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## A Wake for the Wild

On Tuesday 17th May fifty people from around the Monadhliath set off from Errogie to carry the coffin up to the site of the highest wind turbine to be erected on the Dunmaglass estate. The coffin, representing wild land, was carried over the hill to Dunmaglass Lodge and on up to the wild land of the Monadhliath. A lament and a toast was given to Scottish Wild Land by the last generation to experience wild country before industrialization takes place. It was a sad occasion and an acceptance that nothing could now save our hills.

**“We have to face the fact that Scottish Wild Land will be utterly destroyed. The sense of the wild that we seek out will be gone forever, finished. Dead.”**

***LET'S HOPE IT DOESN'T AFFECT TOURISM***



Community Council Chairman Alex Sutherland plays a lament to the loss of wild land as a coffin is rowed across Loch Farraline.

Photo courtesy of Chris Townsend

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# **CARAVAN & CAMPING PARK AT LOWER FOYERS**

## ***ARE YOU AWARE OF THE FACTS?***

The 6th May was the deadline for responding to the application by Mr. & Mrs. Forbes of Foyers Mains for a caravan park in Lower Foyers. The application to Highland Council was made on the 21st March but could not be seen on line until the 10th April. Paper copies could be viewed in the Planning department of Kintail House, Beechwood, Inverness. On the 19th April the Community Council requested and received a paper copy.

The development, sited in the field between the 16 Riverside houses and the loch shore, extends to the cemetery - approx. 7.5ha. 130 cars can be parked with sites for 80 caravans, 5 cabins and up to 39 tents (including overspill area), plans for wet weather facilities, café and a shop. The track along side the river will be upgraded to facilitate caravans and a path will be constructed along side. A dual passing area for caravans will be established just over the Bailey bridge.

In April, approximately 50 residents attended the Community Council meeting. The plans were not made available but a petition signed by 20 local residents asked for a public meeting. Subsequently the following Monday the plans could be seen and written comments made. Again considerable concern was voiced but debate was limited. Similar numbers attended.

The Community Council received letters of objections from 31 households and letters of support from 12 households. The concerns made by those objecting where many and varied. The size of the project; the ability of the local roads and the Bailey bridge to cope with the increased traffic; pedestrian safety; access and extra strain on the medical centre; financial pressure on the existing shop and P.O. Many of those living in Riverside are concerned about noise, pollution, visual intrusion and the possible devaluing of the properties. Supporters locally hoped that the park would bring employment, increased facilities for visitors, prevent wild camping and might facilitate an improvement to the road infrastructure.

In determining how to respond to the planning application two of the Community Councillors resigned over the issue. Mr. Forbes as the applicant could not participate which left the remaining 7 members to deliberate. Of those members only one is a resident of Lower Foyers. The Community Council's letter in response to the application can be seen in the Foyers shop. The Councillors requested that the developer remove the pitches closest to the houses and establish extra screening. They have no objection to the application provided that the Roads department are satisfied.

Highland Council Planning department have received considerable comments, both letters of objection and of support. The case officer will be assessing these responses, along with the statutory responses from the agencies i.e. water, sewage, roads and environment after which he will put forward his decision to the planning committee.

## **Anything to say –**

Write to the Highland Councilors of our area - Ward 13. - Mrs Margaret Davidson, Mr Drew Hendry, Mr Hamish Wood and Mrs Helen Carmichael.

## **Tell them what you think**

## **Inland, Upland and Cold – Gardening on the Edge**

One morning about the middle of April when I stepped out into the garden I was surprised by Solomon's Seal, *Polygonatum x hybridum* stems that seemed to have shot up to a metre high overnight I'm sure I didn't see them the day before. It is such a graceful plant with about ten clusters of 2-5 greenish white flowers along the underside of its arching stems. Lit up by the sun against a dark background the flowers are like a string of exotic pearls..

Solomon's Seal got me thinking about other graceful plants in our gardens just now. One such is *Dicentra spectabilis* with heart shaped locket flowers dangling from its stems. The usual one is pink with white inner petals. *Dicentra spectabilis* 'Alba' has paler leaves and all white flowers and associates well with *Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost'. You could not describe Brunnera as graceful. I only mention it because its sprays of blue forget-me-not type flowers and silver and green leaves look great with white *Dicentra* when they flower together. This year, sadly, the *Brunnera* flowers have gone over too soon.

I have never forgotten a bunch of Christmas Roses, *Helleborus Niger* I was once given. It was my first intimation that it was possible to grow Hellebores in the strath. I don't have *Helleborus Niger* myself but have some *Helleborus atrorubens* in a north facing border where they have been in flower for months and are now showing seed pods inside their nodding plum - coloured flowers. Breeders are producing Hellebores which have flower heads that stand up. To me they are coarse and ugly with no grace about them. Surely the whole point of Hellebores is that their flower heads are pendent.

Then you have the pleasure of tilting them up to look inside at the pattern their yellow stamens make or if you have plenty you can cut some flower heads to float in a bowl of water to enjoy indoors. Our native bluebell, *Hyacinthoides non scriptus* with flowers on one side of the stem nods elegantly. Although they seed themselves around I like to have them in the garden in the hope that I'll end up with my own miniature bluebell wood. We are fortunate to have delightful bluebell woods in this locality. Please do not be tempted to plant the larger more invasive Spanish bluebell, *Hyacinthoides hispanica* as it is likely to out compete our lovely native. The Spanish one is more erect in habit -not nearly as tasteful. 'Garden Plants for Scotland' advises that it is likely to become illegal to naturalise the Spanish one.

All those arched stems and pendulous flowers bring a delicate gracefulness to our spring gardens before blowsy summer flowers take over. Enjoy them while they last!  
Wee Gairdner

## **The Wooden Bridge at Lower Foyers**

For years the wooden bridge has been crossed by walkers. Erected when the Tail Race was constructed in about 1895. Water had been diverted to the British Aluminium Factory, which flowed from large pipes into the man-made channel. Pedestrian access was needed so this unusual and attractive wooden bridge was built. However, last autumn the bridge was closed as it required urgent repairs; to the dismay of local walkers and tourists who use it to continue their walk on to Inverfarigaig.

The team from Scottish and Southern Energy have done a wonderful job in repairing it this spring and it is back in use. Many thanks from the community for giving us back our bridge.

## *Letters to the editor*

Dear Editor

We wish to express our extreme disappointment with the way the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Councillors conducted proceedings concerning the planning application for a caravan and camping site at Lower Foyers.

In the first instance, the Council Chairman tried to stifle debate at the Community Council meeting on 26.04.11 despite the attendance of possibly 80 community residents. At the point in the agenda for "Planning Applications" the Chairman stated that this matter would be left until the end of the meeting so that routine Council business could be concluded speedily. Then at the end of the meeting, the Chairman tried to stop any questions by advising that an open meeting had been called for 02.05.11 where all documents would be on display.

At that open meeting, no attempt was made to advise attendees that they could leave written comments on the paper provided and to hand their comments to the Secretary. This does not follow best practice procedure as recommended by the Association of Scotland for Community Councils. Furthermore, not all documents were available and the presentation resembled more of a promotion by the Developers. We also are informed that no notice of the meeting was placed on the notice board at Torness thereby disenfranchising Torness residents.

During the discussion at the conclusion of that meeting, when a point was raised questioning the financial benefits to the local economy, the Chairman advised that the Community Council "were not competent to decide on such matters" and that "there are better heads than (theirs) at Highland Planning". When asked whether the Council were competent to decide on such matters as Roads, Safety, Flooding, Sewage etc., the only response was that their decision would not be based on a simple count of numbers.

True to their word, the decision of the Community Council not to object to the application was certainly **not** based on a count of numbers. 31 households in the CC area submitted written objections and only 12 households supported the application – a majority against of two and half to one. 5 businesses supported the application and we do not necessarily criticise this, businesses understandably will have their own commercial interests at heart. But as the Chairman had stated that the financial benefits to the local economy were not within the competence of the Community Council to decide upon, we have to assume that little weight was given to these letters.

Furthermore, 7 letters of support are listed as being from businesses and tourist groups outwith the CC area. We would point out that the Constitution of the Council contains the following objectives (our emphasis added):

"(a) **To ascertain, co-ordinate and reflect the view of the community which it represents**, to liaise with other community groups within the area, and to fairly express the diversity of opinions and outlooks of the people.

(b) **To express the views of the community to the local authority for the area, to public authorities and other organisations.**

(c) To take such action in the interests of the community as appears to it to be desirable and practicable.

(d) To promote the well-being of the community and to foster community spirit.

(e) To be a means whereby the people of the area shall be able to voice their opinions on any matter affecting their lives, their welfare, their environment, its development and amenity."

There would appear to be no room for consideration of the interests of businesses or tourist group's outwith our area.

If a majority of 31 to 12 against the plan is insufficient for our Councillors to "express the views of the community to the local authority for the area" as an objection, then we are left with the opinion that our Councillors were just paying lip-service to the community's views.

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of the CC on 7 December 2010, quote the Chairman as saying "As there have been only 10 nominations, the CC is non-elected & must therefore make even more of an effort to make sure that the views of the whole community are fairly represented".

From our discussions with folk in Stratherrick & Foyers we believe that a substantial number of residents (not "all") have lost faith and confidence in our Councillors and, whilst acknowledging that they are unpaid volunteers in their posts, we call upon them to resign their positions at the earliest opportunity.

Frank and Katie Ellam  
And 20 others.

Dear Editor

### **Foyers speed limit now 30mph.**

Parents and children in Foyers are pleading with drivers to slow down.

We are all in a rush these days but is it too much to ask for you all to slow down!!!!!!

We have finally got our 30 mph through the village but we also have limited pavements so we have to walk on the main road with children and prams. Remember 20 mph at school times. Our children have this lovely country side to grow up in. Its a shame that the minute they go near a road around the area, most drivers are doing well over the speed limit. Hit a child at 30mph they may survive hit a child at 40mph they will die!! the choice is yours.

Morag

## **EXERCISE ? IN THIS WEATHER ??**

Are you expecting lots of visitors this year? When I looked out of the window at the weather I decided to go onto the local web sites for new ideas to entertain visitors in the event of “rain” !

There seems to be lots of things going on outdoors or involving hours of driving in the car but very few events happening locally which are not weather dependent.

However I did find that there is a weekly Ceilidh held in Fort Augustus and thought those of you with better things to do than surfing the internet might not know about it.

### **CEILIDH DANCING with Live Music**

At FORT AUGUSTUS VILLAGE HALL, Bunoich Brae

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Every Friday (17<sup>th</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> August inclusive)

Adults: £4.50 Concessions: £3.50

All are welcome – just take your dancing feet in comfy shoes !

Good fun **AND** good exercise — brilliant !

## **STARSHIP DISCOVERY 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August**

The annual Holiday Club, entitled STARSHIP DISCOVERY, is to be held this year from 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August for children aged 5 - 11 (P1 – P7). It will run from 2.00 pm until 3.45 pm each day in Gorthleck Hall, with games, crafts and Bible stories in the programme. If you wish to register your child/children for the Club, please contact Ishbel MacLure on 01456 486435.

### ***Christian Comment***

Recently I received a most unexpected, yet most welcome GIFT for my Birthday – an experience I think that most of us would enjoy. This was the experience of very many people in the first century that marks the birth of Jesus Christ.

A great number of Jewish people had gone to Jerusalem for a festival that occurred fifty days after the previous festival of the Passover (which celebrated the Jewish deliverance from their slavery in Egypt) – so it was called Pentecost, from the Greek word for 50. On this occasion the followers of Jesus received a most remarkable Gift. This was the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised they would be given – and which transformed them from being frightened followers into bold witnesses! In fact, some 3,000 Jews at the festival had the same experience. This is sometimes known as the Birthday of the Christian Church, and called Whitsunday, or White Sunday since in later times Christians were often baptised with water on that day wearing white clothes. This year it is observed on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Another remarkable event happened in the Roman city named after the Emperor Caesarea. A Roman officer had invited the Apostle Peter to speak to some friends in his home about Jesus (Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10). As Peter explained how Jesus had been put to death by the Roman authorities in Jerusalem, but had become alive again three days later, and how they had then experienced the Gift of the Holy Spirit, the same amazing Gift was given to these people who were not Jews – Gentiles as they were called – like most of us who live in the Highlands of Scotland. This is the same Gift that is experienced by Christians in this 21<sup>st</sup> century, and convinces us of the truth of the Christian faith: the most wonderful present that any of us could receive! However, for a Gift to be really enjoyed, not only should we receive it, but be thankful for it – and make good use of it. So it is with the Holy Spirit.

*Martyn Bateman*

PS. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Christian Aid Week collection.

## **Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust**

### **Glendoe Energy Saving Fund**

#### **Phase 2 Domestic Appliances**

I am pleased to report that the take up on the appliances offer by local residents is now past the 120 mark. This is part of phase 2 of our plan to distribute the £135,000 of special energy efficiency monies allocated to us by Scottish and Southern Energy from the Glendoe scheme. Phase 1 was the home insulation project.

#### **Phase 3 Aid for green technology improvements**

It was always going to be difficult to calculate demand relative to the sum available. We had decided that Phase 3 of the plan would include grant aid to home owners for new green technology improvements such as solar panels and as part of this we have already invited and sent 7 individuals on the excellent two day Energy Awareness course at Inverness College and there may be a further opportunity in October to repeat the experience for others.

We would therefore welcome enquiries from homeowners who may be contemplating such schemes (not holiday houses or commercial premises). If you would like to discuss this further please get in touch.

#### **Renewable Energy Awareness Course.**

It proved to be extremely interesting and covered the latest technical developments in wind, hydro, heat pumps, bio mass, wood pellet, and solar thermal and photo voltaic panels. Most of the systems were on display and working which provided an opportunity for "hands on" interaction. The lecturers were very competent and happy to field questions from comparative laymen as well as those from practicing plumbers and electricians. Those attending (male and female) ranged from an intending house builder, potential home improvers, to local tradesmen. Everyone went away better informed and with comprehensive back up notes which I would be happy to discuss and make available.

Alex. Sutherland - Trust Secretary

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### **☺☺ STRATHERRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL ☺☺**

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Hiya, we are Rhiannon and Kayleigh, and we are going to tell you about what's been happening in our library project so far. Also we are going to tell you about the new furniture we ordered and got! Then we are going to tell you about the dance-a-thon in Tesco! ☺

Back at the start of the year we started with no money but we raised £500 with our enterprise fair, then we got a donation of £200 and we were very grateful for the donation from the kind local couple.

We think we raised about £200 with a dance-a-thon in Tesco on the 22/05/11. What happened at the dance-a-thon was Tesco had supplied us with the items we needed which was a Wii, Just dance/ Just Dance 2. We danced in Tesco for 2 hours and everyone had so much fun and it was a great success and we all had a brilliant time. We all really enjoyed it, we enjoyed holding the buckets most of all and we had a race to see who got the most money! ☺

We had looked in a catalogue and ordered banana coloured shelves and a spinner you see in a library van. We have sorted the library out by sorting the tatty books that were in the library before, and we binned them, then we replaced them with new books we bought a while ago.

We sorted the new books by alphabetical order by author and we laminated some book markers with letters A, B, C etc... so our new library looks smart!

We have invited the local people who gave us a donation and Rhona Brindle from Tesco to our new library opening because she helped organise the dance-a-thon and she let us have the space to do it. Thank you.

We also want to thank Miss Tait and Miss Currie for finding ways to get money to improve our education and our library and making our learning fun we are sooo lucky to have teachers like them. ☺  
By Rhiannon and Kayleigh!

## **David John Craven 1955-2011**

David was born on 21st December 1955, thankfully for his mother; by caesarean section! (as he weighed in at over 10 lbs!). He was a normal happy, mischievous boy until the age of 7 when it was discovered he had a brain tumour. He had major surgery followed by radiotherapy never losing his sense of fun and mischief, despite the unpleasant treatments. David's response to having his hair shaved off for this treatment was that it wouldn't take much to wash his hair now. Despite the poor prognosis given, that David was not expected to survive a year, David actually managed another 48 years.

After leaving school David worked as a grounds man then as a gardener with the local council in Bradford for many years eventually having to retire due to his worsening epilepsy and increasingly frequent fits. He continued to enjoy his gardening at home, along with bird watching and a love of all animals. David was often called upon to evict wasps from the house as he was able to catch them in his hands and release them without getting stung!

One of David's high points was a trip to visit family in Australia, where he swam in the Great Barrier Reef, met kangaroos and cuddled koala bears. After David's parents retired they decided to join the rest of the family and moved up to Foyers, then to Whitebridge in 1998. Unfortunately the effects of David's past surgery and radiotherapy began to take their toll and his condition gradually deteriorated increasingly limiting his ability to get out and about and eventually to do things for himself.

However, he still enjoyed seeing his nephews and niece and latterly Mark's children and still liked to be involved in all that was going on around him, including when the new house was being built at Whitebridge. Sadly just after moving into the new purpose built house last year David's condition began to deteriorate rapidly and in February he was admitted to hospital.

True to David's tenacious (obstinate!) nature he hung on to life for over 2 months before sadly but peacefully dying in Raigmore Hospital on 17th April 2011. David will always be remembered by the family for his wicked sense of humour, his unreserved kindness and gentleness. His passing leaves a huge hole in our lives as so much was centred around David's care needs latterly, and he will be very sadly missed by all of the family. However we also must be happy that he is now free from the disabilities which dominated his latter life.

## **Isabella Sarah (Sadie) Hipkin 1918-2011**

It is with sadness we heard of the passing of Sadie Hipkin of Lower Foyers as the BB was going to print but we will hopefully be able to include an obituary in Septembers Boleskine Bulletin.

## An Election coming up – should we be more involved?

### Could you be on the Community Council?

A new Council was appointed last year but Highland Council wants all Community Councils within the region to be elected at the same time. So, in November we again have a chance to elect our representatives. Last year ten people stood for ten places so --- no election. (Following the resignations of Mr and Mrs Hunt in April, Mark Houston & Paul Higham have been co-opted on in their place.) In future only 8 councilors are required – therefore increasing the likelihood of an election. If more names come forward there is a better chance to reflect the views of everyone.

### Those representing us at Present:

**Alex Sutherland** Errogie has been a permanent resident from 1970 with family connections here from early 19th Century. Founder of Feis Srathfharigaig. Now retired; He is the Secretary to Community Trust and Chairman of the C C. He Likes – Mountaineering. Running. Cycling. Skiing. Playing the fiddle. Fishing. Gaelic. He Dislikes – Ticks. Absentee landlords. Inflexible bureaucrats. Windfarms on mountains.

**Liz Merther** CC Secretary. Grew up in rural Warwickshire. Resident in Foyers for 30 years. Retired for 3 years following 26 years as dispenser/secretary at the Medical Centre in Foyers. Her interests are Dancing, Running, Walking, Cycling and Dogs. Crossword puzzles. Country pursuits. Wildlife.

**Kenny Fraser** – Gorthleck – is a farmer, he was born and brought up in Stratherrick on the family farm at Gorthleck Mains, Migovie, & Farraline, which the family has farmed, originally at Migovie, from around 1930. Kenny is interested in anything to do with country affairs. His father served on the community council before him.

**Justin Sharp** – Drumtemple, Gorthleck has lived in the area for eight and a half years. Born in Inverness Justin currently works on Corriegarh Estate. He has two small boys at Stratherrick School. He is the youngest to serve on the council. He finds it interesting and would like to serve another term.

**Fraser Ross** – Easter Aberchalder, Gorthleck was born and brought up in the area. He works as Estate Manager for Aberchalder. His interests are – Fishing and Farming. He would like to stand for election again as he would like to make a contribution to the welfare of the community in particular encouraging young people to stay on the land.

**Katherine Grant** Upper Cultie, Gorthleck, was born and brought up in Statherrick. She is 44, married to Eric and they have a daughter Olivia. She worked for Revenue and Customs now, after early retirement, spends her spare time riding and competing with her horse Wizard. She is treasurer of the C. C. and secretary for the Stratherrick School Parents council. Having served two terms she would like to stand again at the next election.

**Donald Forbes** Foyers Mains. His family arrived here in the 1860s and he is 4th generation. He is married with two children, three step-children and ten grandchildren. After retiring from farming he ran an agricultural supply company but now, with more time and with his knowledge of the area, he would like to put something back to the community. He is undecided about standing again.

**Sandy MacPherson** has lived in Torness all his life. He is the 3rd generation of his family to farm at Abersky since the 1950s. He is married with three boys. He runs sheep and cattle on the farm. He tries to keep a balanced view on local issues reflecting the interests of all and is considering standing again at the next election.

**Stratherrick and Foyers Community Website**  
[www.stratherrick.net](http://www.stratherrick.net)



## STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Alex Sutherland (Chairman) AS 486711; Elizabeth Merther EM (Secretary) 486382; Katherine Grant KG (Treasurer) 486221; Donald Forbes DF 486333; Kenneth Fraser KF 486220; Julie Hunt 486324; Stephen Hunt SH 486324; Alexander MacPherson AMacP 01463 751213; Fraser Ross FR 486707; Justin Sharp JS 486644; Mark Houston MH (co-opted non-voting member) 01463 751757 (HC = Highland Council)

### **Minutes of meeting held on 22 February 2011**

Members present: AS, EM, KG, DF, KF, SH, AMacP. Also present: PC A. Mathieson, Cllr D. Hendry, Cllr H. Carmichael, Cllr M. Davidson. Apologies received: JH, JS.

**1. Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2011 were adopted as a true record. Proposed: DF. Seconded: SH.

### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

(a) Key Worker/Affordable Housing: An email had been sent to Albyn Housing following the last meeting requesting an update on the latest situation with the Gorthleck project. No reply has been received so a further request will be made.

(b) Fraser Monument & Burial Ground: Research on possible sources of funding such as Historic Scotland, and the Heritage Lottery Fund, is ongoing. The quotation of around £20,000 already received from Laing Traditional Masonry covers restoration of the obelisk and also repairs/replacement/ refurbishment of the railings around the monument and the burial ground.

(c) Broadband Provision: Cllr. Hendry had some information about areas where a community hub has been set up. This transmits broadband wirelessly for a radius of 6-10 miles. One example is in Cumbria. He informed the meeting that such schemes qualify for community funding. He is awaiting further, more detailed information.

(d) Care in Strathnairn: KG requested a contact to take this further. EM will forward details.

(e) Bottle Banks – Whitebridge: Information on land ownership is still not available. It was noted that businesses with an interest in this facility might be willing to provide a site.

**3. Correspondence:** HC Correspondence: Planning Guidance - Sustainable Design Guide; Trees, Woodlands and Development. Other Correspondence & Circulars Received: Community Councils Forum - Notice of meeting 04.04.11. SLN Tourist Group - Letter re notice board at Foyers Shop. Planning Aid for Scotland - Notice of workshop on 12.03.11 in Dingwall. ASCC - Notice of Common Ground Meeting on 26.03.11 in Glasgow. Newsletter - The Community Councillor. NHS Highland - Notice of application to open pharmacy at Great Glen Trading Centre, Fort Augustus.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Account balances were reported as follows: Ordinary A/c - £1418.85 (including £362 in grant money for Fraser Monument). £500 had been donated for the Stratherrick Senior Citizens Christmas dinner, and £300 for the Foyers dinner. A grant to cover these donations had been made by the Community Trust. Project A/c - £27,786.58.

**5. Planning Matters:** Cllr. Hendry took no part in discussions.

New applications: Sun lounge extension/Killin Lodge, Whitebridge (Full). Members inspected plans; there were no objections.

**6. Fire Brigade Report:** Mr Kirkland was not present, but no new matters had been reported.

**7. Policing Matters:** PC Mathieson reported that consultations are ongoing regarding Force reorganisation in Scotland. He also reported that both the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable in Highland are due to finish shortly.

**8. Roads and Signage:** (a) Outstanding Matters: Surface damage road to L. Foyers - Temporary patching has been carried out. It was noted that markings have been made on the road for more extensive repairs, so it is hoped this will be started shortly. Roadside tree clearance - An assurance had been received on 4 Feb from David Jardine that this work should be undertaken 'in the next few weeks (as weather allows)'. Erroirie speed limit - Formal notices re the proposed speed limits in Erroirie and Foyers have been received. These should be in place once the necessary legal processes have been completed. Bus shelter L. Foyers - Cllr. Hendry has obtained a commitment in writing that this shelter will be installed by the end of April 2011. Run-offs on Torness Brae - Cllr. Hendry has been informed that this item has been added to the work list. In the meantime AMacP told the meeting that he has cleared some of these himself. Pot-holes Ardoch Road - No new information has been received. PC Mathieson noted that there is currently tree planting under way along this road, and that it might be wise to delay repairs till this is finished. Cllr. Hendry will make enquiries. Newlands timber extraction - Mud on road, Members reported that this has been cleared. Timber lorries Trinloist road - Cllr. Hendry is awaiting a response from Alistair MacLeod, who is responsible for this operation. He confirmed that there have to be designated extraction routes and protocols for their use. Members felt that HC need to be stricter about the agreements and enforcement of the protocols when timber extraction takes place. Members have seen extensive damage to roads in areas concerned, and felt that all too often the HC is left to carry out repairs and foot the bill for such damage, when the contractors should be liable for this.

(b) Bridge at L. Foyers: Cllr. Hendry reported that an Options Paper is being prepared regarding provision of a new pedestrian bridge, and should be ready to present to the CC in the next 3-4 weeks. He confirmed that with the present severe cutbacks a replacement road bridge is likely to be delayed until at least 2019.

(c) **Other Roads Items:** Pot-holes following winter damage - Cllr. Hendry noted that it is important to report problem pot-holes and their specific locations to make sure that immediate repairs are done. Reports can be made direct to the HC or to himself. – An Clachan, Gorthleck: It was noted that the drainage problems adjacent to An Clachan in Gorthleck have been dealt with, but the verge outside the house is still in a very bad state. There are also some fallen trees opposite An Clachan which need attention. Cllr. Hendry will report these matters. Riverside, Foyers: SH again raised the issue of cars travelling too fast in Riverside where children are playing. As before it was advised that if specific vehicles can be identified to the Police they will speak to offending drivers. PC Mathieson advised that ultimately, if offenders do not re-

spond to warnings, complainants need to be willing to make an official statement and, if necessary, attend Court.

**9. Water and Sewerage:** There were no new matters to report.

**10. Community Project Gorthleck :** There was nothing new to report at present.

**11. Renewable Energy and Community Benefit:** AS reported that there is to be a meeting on 12 March, organised by our Ward Manager, regarding community benefit. This will cover ways of organising the handling of community benefit, as well as financial matters. AS will attend. He noted that the disparity in levels of community benefit throughout northern Scotland needs to be addressed. AS reported that the Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust is involved in negotiations on two projects at present, both of which are being handled through the Ward Manager's office in Inverness.

**12. Any Other Competent Business:** (a) EM reported that Hugh Nicol had enquired about the re-siting of the Christmas tree opposite the Hall in Gorthleck. He felt that the tree simply blended into the background at its new site, particularly as the lights were not very conspicuous. It was noted that the reason for the move had been the drainage problem at the Hall, which has now been sorted out. EM will write to ask if it can go back to its original position outside the Hall. (b) It was reported that the gate at Druimtemple Church is not closing properly and needs attention. EM will contact Mr Fridge about this. (c) As reported in the letter from SLN Tourist Group, the notice board in the car park at the shop in Foyers is in need of attention. No-one seems to know for certain who installed it, or who is responsible for it. The area around the board is extremely muddy and frequently flooded, and access to the board itself is difficult owing to the alan key type of locks. Branches from surrounding trees also need to be cut back. It was agreed that most local people rely on the shop notice boards for local notices, and that the board in the car park might be better used as an interpretive facility for tourists, with some permanent displays of tourist information. Cllr. Hendry agreed to make some enquiries about this. (d) DF noted that one of the old pathways between Lower & Upper Foyers is no longer usable, and wondered if we can request SSE to re-instate this when they undertake their major work on the new pipework later this year. It was agreed to raise this when the SSE representative attends our CC meeting, probably next month.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on 22 March 2011 at the Foyers Primary School.

The meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.

#### **Minutes of meeting held on 22 March 2011**

Members present: AS, EM, KG, DF, KF, SH, AMacP, FR, JS. Also present: PC A. Mathieson, Cllr M. Davidson, Cllr D. Hendry, Mr Paul Owen and Mr Duncan McAdam (Scottish & Southern Energy). Apologies received: MH, JH.

#### **1. SSE - Foyers 5MW Recovery Project**

Mr Paul Owen presented a brief history of the Foyers Falls Power Station and the failures which resulted in the pipe burst which occurred in December 2009. He explained that SSE's objective is to install a new penstock, pipeline, and carry out all the necessary work to secure a generating supply from this Station for the next 24 years, when the next major overhaul will be due. He presented the proposed key dates in this programme, which is expected to take place from early April until the Station's return to service in December this year.

The work having impact on the local community will be delivery of the pipes, and the pipe laying, which will involve periods of road closure. This is expected to be during the period from mid April until early August, but SSE hope that this work will take considerably less time, unless they meet with unexpected difficulties, and they hope to limit road closures to around two days. Diversions and the necessary signposting, will be provided for traffic to L. Foyers. The pipes are to be shipped in to Inverness harbour, and Cllr. Davidson suggested that the possibility of delivery to Foyers via the canal might be considered. Mr Owen said this could be looked at. Cllr. Davidson expressed concern about road closures taking place over the summer tourist season, particularly August. Mr Owen noted this concern, and hopes that all necessary road closures can be completed before August. There was discussion about the importance of liaison with the local community and local businesses. The provision of a notice board was suggested, so that regular updates can be posted on work progress and any scheduled road closures. Mr Owen agreed that this could be done. Contact details for the Site Manager will also be provided so that any problems can be reported. AS thanked Mr Owen and Mr McAdam for the information presented.

#### **2. Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2011 were adopted as a true record. Proposed: AMacP. Seconded: KG.

#### **3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

(a) Key Worker/Affordable Housing: EM reported that there had still been no response to our emails. Cllr. Davidson informed the meeting that the budget cuts mean there is no money available for these schemes at present. However, the Highland Council is planning to build some additional council houses, and the various options for these houses are currently being examined. Mrs Grant noted that much of the interest in the Gorthleck scheme was from elderly residents. Cllr. Davidson said that where new council housing is built the local needs will be taken into consideration, so that suitable accommodation is provided. It is not yet known where these houses will be built.

(b) Fraser Monument & Burial Ground: EM has spoken to Historic Scotland and has a contact who should give us more detailed advice. She has the name of a local mason in Dingwall who may be able to provide a quotation, and will make enquiries for a third contractor. It should then be possible to start making contact with possible funding providers. She felt that we should aim for a possible start date for the work in Spring next year, and members agreed. It was noted that the monument and burial ground are on DF's land, and grant providers will need to see that we have written permission to carry out the work. DF agreed that he is happy to provide this.

(c) Broadband Provision: Cllr. Hendry informed the meeting that a "How to ..." guide is currently being produced for communities interested in seeking a solution to lack of broadband coverage. He will keep us informed. The CC has been told that Highlands & Islands Enterprise have succeeded in having the Highlands & Islands included in the proposed trials of superfast

broadband, but it is not yet known which areas will be chosen for this, or how extensive the coverage will be. Cllr. Davidson advised that we should write to HIE to urge that the rural communities are not excluded from this trial, and to emphasise the importance of broadband provision to our tourist industry in this area. It was agreed that a letter should be sent.

(d) Care in Strathnairn: Mrs Grant has emailed Paul Davies, the Co-ordinator, and is awaiting a reply.

(e) Bottle Banks – Whitebridge: One or two possible sites were suggested. Cllr. Davidson suggested we contact Alan McKiddie of TEC Services with a view to checking suitability.

(f) Notice Board - Foyers Car Park: The blocked drains which were causing the flooding have now been cleared. Work is currently under way to tarmac some areas, including that around the notice board. Long term use for this board is still being discussed.

(g) Drumtemple Cemetery Gate: EM has spoken to Mr Fridge, and he is aware of the difficulty with closing the gate. He is going to inspect it to see what work is required.

#### **4. Correspondence**

Highland Council Correspondence: City Forum - Notice of meeting 08.03.11 (circulated); Advance notice of new guidance for CCs on Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct; Notice - E-Kerbside recycling calendars.

Other Correspondence & Circulars Received: Community Councils Forum - Agenda for meeting 04.04.11 (circulated); Northern Constabulary - Review of Scottish Policing Structure

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Account balances were reported as follows: Ordinary A/c - £1594.85 (including £362 in grant money for Fraser Monument). Project A/c - £27,586.58

#### **6. Planning Matters**

Cllr. Hendry took no part in discussions.

New applications: House & granny flat - land north of Bridge Cottage, Torness (Full); this is an amendment to an application already submitted and inspected.

Utility room extension - Dell Bungalow, Whitebridge (Full); Members inspected plans and there were no objections.

**7. Fire Brigade Report**: Mr Kirkland was not present, but no new matters had been reported.

**8. Policing Matters**: PC Mathieson reported that the vacant post at Drumnadrochit is currently being advertised. Once this is filled the Fort Augustus Station will no longer have responsibility for the Drumnadrochit area, which should take some of the pressure off their resources.

#### **9. Roads and Signage**

(a) **Outstanding Matters**: Surface damage road to Lower Foyers: This work has now been done, with two stretches completely resurfaced, and patching of other damaged areas. Members agreed that an excellent job has been done, and thanked Cllrs. Davidson and Hendry for their efforts in pushing for this work. It was felt that the work probably took longer than necessary due to an apparent lack of co-ordination with organisation. Cllrs. Davidson and Hendry agreed that there are issues which need to be addressed, but it was noted that TEC Services are under great pressure at present following the severe winter damage to roads throughout the Highlands. Roadside tree clearance: AS reported that a contractor is currently at work in the Inverfarigaig/Errogie pass. He understands that they hope to close this road, possibly for six

weeks, in order to complete the necessary work. More information on this should be available shortly. He will again point out to the contractor several hazardous trees which he feels should be removed. Errogie and Foyers speed limits:

These are progressing. Legal notices for the next stage have been received. Bus shelter Lower Foyers: It is hoped this will be installed in the next few weeks. Run-offs Torness brae:

These have not yet been cleared, but the work is scheduled. Pot-holes Ardoch road: No new information has been received. Timber lorries Trinloist road: Mrs Grant reported that the Council has repaired one area of damage caused by the lorries, but the number of these extremely heavy loads is continuing to damage the road. At one point lorries were noted to be passing approximately every five minutes, with traffic going on from 6.00 a.m. until after dark. Cllr. Hendry asked if some specific details about timings and lorries involved could be noted so that reports can be followed up with the people responsible. Cllr. Davidson felt that the total lack of communication with either the CC or local communities regarding these extraction programmes was quite unacceptable. She will make further enquiries

Verge at An Clachan: KG reported that this has not yet been done. Cllr. Hendry will make enquiries.

(b) **Bridge at Lower Foyers**: Further discussion took place regarding the possible option of a replacement footbridge. There was concern that if we back the suggestion of a new footbridge we may well jeopardise the chances of ever getting a new road bridge. The community and our Councillors worked very hard to get a new road bridge on the Capital Programme, and although it may be several years away, it is not at the bottom of the list. Cllr. Davidson was rather more optimistic that if all the preliminary work and design is done, we may get an opportunity to get our bridge earlier with 'slippage' from larger schemes. After discussion it was agreed that our first priority must be to continue to push for a replacement road bridge. Only if, for any reason, this is removed from the Capital Programme, should we lower our sights to a footbridge. Cllrs. Davidson and Hendry will encourage the relevant TECS departments to have the necessary design and preliminary work done to avoid any delays if an opportunity arises.

(c) **Other Roads Items**: DF reported that a parapet wall near Boleskine Lodge is leaning and in danger of collapse. There is also a dip in the adjacent road. – AS reported some damage to upper portions of two of the bridge parapets on the Inverfarigaig pass road. – KF reported a large pot-hole at the Calanour junction (B851/B862). – These matters will be raised with TEC Services. – AS reported that the Rights of Way Officer has agreed to have repairs undertaken on some of the Core Paths network, but asks that the CC will agree to seeing that maintenance work such as drain clearance on these paths is carried out for the next 10 years. Members agreed to this.

**10. Water and Sewerage**  
There were no new matters to report.

**11. Community Project Gorthleck**  
Work is ongoing as previously reported. Volunteers are still needed to help.

**12. Renewable Energy and Community Benefit**  
Cllr. Davidson passed on papers regarding Forestry Commission offers of land for green energy schemes (hydro and

wind farm), together with opportunities for local communities to have an involvement. The CC will express an interest in this. – AS reported that negotiations on the Dunmaglass and Corriegarth schemes have not yet been concluded. HC have produced a helpful guidance paper on community benefit negotiations and distribution. – Notices have been received from SSE regarding the Balmacaan and Stronelairg wind farm proposals. EM has requested that they attend one of our meetings to present information.

### **13. Any Other Competent Business**

(a) SH wondered if we could ask SSE to replace the unsafe footbridge behind the fish farm at L. Foyers while they are undertaking their major work this summer. Enquiries will be made.

(b) DF reported that a resident of U. Foyers is looking into the feasibility of operating a water taxi from Foyers. It was agreed that this would be a very popular tourist facility. British Waterways are still to carry out their planned survey of the Foyers jetty. Cllr. Davidson will enquire about this.

(c) AS reported that the Community Trust has difficulty in finding a quorum at times for its meetings due to the eight year residency rule before members can vote. He asked if the CC would relax this rule to five years. After discussion it was agreed to retain the eight year rule overall, but to allow no more than 30% of voting members on the committee with five years residency. AS agreed that this will solve the problem.

(d) AS reported that the Trust is hoping to go ahead with its project at the Errogie corner at the top of the Inverfarigaig pass. This will involve demolition of the existing cottage, realignment of the road to straighten out this dangerous corner, and the building (in partnership with the Highland Housing Alliance) of two new semidetached cottages. Some funds have come from other sources, so the Trust will only be funding the building of the new cottages. However, this will mean a large capital outlay, so in the short term there may be less money available for smaller, local projects. The Trust would like a letter from the CC to support this course of action. It was agreed that this is an excellent project, as well as an investment for the Trust, and the CC was happy to offer its support. Cllr. Davidson noted that there may be ways to spread the capital outlay to lessen the impact in the short term, and AS confirmed that the Trust is looking at this possibility.

(e) AS presented a letter which had been received from Mr Hugh Nicol regarding continuing problems with anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Gorthleck Hall. Its contents were noted. PC Mathieson reported that the Police are working with other agencies involved in this situation towards a long term solution, but unfortunately the processes involved take a long time.

(f) AS informed members that the annual Litter Pick will take place on 10 April, starting at Dores at 11.00 a.m. and finishing at the Cafe in Foyers. He suggested that we write to invite the Forestry Commission, as much of this is on their land.

(g) EM has made a request for the Gorthleck Christmas tree to be moved to its original position, but has not yet had a reply.

(h) It was noted that the public toilets at Foyers are to be closed. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

(i) Some problems in relation to snow clearance were raised. Problems encountered during this winter will be discussed at our next meeting.

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on 26th April 2011 at the Stratherrick Hall in Gorthleck. The meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

### **Minutes of meeting held on 26 April 2011**

**Members present:** AS, EM, KG, DF, MH JH, SH, FR, JS. Also present: Cllrs. M. Davidson & D. Hendry; Sarah Hartely. Apologies received: KF, AMacP, Cllr H. Carmichael. A large number of community members attended the meeting with a particular interest in a planning application. AS began by welcoming them to the meeting, and informing them that the Planning item on the Agenda would be left until the end of the meeting to allow for extra time if necessary.

#### **1. Adoption of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2011 were adopted as a true record. Proposed: KG; seconded: SH.

#### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

(a) Key Worker/Affordable Housing: Cllr. Davidson is in discussion with Albyn Housing. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the options available.

(b) Fraser Monument and Burial Ground: Enquiries are ongoing. Nothing new to report at present.

(c) Broadband Provision: Cllr. Hendry presented the broadband guide for communities to the meeting. A letter has been sent to HIE pressing the case for communities around Loch Ness to be included in the proposed BT trials of superfast broadband. An acknowledgement has been received indicating that information about the areas chosen should be available in the next few months. AS asked if anyone with a particular interest in computer technology would be willing to pursue this subject. Mr Paul Higham expressed willingness to do this.

(d) Care in Strathnairn: KG is in contact with Paul Davies, the Co-ordinator, and is arranging a meeting with him.

(e) Bottle Banks – Whitebridge: There has been no response from Mr McKinnie. A further email will be sent.

(f) Notice Board - Foyers Car Park: This area has now been well tidied up. The board has a tarmac surface around it, trees have been cut back, drains cleared, and the existing notices sorted out.

(g) Drumtemple Cemetery Gate: It is believed that this work may have been done, and this will be checked.

(h) Public Toilets – Foyers: Cllr. Davidson and Mr Hargreaves of Foyers Stores visited the toilets and found them to be in a disgusting state. For the time being Mr Hargreaves has agreed to take responsibility for them in order to keep them open. Our Ward Manager is in discussions with the necessary people to consider the possibility of some sort of community take-over, and is looking at the best way to handle this. Cllr. Davidson reported that some upgrading is needed, with the provision of electricity so that hot water can be provided. Mr Forbes reported that he understood the public toilets in Poolewe were the joint responsibility of HC and the community. Cllr. Davidson will enquire about this arrangement.

(i) Footbridge adjacent to Fish Farm – L. Foyers: Mr McAdam (SSE) informed the CC that this bridge has now been fully repaired and is now open. Members were very pleased this had been done so promptly.

**3. Correspondence:** HC Correspondence: Development Plan Scheme - Spring 2011; Onshore Wind Energy - Draft

Supplementary Guidance (both available at: [www.highland.gov.uk/development](http://www.highland.gov.uk/development) plans). Housing Department - Consultation on HC and Northern Constabulary. Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2011-16 ([www.highland.gov.uk/livinghere/housing/](http://www.highland.gov.uk/livinghere/housing/)). Meeting - Inverness Central and West Forum 19.05.11 (circulated). Notice - Kerbside recycling collection calendars. Information on Foyers pier survey by British Waterways. Other Correspondence & Circulars Received: Update from SSE on progress with pipe replacement. SNH - Review documents for SSSI Monadhliath. Scottish Government - Scoping Opinion Request - Balma-caan Wind Farm.

Leaflet - Signs and Designs, Caithness flagstone.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Account balances were reported as follows: Ordinary A/c - £1594.85 (including £362 in grant money for Fraser Monument); Project A/c - £21,349.48 (A £5000 deposit has been paid towards equipment).

#### 5. Roads and Signage

(a) **Outstanding Matters:** Roadside tree clearance - AS has been in correspondence with TEC Services regarding the work in the Inverfarigaig pass, boulders on the road, and the risk of further slippage from the banks. Cllr. Davidson suggested it would be helpful to walk the road with those responsible, to identify any remaining hazards before the work is wound up. She will arrange this. Errogie and Foyers speed limits - EM has been notified that these will come into force on 2 May. Bus shelter L. Foyers - There is still no sign of this work. Cllr. Hendry will enquire, as this was promised by the end of April, which now looks very unlikely. Run-offs Torness brae - There was no further report on this, but members noted that run-offs elsewhere had certainly been cleared. Cllr. Hendry will enquire about the Torness brae. Pot-holes Ardoch road - No further report has been received. Timber lorries Trinloist road - KG reported that the road has been quieter. It was noted that these heavy lorries are doing considerable damage to the road edges, particularly on the corners, where there are large over-runs. Cllr. Davidson will enquire about the arrangements and responsibilities for getting this damage repaired. Verge at An Clachan - Mr Angus Fraser was present at the meeting and reported that this work has now been completed. Bridge parapets, Boleskine and Inverfarigaig pass - EM has received a response from TEC Services to say that the bridge parapets in the pass will be inspected to assess what work is needed. The parapet near the Boleskine cemetery has been inspected and will require major work, which will be done this year. DF reported that this continues to deteriorate, with the dip in the road also getting more pronounced. This information will be passed on. Pot-hole Calanour junction - This has been repaired.

**6. Community Project - Gorthleck:** Sarah Hartley (Project Manager) reported the equipment has been ordered and the deposit paid. The installation date will be in 4-6 weeks time. Volunteers will then be needed to help with the rest of the Project. The Project Website will post up-to-date information to keep people in touch with progress.

**7. Renewable Energy and Community Benefit:** AS reported that negotiations for Dunmaglass and Corriegarth are still ongoing. Detailed information on the proposals for Stro-nelairg wind farm is now available.

#### 8. Any Other Competent Business

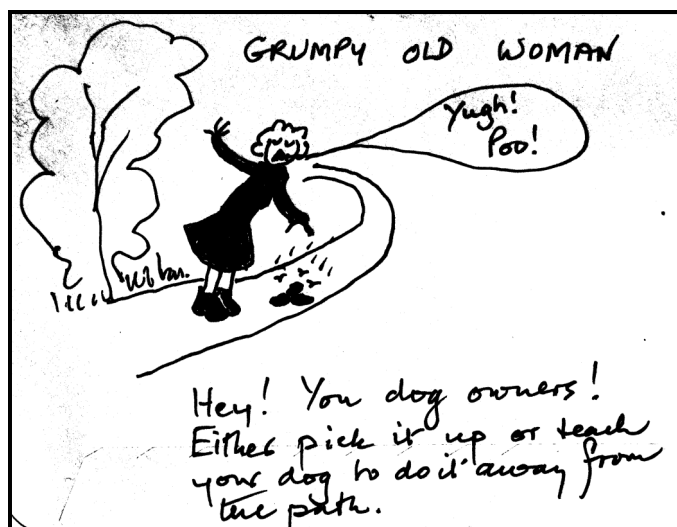
Mr Frank Ellam reported that some Army Cadets will again be coming to help with work on the Wetlands Project, and would be willing to help with other projects if requested. EM had received an enquiry about the lack of signage to the Wetlands Project. Mr Ellam said that the Forestry Commission had promised signage some time ago, but this has still not been provided. Cllr. Hardiman is due to have a meeting with FC representatives and will raise this issue. Mrs Hall of L. Foyers reported that there had been a problem with dangerous broken glass and other debris left around the bottle banks after they were emptied recently. She and another resident had cleared this up. Cllr. Davidson will speak to Mr McKinnie about this problem. EM had been notified that SSE are undertaking tree cutting prior to installing the new pipe to the power station, and that there will be firewood available for local people to collect in due course. A notice will also be put in the shop. SSE have also agreed to look at the old footpath behind the BA building, but cannot say as yet if they will be able to reinstate this.

#### 9. Planning Matters

Cllr. Hendry and DF took no part in the discussion.

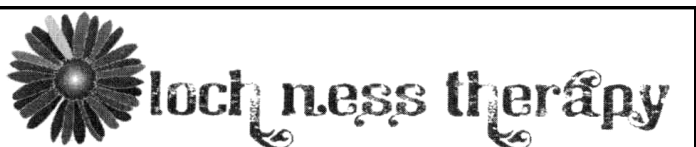
New application: To develop Camping and Caravanning Leisure Park, Monument Park, Riverside, Foyers. For the benefit of community members attending the meeting AS explained the Planning process, and the CC role within it. He also explained that the CC is arranging a public presentation of all the plans and related documents, when members of the community will have the opportunity to leave informed, written comments/suggestions with the CC for onward transmission to Planning. The CC will make its own response when all necessary information is available, plus feedback from the community. The HC Planning Authority will make its decision based on information from all sources. Several, mainly procedural, issues were raised and discussed. AS advised that if anyone felt the Statutory Notification procedures had not been followed, they should contact the Planning Department direct.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 May 2011 at Foyers Primary School.



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Raigmore Hospital	-----	-----	1400D	1400 D	Stratherrick Pri- mary School	-----	-----	1520	-----
Inverness Bus Sta- tion	0810	0830	1410	1410	Upper Foyers	-----	0930	- -----	-----
Dores Post Office	-----	0845	1425	1425	Lower Foyers	-----	0934	-----	-----
Farr Shop	0825	-----	-----	-----	Inverfarigaig	-----	0941	-----	-----
The Steadings	0835	-----	-----	-----	Errogie Tele- phone Kiosk	0937	-----	1525	1525
Dumnaglass Road End	0845	-----	-----	-----	Torness	0947	-----	1535	1535
Abersky	0850	-----	-----	-----	Abersky	0952D	-----	1544	-----
Torness	0855	0900	1435	-----	Dumnaglass Road End	0957D	-----	1549	-----
Errogie Telephone Kiosk	0905	0910	1445	-----	The Steadings	-----	-----	1559	-----
Inverfarigaig	-----	-----	-----	1442	Farr Shop	-----	-----	1610	1610
Lower Foyers	-----	-----	-----	1449	Dores Post Of- fice	0957	0958	-----	1545
Upper Foyer	-----	-----	-----	1453	Inverness Bus Station	1012	1012	1624	1600
Stratherrick Primary School	0910	-----	-----	-----	Raigmore Hospi- tal	1022D	1022 D	-----	-----
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Knockie Lodge Road End	0730	1225	-----	1225	Upper Foyers	0755	0755	1310 1623	0900 1320
Whitebridge Bus Shelter	0735	1230	-----	1230	Lower Foyers	0800	0800	1315 -----	0905 1325
Gorthleck Old Shop	0745	1240	-----	1240	Inverfarigaig Ctgs	0807	0807	1322 1630	0912 1332
Errogie Telephone Kiosk	0749	1244	-----	1244	Dores Inn	0824	0824	1339 1647	0929 1349
Torness	0758	1253r	-----	1253r	Scaniport	0831	0831	1346 1654	0936 1356
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Errogie Telephone Kiosk	1121	1616	-----	1816	The bus service only stops at the Royal Academy during term times and only school start and finish.				
Gorthleck Old Shop	1125	1620	-----	1820					
Whitebridge Bus Shelter	1135	1630	-----	1830					
Knockie Lodge Road End	1140	1635	-----	1835					



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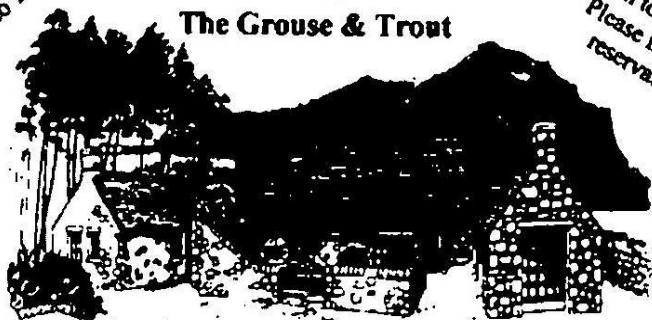
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