

Minutes of

THE BROADFORD AND STRATH COMMUNITY COMPANY

held on Monday 9 February 2018 at 6 pm, Committee Room, Broadford Village Hall

1. **Present:** Adele Beck, Jeff Geary (Treasurer), Malcolm Henry (MH) (Campsite PM), Neil Hope, Nicholas Kelly (Greener Broadford PO), Norma Morrison (Strengthening Communities PO), Alison McLennan, Trish Rogers (Minutes), Alistair McPherson (Chair), Shirley Grant (Forest School PO) (by phone).

2. **Apologies:** Hermione Lamond, Anne O'Lone, Malcolm Smith (MS), Janet Ullman (Greener Broadford PO), Barbara Williams.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** Accepted. Proposed Neil, Seconded Alison.

4. **REVIEW OF NEW MEMBERS** None

5. **CAMPSITE AND EVENT SPACE** (Malcolm H PO)

Civil Works. MGL still to complete.

Building Works.

Service Building: painting to start, cladding near completion.

Maintenance Shed: Cladding near completion.

Landscape Works Contract. Ben Taylor (Scottish Woodlands) has produced a revised landscape plan to take account of the "as built" soil depths and retained vegetation.

Drainage work to start at wild camping area asap. Planting to start this month including community involvement with the Rotary and Broadford Primary School and volunteers.

Electricity Supply. Slight revision to routing of cables (now coming from behind WHFP building). Wayleaves have been completed.

Water Supply. Nothing new to report.

Telephone. Nothing new to report. Waiting for completion of the relevant building works before applying for activation of the lines.

Statutory Consents. Caravan site licence was applied for in November. Highland Council has been asked for a status report.

Financial Management. Working well. Welfare unit to be sold

[The treasurer requested that a check be made on the revenue budget and insurance needs.](#)

Marketing Materials. Website complete but photos to be added when available. Signs ordered. Social media accounts set up.

Administration Systems. Google account, email account, paypal account all set up. Office IT equipment and furniture identified within the budget.

Recruitment. We had six compliant applications for the senior warden post, of which two have been interviewed. All present agreed that Becky Milne was to be offered the post.

Only two compliant applications for the deputy warden post, both of whom will be interviewed with Becky to be involved with the process.

6. **WOODLAND MANAGEMENT** (Adele)

There is a legal obligation to replant the woodland and it is required by the Forestry Commission (FC), the Conservancy and the local community. Three options put to the board:

OPTION 1:

At year 3 Don't bother fencing, plant trees as soon as possible which are less palatable to deer in the hope they survive. Pine weevil also a problem.

OPTION 2:



We plant trees as soon as a deer ring fence has been constructed (earliest date 2020/1) We potentially include planting Christmas trees to sell.

OPTION 3:

Raise funds to pay for our section of the ring fence without grant aid. Erect the fence ASAP (2019/20) and allow a five-year fallow period after FC have clear-felled. Plant Christmas trees and anything which hasn't regenerated naturally 2025/6.

In this five-year fallow period it would be expected that at least half of the site within the deer fence will have regenerated naturally meaning no need to plant. Pine weevil numbers will have subsided which means we shouldn't have to use chemical control.

It was agreed that option 3 was the preferred option.

8. GROWER'S HUB

Two new posts of Hub co-ordinator and horticultural therapist leader are to be advertised.

8.. ASPIRING COMMUNITIES (Shirley Grant PO)

Community Consultation

Consultation completed:

Evening Event with Abriachan - Friday 19th January 2018

Morning Event with Abriachan - Saturday 20th January 2018

Online Survey.

Business Plan. A draft is underway with input from Abriachan.

Steering Group. Meeting organised for 27th February at 3pm.

Aspiring Communities Fund. First quarter now paid. No details yet on stage 2 application process or schedule. Deadline is currently 31 March.

9. SKYE CYCLE WAY (Adele)

Good turnout at the meetings with active volunteers. Cautious optimism that a route has been found but it may require a road crossing. A grant from the Ward Discretionary Fund has been awarded.

Norma to circulate minutes to all Directors

The next meeting is 8.3.18.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT (Jeff)

The Treasurer gave a brief report.

12. AOB

Green Burials The directors were reminded of this suggestion. More research would be needed.

Insurance - being transferred directly to Zurich by Highland Council. Detailed list of all Company activities to be sent to Zurich to ensure adequate cover.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

DIRECTORS' MEETINGS: Monday 9 April 2018 6pm. Broadford Village Hall

AGM: Monday 5 March 2018

Meeting finished at 20.15 hrs

