

NETHY BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2018

Present: S McCook (Chairman), D Carrott (Treasurer), J Grant (Secretary), E Ibbertson, A Young, D Black

In Attendance: Jenna Black (SSE), Evan Smith (Project Manager SSE)

Apologies: S George, Cllr B Lobban

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved: E Ibbertson, Seconded: D Carrott

MATTERS ARISING

20mph Speed Limit Proposal: nothing further to report.

SSE VISTA Project: Jenna Black and Evan Smith explained that as part of the Vista Project (Visual Impact of Scottish Transmission Assets), SSE are applying to Ofgem for removal of the overhead lines in two areas of Cairngorms National Park.

The proposed areas for removal of overhead lines are between the substation east of Boat of Garten and Docharn (approximately 4km and 16 pylons) and between the same substation east of Boat of Garten to Ballifurth at the edge of the Craigmore wood (approximately 7km and 32 pylons). These lines were chosen because they met the core principles of the project i.e work must not impact the network, removal of the lines would greatly enhance the appearance of the area while not negatively impacting the environment and the socioeconomics of the area.

CNPA, Highland Council, SEPA and SNH have all been involved in discussions and now SSE are consulting with Community Councils. There will be a community public information event before SSE submit the application to Ofgem for funding.

Information on the VISTA project and these proposals can be seen at www.ssen-transmission.co.uk

Emergency Plan: This is progressing well with another meeting later in the month and it is hoped to have the plan finalised in the next couple of meetings.

Defibrillators: The village's third defibrillator box was installed today.

Tulloch Phone Box: Given this year's budget constraints, it was agreed that the CC are not in a position to fund the telephone box solely as a focal point.

Treasurer's Report: D Carrot has sent the report out via email. End of year balance £8119, including the summer house sum of £2500 and the £500 grant from Highland Council. The invoice for £40 for the community website listing is to be paid.

Councillor's Report: Cllr Lobban had sent apologies.

CNPA: No-one present

Planning: None

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Public Toilets: Money received for the Comfort Scheme from HC has decreased from £3400 to £2400 per year and it will be difficult to continue to offer this service. D Carrott is discussing the situation with Cllr Lobban.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 3 MAY 7.30PM AT THE NETHY BRIDGE HOTEL