

FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF 26th August 2021

PRESENT: Lynda Syed (Chair), Councilor Douglas Philand, Mark Boston, Ruth Tott, Martin Wilson, Phil Whale, Sharon MacInnes, John Campbell,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Ann Dodd, Ronnie Dodd

FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- John Campbell has put in a Freedom of Information request to NHS Highlands regarding Furnace Surgery. He specifically raised 10 areas of interest:
 1. The length of the contract between provider and the NHS.
 2. The next renewal date for the contract.
 3. The notice period between Lochgilphead GP Practice and the NHS.
 4. The performance criteria stipulated in the contract.
 5. Information on any NHS review and/or reports conducted on the services provided.
 6. Information regarding the annual review of the contract.
 7. The contractual obligations that Lochgilphead GP Practice has towards the medical service it provides to Furnace, Minard and Inveraray.
 8. Details of specific services and minimum hours required to be completed at Furnace Surgery.
 9. Information on a contractual obligation to establish a doctor and services at Furnace Surgery.
 10. The current state of the Furnace GP surgery buildings and responsibility of maintaining the facility in good working order.

TRESURERS REPORT

Balance of £2004.86 in the account which includes £250 uncashed cheque for the Mid Argyll British Legion. Mark confirmed that this would be sorted in next few weeks. Wreath has been ordered and more updates due at next meeting.

POLICE ISSUES

Martin confirmed that he had organised monthly police reports to be emailed through to the community council email address automatically. He confirmed that these could be made public and arrangements will be made to get these on the village website.

He has written to hauliers regarding speeding through the village. Many of the companies have responded positively and have said they have made all drivers aware and would initiate re training when needed.

Extra patrols have been requested due to the ongoing problems down Pennymore.

ROADS

Mark Boston raised a major concern expressed by many about the sudden appearance of crash barriers on the A83. No consultation with either the council or the residents. Mark to email Douglas about all the safety concerns. This is considered a major issue, many residents are now fearful walking into the village due to wagons mounting the pavement at pinch points. The more nimble may be able to jump the barriers.

The CC thanks Douglas for organising the 40mph stickers for wheelie bins. A team will be going out applying these to appropriate bins. 30mph stickers are being sourced.

Mark has also been chasing up BEAR about flashing speed signals. On the advice of Douglas the Ministry of Transport will be contacted regarding this.

AOB

Douglas raised the pressing matter of poor ambulance response times.

The key to the defibrillator is broken. Andy Craven may be able to help. Sharon to enquire.

The meeting held with Breeden was very positive. They have spoken to the Factor of Argyll Estates regarding the ongoing problem with fly tipping down Pennymore. Lynda raised point that Ardfarn has created a managed motorhome park which is working well and has solved some of the issues.

It was suggested that we should invite BEAR to meet with the community council. John suggested that we could involve other villages to the meeting too.

A request was made by the Craft Club to reinstate their application for micro grant funding to cover marketing / pop up posters for planned Craft Day. This was agreed.

NEXT CC MEETING – THURSDAY September 23rd.