

FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF 24th September 2020

PRESENT: Lynda Syed (Chair), Mark Boston, Phil Whale, Val Whale, Ruth Tott, Sharon MacInnes, Councillor Sandy Taylor, Martin Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Dougie Philland, Ann & Ronnie Dodd

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No movement on Dog Fowling signage.

Concern raised regarding lack of visible speed limit signs on A83. **RT** to circulate article and email sent and received to Councillor Dougie Philland regarding 'Bobs' – life sized cut out PCs that stand at various points as a deterrent.

TRESURERS REPORT

Balance of £3162.95 in the Community Council Account. This includes:

£552 grant money remaining from Foundation Scotland to spend on the community during Covid 19. Decision taken to hold back spending in case of anticipated 2nd wave.

MW requested that now the play park was opened it would be good to have hand sanitizer strapped to the railings. **PW** to purchase and organise.

It also includes £250 for bowling team who are still setting up their bank account.

POLICE ISSUES

Regarding speeding **MW** is going to chase BEAR (Scotland) again about getting better speeding signs. He is also going to get the special signs up around the school. Police set up speed checks in the area in June.

MW reported that fly tipping and litter is a continue problem. MB confirmed that the overflowing rubbish from the inadequate/small bin in the south layby is constantly causing widespread rubbish. He asked if a bigger bin could be organised. ST confirmed that the bin would still be emptied, no matter the size, if BEAR (Scotland) would provide a bigger bin. **ST** to speak to BEAR again about this.

ROADS

ST suggests that the village should keep flagging up problems with the various potholes and general terrible states of both Queen Elizabeth and the Quarry Road direct with the council on their report a problem site. <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/road-faults>

ST also reported that Breedon should be approached about making annual financial contribution towards road upkeep in the same way as the logging companies do. Reference was made of an agreement on May 24th 2018 (see attached minutes) of a CC meeting attended by Breedon representatives where they did agree to talk/supply materials to repair the roads in the village directly affected by heavy haulage. **ACTION** Meeting to be arranged between Breedon and Council.

All urged to look at recent 11 proposals being widely circulated concerning Rest and Be Thankful.

ELECTIONS

9th Nov elections for CC positions. MB application now in. Unfortunately MW application was not in in time. **RT** asked to check back to see when MW as co-opted. (26th July 2019 he “was co-opted onto the Community Council with immediate effect.” As you can be co-opted for 2 years this is within the timeframe.

FUNDING

LS is filling in Foundation Scotland application for partial funding of hall renovations. Still waiting for quotes to come in from at least 2 builders.

FURNACE HEALTH CENTRE

LS has circulated recent communication from the health practice suggesting at Furnace is going to be gradually re-opened, following Covid-19 guidelines. Although they have declined to speak directly with the CC Furnace will be represented by SM and LS at a group meeting.

LS continues to try to speak to someone at NHS Estates.

ERADINE WINDFARM APPLICATION

As agreed in the last CC meeting MB has now written to the company requesting that Furnace is kept up to date and involved with all decision making.

AOB

Reef laying at the memorial is still going ahead with all attending observing social distancing. PW to organise the reef. Suggestions were made about who would lay the reef. It was agreed that the school could be involved with possibly children playing a part in laying the reef itself.

NEXT Zoom MEETING - THURSDAY 22nd October