FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (FCC)

MINUTES OF MEETING --- THURSDAY 26th September 2024

- 1. Attendees: A. Henderson, L. Henderson, A. Dodd, R. Dodd, P. Hogbin, M. Boston.
- 2. Apologies for absence: S. Mcinnes, S. Nixon, P. Nilsson, L. MacKellar, K. MacKellar.
- 3. Adoption of minutes from previous meeting:

Proposed: A. Henderson

Seconded: P. Hogbin

4. Matters arising: Leacainn riverbank – to be covered under agenda item: 10.

5. Treasurer's report: (See appendix)

Total Net Assets: £1,908.29.

[Change since last month - Expenditure: £778 micro-grant awards. Income: £422.30 - A&B annual

administration payment, £1.79 bank interest]

Approved: R. Dodd

6. Police report:

LB43 area activity during August: Calls: 36, Crimes: 15 (last month: 33 Calls, 9 Crimes).

General note - Chief Inspector Lee Page took up the position of Area Commander throughout Argyll during August and Chief Inspector Simon Shanks moved on.

7. Roads:

A83 signage works are now almost complete. Southbound, Cumlodden sign is still to be fitted. Awaiting Bear's reply. (post meeting note: Bear have now advised that a replacement sign has been placed on order)

8. Micro Grant applications: No new applications received.

Note; MG eligibility guidance notes have now been compiled and will be issued whenever a micro-grant application form is requested. It is hoped that this guidance will assist applicants during the process of preparing an application on what is, and is not, a suitable candidate for a micro grant award.

AH asked whether a handrail could be installed along the footpath leading from Queen Elizabeth towards the village. This to assist elderly residents walking to/from the village. After some discussion, it was agreed to approach the Council to see if this would be possible, and if so, who would be responsible for undertaking this work.

The need for repair & re-pointing of the Millenium garden wall was highlighted by RD, with cost & responsibility for the repair also being discussed. MB stated that he was unsure whether financing of this type of work should be covered by the MG scheme, or via the SCIO and agreed to try to clarify this. In the meantime it was suggested that a MG application could be prepared for consideration.

9. Furnace Surgery: Update.

- The steering group of the Furnace & Inveraray Practice PPG are continuing to discuss and develop ideas with the new GP and members of his team.
- Practice staff await phone & internet connections to the building and are currently in discussion with NHS
 estates. It is hoped that these works can be completed during October which will then allow operation
 from the surgery building to resume on a limited basis, initially.
- It was noted that feedback from Patients who have accessed services via the new GP/Nurse/Admin teams in Inveraray, has been very favourable so far.
- The HSCP report findings have been finalised and we await confirmation of how they are to be communicated.

10. Environmental – River Leacainn (collapsing riverbank adjacent to SW sewer pipe bridge) – After last month's discussions and various communications, SW have confirmed that they regularly inspect the sewer pipe that traverses the river and that they are happy with its integrity and its anchor/mounting points. Both SW, and SEPA have stated that rectification of the collapsing riverbank is a landowners responsibility, but that they will liaise with the responsible party and engage in any discussions regarding the security of adjacent structures, should this be required. We are currently seeking to establish who the current Landover is. (post meeting note: SW advise that they believe that the responsible landowner is Argyll Estates. Further investigation is required to confirm this).

11. Correspondence:

- FCC have been contacted by a Minard resident who has expressed concern in relation to what they believe to be a potential flooding issue. This due to timber debris entering the river Leacainn upstream of the village and then travelling toward and restricting the flow of water at the bridge. Their letter haas been acknowledged and the concern reported to SEPA & responsible Forestry groups for investigation & response.
- Planning: Noted that the following application has been withdrawn (erection of extension) Tiagh An Uillt, Burnside 25th September.

12. AOCB: Nothing raised.

Date of next meeting – 31st October 2024 - 6.30pm, Furnace Village Hall

Furnace Community Council

Income and Expenditure

for the year to 31st March 2025

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024/2025 Total	2023/2024 Total
INCOME	Funds	funds	Funds	Funds
Village and activities	422.30	101100	422.30	0.00
Wind Farm Micro Grants	122.00	0.00	0.00	1257.60
Argyll & Bute Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	422.30
Bank interest	14.99		14.99	16.99
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Total Income	437.29	0.00	437.29	1696.89
EXPENDITURE				
Memorials	44.50		44.50	38.40
Repairs and renewals	0.00		0.00	61.00
Grants	200.00		200.00	0.00
Micro Grants		778.00	778.00	1050.00
Office expenses	63.49		63.49	59.79
Secretarial expenses	0.00		0.00	150.00
Total Expenditure	307.99	778.00	1085.99	1359.19
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Net movement of funds	129.30	-778.00	-648.70	337.70
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Total funds brought forward	1265.60	1291.39	2556.99	2219.29
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Total funds carried forwards	1394.90	513.39	1908.29	2556.99
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Balance Sheet as at 25 September 2024			2024/2025	2023/2024
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash on hand			0.00	0.00
Virgin Money Current Account			0.00	0.00
Bank of Scotland Current Account			6.50	14.05
Bank of Scotland Easy Access Account 1.3%			1901.79	2542.94
Debtors			0.00	0.00
OURDENT LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors			0.00	0.00
TOTAL NET ASSETS			1908.29	2556.99