

See Actions

9. Renewables Development

Nothing to report.

10. Dounreay Stakeholder's Group

Jillian will write to June to inform her that David will attend the Meetings.
Next meeting 9th December 2020.

11. Association of Community Councils

George willing to attend Association of Caithness Community Councils.

12. AOB

Positive signage for the village can be obtained from Acorn in Inverness.
Depending on the quality, the signs start at £30.

The sign at Reay Harbour car park requires renewing

Donald expressed an interest in Caithness Land Access Forum

Highland Council Planning meeting Tuesday 20th October, 10.30 can be viewed online.

13. Date of next Meeting

16th November 2020, 7.00pm with MS Teams

Patricia Groves
Secretary
20th October 2020

Actions:

1. Everyone to check maintenance of villages when out and about in Caithness West Area
2. Pat to write to Thurso, Farr High Schools and Elaine Bentham about Youth members joining the committee.
3. Jillian to Contact George MacDougall to ascertain his membership of the committee.
4. David to write objection to Cairnmore Wind Farm.
5. Jillian to write to June about David Craig attending Dounreay Stakeholder's Meetings.
6. David to investigate signs for the Village.
7. David to ask neighbour about the Harbour sign.

8. Karl to find out about Caithness Land Access Forum.
9. Questions from the Committee to be submitted to Davyd Jones prior to the next Meeting.