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A fond farewell to Rosie after 10 years in Foyers - we wish her lots of happiness with her family. A big thank you for everything you have done for all of us.



Haste ye back. xx



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Inland, Upland and Cold — Gardening on the Edge

Is it possible to grow Roses at a height of 200 metres (600 feet) in the Highlands? The answer to that seems to be both yes and no. If you are fortunate enough to have a walled garden, a courtyard or sheltered patio perhaps you are already growing the most exotic roses here. In that case you can skip this article. My garden has little shelter so forget the hybrid teas. Besides, I refuse to spend my days pruning and spraying.

Some time ago I noticed a rose that flowers in gardens all along the strath every year without fail. It is an old shrub rose, very double with a bluish tinge to the red. Perhaps someone could enlighten me as to its name. It may be a Gallica or Centiflolia rose. The Gallicas have an ancient pedigree going back to Roman times at least and the deep pink Apothecary's rose, 'Rosa Gallica officionalis', seems totally reliable here as does its striped version, the old 'Rosa mundi'. They are hardy down to -35°C They can be pruned back every winter to keep them small but they flower so profusely that their floppy stems need stout supports.

The Alba roses too will survive in our cold winters. Rosa x alba 'Maxima' or 'Great Double White sometimes known as the 'Jacobite Rose' should appeal in this area. The Gallicas and Albas mentioned have a good scent.

If your rose catalogue tells you that a rose will grow on the north wall of your house you might be best advised to ignore that advice for this part of the world. The ones that grow do not grow well or not well enough to satisfy this gardener. 'Zepherine Drouhin', that deep pink thornless rose, supposed to be a dead cert for a north wall, was killed by frost. I suppose if I had mulched it well in winter it might have survived but I'm not into coddling plants. I tried the lovely old pink rambler 'Madame Caroline Testout' on a north wall and although it survived, it reached for the sky and became very leggy with flowers at the top only, as did the rambler 'Goldfinch'. I have learned my lesson and no more do roses grow on my north walls. However, in the open garden those old shrub roses would seem to be the best bet.

Though not quite so hardy as the Gallica or Alba roses, multiflora ramblers are pretty tough (hardy to -23°C). Friends in the strath have had good success with 'Rambling Rector' a white semi double, but be careful where you site it as it is very vigorous. I find creamy 'Goldfinch' very successful.

None of the above mentioned roses are repeat flowering so you need to get out there regularly and drool over them in their due season

I have tried the delightful climbing hybrid tea 'Compassion' (apricot/pink) on a south wall. In bud it has an almost perfect form and is well scented. In milder years a strong framework can be tied in but low temperatures will take it back to its base. It is also prone to black spot. However, it is tough and over the past 20 years has always sent up new clean shoots. The golden yellow Wichurana rambler 'Emily Gray' also on a south wall, succumbed to the winter of '2009/10 after 15 years. I have had the climbing Floribunda rose 'Masquerade' since 1993. Its yellow flowers turn red as they age. It is on a west wall and had built up a good framework and flowered exceptionally well over the past few summers, I thought I'd lost it to this last winter and cut out many dead stems. I left one or two hopeful ones and behold, in July, it has produced leaves and quite a number of buds.

By the way, a rosarian at the local Horticultural Society recommends a half and half spray of water and skimmed milk for black spot. If this turns out to be against EU rules, you didn't read it here!

"Scotch Roses', also known as 'Burnet Roses' flower very early and although not repeat flowering will grow and flourish on poor sandy soils as well as putting up with cold and damp. Ideal for this area they are hardy to -35°C. They are very thorny. Their botanical name is 'Rosa pimpinellifolia (doesn't that just roll off the tongue?) They come in white, pink and yellow both single and double. My single white covered itself in glory this June and I have a soft spot for the double 'Old Yellow Scotch'. They won't let you down.

'Rosa glauca' is a very hardy wild rose from the alps. Some years it is covered in small single pink flowers. Then you end up with a show of good red hips in winter. Its other assets are bluish grey leaves and purplish stems. It has done well for me over the last 8 years.

If you can put up with the less vigorous roses never getting very big you can grow them here in our extreme climate but it would be better to stick with the traditional old roses that won't let you down. For those who would prefer repeat flowerers there are some modern hybrids available. David Austin has bred these from old shrub roses and calls them 'English Roses'. You'll find David Austin Roses on the internet and also another good source, 'Classic Roses' by Peter Beales

Wee Gairdner

THE WATERFALL CAFE IN FOYERS RE-OPENS

On Monday 2nd August the Waterfall cafe in Foyers re-opened.

Many residents and visitors joined the owners, Jan and Simon Hargreaves, for the happy occasion.

The ribbon was cut by Sadie Hipkin and Ronald MacDonald; Kitty Fraser later presented Jan

with a bouquet to thank her for the lovely party.

The rain held off and everyone had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed sampling the tasty fare now available !!

The refurbishment of the shop and cafe is now complete and Jan and Simon with all of their helpful and friendly staff are certainly "open for business".

Remember, the cafe is not only open for teas and coffees with lovely sandwiches



and cakes but hot breakfasts and lunches are now also served. On Thursday, Friday and Saturdays TakeAway food is available from 5.30pm - 8.00pm, Fish and Chips and other delights. You can telephone the Cafe on **01456 486233** for full details.

Foyers Fools Triathlon 2010

Saturday 2nd October

25 mile triathlon on both sides of Loch Ness
"Bike, kayak, run, kayak, bike, bacon butties"
See www.foyersfoolstriathlon.co.uk for full details
Please call the organisers for suitable viewing points.

On **Saturday 2nd October**, a select band of Foyers Fools will be competing once again in the brutal **25 mile multi-sport Triathlon on both sides of Loch Ness**. The course will take them biking from Allt na Goibhre down to Foyers where they will leap athletically into kayaks to paddle across the loch, before running like mountain goats up Meall fuar mhonaidh. The reverse route is a test of mind over matter as tired legs and cramps take their toll.

This race, now in its third year, is a tough one and attracts some of the **Highland's best extreme sport athletes**. Always closely fought and with a brutal uphill cycle to the finish, this is not a race for the feint-hearted.

For full details of the race please have a look at www.foyersfoolstriathlon.co.uk and if you would like to catch a glimpse of the sweaty athletes on the day then please do give the organisers, Ed & Leah Ley-Wilson, a call (telephone number on the website) and we can help with suggesting the best viewpoints.

There are a couple of local Stratherrick athletes in the line-up already.

Wade Bridge Repairs - Phase 1 Summer 2010

Whilst funding for the full restoration project is pending, work has commenced on the securing the 'base' of the bridge against flood damage thanks to a generous grant from the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust and a substantial donation from one of the local Wade Bridge Trust Directors.

This first phase involves the challenge of setting up safe access down the far south side of the bridge and in the water at the abutments. Then the intention is to pack the exposed abutment backfill with lime mortar, and pour grout into holes in the roadway to fill up all the weak spaces within the bridge abutments. If we succeed in this, the bridge should be better placed to survive a big flood.

The work, which will take place in several week long phases, has been contracted to <u>Wildland Services</u> - run by Brian Wilson and based in Ullapool.

THE AGM FOR THE BOLESKINE BULLETIN IS DUE TO BE HELD AT

STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2010

AT 7.30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND IT WOULD BE LOVELY TO SEE YOU.

THE BOLESKINE BULLETIN IS PRODUCED BY A FEW WILLING VOLUNTEERS AND IN OR-DER FOR IT TO CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO ASSIST.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

COULD YOU SPARE JUST A FEW HOURS EVERY 3 MONTHS?

COULD YOU PERHAPS HELP WITH THE DELIVERY IN YOUR AREA?

ARE YOU A BUDDING REPORTER? DO YOU HAVE A GOOD STORY TO WRITE/TELL?

Cut backs will strike our elderly folk first. Day Care Costs could double.

Highland Council's Telford centre in Fort Augustus, which provides day care, is to increase its costs from October. At present a mini bus collects folk once a week and takes them down to F.A. for the day. They are able to do some shopping in the village and go on to the centre for lunch and benefit from all the facilities provided within the centre. At present they are asked to pay £1 for transport and £3.56 for a mid-day meal.

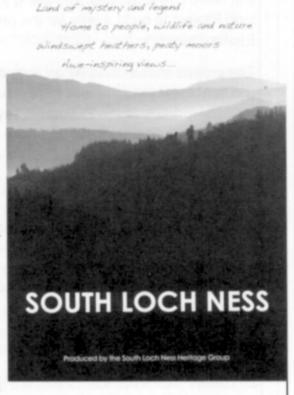
As part of cost cutting and savings to be implemented throughout the Highland region, the Housing and Social Work committee produced a report in May of this year outlining the proposed changes to day care provision. There will be a flat rate of £5 for day care provision (which will include any transport used). On top of this flat rate the cost of the meal will be added (at present this will not be increased). Therefore our elderly pensioners will be asked to pay £8.56 instead of £4.56. Highland Council is currently facilitating other possible ways of assisting local communities to provide the social needs of the elderly in the future.

NEW SOUTH LOCH NESS BOOKLET

The South Loch Ness Heritage Group has produced a stunning new full colour 44 page booklet covering the south side of Loch Ness from Dores to Whitebridge. The contents include Wildlife & Nature, Peoples Past, The Coming of the Kirk, Wade & Telford, Transport, Sports, People & the Land and Forestry. In addition there are 4 pages for each of the main villages: Dores, Inverfarigaig, Foyers, Gorthleck and Whitebridge with detailed maps showing the locations of items of interest and also suggested walking routes.

A sample of 7 pages can be viewed on the Heritage website www.southlochnessheritage.co.uk and also on the Heritage Group's page on the Community website www.stratherrick.net.

The book retails for £3 but orders for 10 copies or more can be purchased for £2 each (maybe appealing to guest house or B & B owners?). Stocks are held locally by Frank Ellam at Easter Boleskine 486691, Bob Main at Lower Foyers 486317 and by Graeme Ambrose at Evergreen 486457. Copies can be posted and the cost including p & p charge for second class mail in a padded envelope is £4.16 for one copy. For copies to be posted please contact Frank Ellam.



HOLIDAY CLUB 2010

The theme of this year's Holiday Club, which ran from 2nd to 6th August, was "Junior Heroes". Twenty-six children, from the local area and Dores, signed up for the club.

The walls of Gorthleck Hall were beautifully decorated with individually designed shields and castle ramparts with a portcullis, designed by Margaret Fraser, to set the scene for the Bible stories and the Craft activities. The Bible stories told of the heroic exploits of five young people and the crafts involved the children making various pieces of armour necessary for warfare in Bible times.

Each day started at 2p.m., with games in the Community Field. The weather was kind that week and the large variety of games proved very popular. Then it was back to the Hall for refreshments, followed by the story. To finish off each day, a new piece of armour was made, so that, by the end of the week, the children were able to wear all their armour for the finale on Friday afternoon, to which parents and friends were invited.

Thanks are due to the team of local volunteers, comprising Fiona Bateman, Margaret Campbell, Margaret Fraser, Fiona King and Sandy and Ishbel MacLure, who met before the event to plan the programme, and committed their time to working with the youngsters for the week. The team would like to give special thanks to teenagers, Ewan Fraser and Fraser Macpherson, who organised the games and took charge of the kitchen, making an invaluable contribution to the success of the club.

The Army Comes To Boleskine and Stratherrick

Cadets from the Tayforth University Officer Training Corps. came to our area in June just as the last issue of the Bulletin was going to print. They were here at the invitation of the Boleskine Wetland Project to build a jetty for the project that is located in the hills above Loch Ness adjacent to Easter Boleskine.

The project started in 2007 as partnership between the Forestry Commission for Scotland and a group of local volunteers to excavate a barren piece of former farmland and turn it into a wetland. Regular readers of the Bulletin will know that financial support has been received from the BBC Breathing Spaces scheme and from Scottish and Southern Energy via the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust. The project has been a great success with local volunteers having been involved in laying a disabled access path, planting native trees in 2 enclosures and building a bird hide.

It has also provided space for educational trips by both Foyers and Stratherrick Schools visiting for pond dipping to monitor species in the wetland. It was during one of these trips, overseen by Katy Martin of the Highland Rangers, that Katy observed that there might be a risk of habitat in the foliage growing up around the perimeter of the pond being unintentionally damaged during these visits. The project is already home to a number of species of dragonflies and damselflies as well as the life within the pond itself. The jetty enables children and other parties to be over the water for pond dipping and a close up view without disturbing the edges.

35 cadets plus a number of officers billeted at the Stratherrick Public Hall at Gorthleck Hall for the best part of a week. The cadets, mostly students from universities in Dundee, Stirling and St.Andrews provided their skills free of charge leaving only materials to be purchased.

10 cadets plus 2 officers were involved in constructing the jetty which included sinking 21 posts deep into the pond floor. All involved were often up to their chests in the water whilst the swallows continued to swoop around collecting their food from the surface of the pond. The Project can now be left to mature naturally over the coming years.

The remaining cadets undertook other community projects in the area including giving the Stratherrick Hall an external make over and repairing the fences, improving access to the grotto behind the Catholic Church at Whitebridge and securing picnic benches and tables at Glenlia.

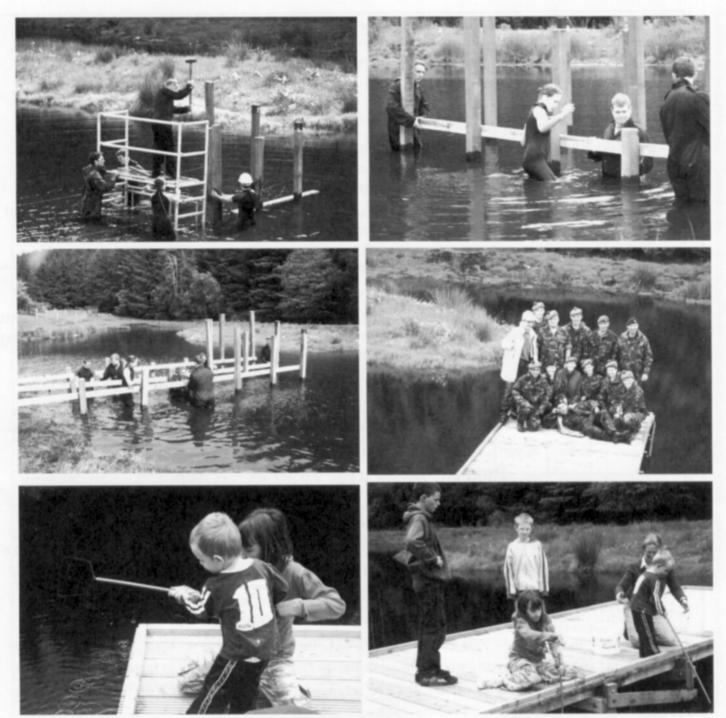
We thank all the cadets and officers who helped with these projects and, in particular, those at the Wetlands who included Major Gordon Anderson, Sgt. Major Brian Bellman, Sapper Harry McCammond, Gunner Fiona McLeod, together with cadets Eleanor Ruddy, David Mason, Charlie Hermet and Johnathon Voigt.

As well as the grants funders mentioned above, the Wetland Project has also received support from Highland Council, Jacobite Cruises, Baxters Loch Ness Marathon and B & Q.

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Website

The community website is live, containing all the local information you will ever need as a resident of Stratherrick and Foyers.

Bookmark it, add to your favourites, and contribute whenever you have something to say! www.stratherrick.net



The first 4 photos above show the cadets at work on the jetty construction and the 2 below show Jamie, Chloe, Liam and Lewis from Foyers taking advantage of the completed jetty for pond dipping."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note the change of address for the Editor of the Boleskine Bulletin on the back page of this edition the telephone number and the email address remain the same.

Envelopes for the editor can be dropped into the surgery in Lower Foyers for Julie Craven

FOYERS FERRY PROGRESS

If you support the idea of a ferry service to Drumnadrochit please write to Neil McKie - 20 Ashill, EVANTON, Ross-shire. IV16 9XB.

OR email nmckie@googlemail.com

I have been advised by a Community Business Support group that I should have at least 150 names to create a lever to pressure politicians and various business start up bodies to take the project seriously. I have proposed a small pilot scheme using existing piers and a small passenger vessel capable of carrying 30 passengers. If the boat was purchased the cost is estimated at £30,000 and the manning would be on a volunteer basis. The trip would take about 30 Mins.

E- mail from Maureen Brown

"Thank you to all of you in Foyers and district for your generous contributions and kind wishes on the occasion of my retirement. The last seventeen years at Foyers school have been challenging and rewarding and I will look back on them with very fond memories."

Maureen Brown

Stratherrick and Foyers Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

Parent, baby and toddler playgroup starts up again on Wednesday 18th August between 10.30 and 12.30 at Stratherrick Hall in Gorthleck.

All mums, dads, grandparents, babies and children welcome! £2 per family per week. Each week sees a variety of craft activities and play ideas. This session we hope to renew and add to the group's toys and plan some exciting outings and events.

The group is fun and very informal and we look forward to welcoming along new families. It can be a bit of a daunting prospect to walk through the door of any group if you don't know someone. We operate a buddy system where you can contact an office bearer who will arrange to meet you and welcome you along to the group. Transport can often be arranged if anyone would like a lift from their house to the playgroup;

call office bearers Susan on 486411, Sarah 486291, Elinor 486400 and Carol-Ann 07970887913 and we can arrange to pick you up.

Christian Comment

"Perfect Partners" is a popular page in many local papers like the Inverness Courier. Most people like companionship of some sort or another – one of the most difficult aspects of a personal bereavement is the sense of loneliness. None of this is surprising since we read in the very early chapters of the Bible that God said 'It is not good for man to live alone' (Genesis 2 v 18). In the Book of Proverbs which contains the wise sayings of King Solomon of Jerusalem in the 10th century before Christ, he states that there is a 'friend who sticks closer than a brother' (Proverbs 18 v 24). Jesus himself said 'Greater love hath no man

than that he lays down his life for his friend'. This is a saying that is often mentioned at Remembrance Sunday Services as we recall those who gave their lives for their companions – there have been striking examples of this in the present peace-keeping efforts in Afghanistan.

How may we find help in our loneliness? Hopefully we may have good friends and neighbours who will share time with us. We can turn to Jesus in prayer in response to His invitation, 'Come unto me, all who are tired . . . and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11 v 28). We can sense His friendship when we join together with other Christians as He promised: 'Where two or three are met in my name there am I in the midst of them' (Matthew 18 v 20). This is part of the value of belonging to a Church congregation where we should be able to experience the 'fellowship of the Holy Spirit' – since it is the Holy Spirit who makes the presence of God real to us in this, and in many other ways. Joseph Scriven, the writer of the hymn 'What a friend we have in Jesus' expresses these truths in a manner which has been a great help to very many people.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, o what needless pain we bear –

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

Martyn Bateman

Dates for the diary!

Harvest Supper A family Harvest Supper is planned for Friday 8th October starting at 7.00pm in the Stratherrick Hall, to which all are welcome. Tickets (£7.50 for adults, £15 for a family) may be had from Church Members. All proceeds in aid of the Mission Aviation Fellowship. Details Martyn Bateman: 01456 486273

<u>Stratherrick War Memorial</u> A short service will be held on Remembrance Sunday 14th October at 3.00pm to which everyone is invited.

Church Meetings

Church of Scotland

Sunday: Boleskine 10.00am, Dores 11.30am. Mr Ian King 01463 751 293

United Services for Boleskine and Dores are at 11.00 a.m. on the last Sunday of each month at alternate venues.

Episcopal Church - St Paul's Strathnairn

Sunday: 11.00am. The Very Reverend Gerald Stranraer-Mull 01463 870986

Free Church

Sunday: 4.30pm Errogie. Mr S. McLure 01456 486435

Free Church Continuing

Sunday: 11.00am & 6.30pm Wednesday: 7.30pm. Dores Mr D. Fraser 01456 486408

Free Presbyterian Church

6.00pm Gorthleck, every 4th Sunday. Mrs E. Fraser 01456 486282

Roman Catholic Church

12.30 pm, alternate Sundays, Whitebridge. Mrs Therese Finley 01456 486678

Inter-denominational Bible Study Thursdays 7.30 pm Rev. Martyn Bateman 01456 486 273

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27th APRIL 2010 AT THE STRATHERRICK HALL, GORTHLECK

Members present

Mr M. Houston (Chairman), Mrs E. Merther (Secretary), Mrs K. Grant (Treasurer), Mr M. Bateman, Mr A. Sutherland

Councillor M. Davidson, Councillor D. Hendry, Police Constable A. Mathieson, Mr M. Sutherland, Loch Ness Marathon organiser, Mr P. Thompson and Mr G. Ambrose, South Loch Ness Way

Apologies received:

Mr K. Fraser, Mrs L. MacAdam, Mr A. MacPherson, Mr A. Nicol Mr N. Kirkland, Councillor H. Carmichael

Loch Ness Marathon Mr Malcolm Sutherland attended the meeting to report on changes which have been made to the start and finish points for this year's Marathon on 3rd October. The finishing point has been moved from Queens Park to the Bught, where there will also be an 'event village'. It is hoped this will improve involvement in the event for the local community. The start line will now be further up the hill at Whitebridge, past the Knockie turning, on the long straight below the cattle grid. This takes the start away from any houses, and it is hoped will give a faster start and also allow for better management and safety at the start. The Chairman suggested that notices be provided well in advance of the event to notify residents of the changes, and any changes in traffic restrictions. Mr Sutherland agreed this was a good idea. The Chairman thanked Mr Sutherland for keeping the CC informed.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

South Loch Ness Way Mr Graeme Ambrose and Mr Phil Thompson attended to give an update on progress with plans for the South Loch Ness Way. Some sections of the final route are still to be decided, but must be suitable for walkers and horse riders, and within the budget available. Maps showing the various options being considered were presented. The trail will be 1.5m wide and constructed using local material where possible. It is intended to connect with the various communities along the Way, and to provide suitable interpretive material and signs. Preparation towards construction is well under way. Work has been put out to tender, and a short-list of possible contractors selected, favouring those with appropriate past experience, and with emphasis being placed on Health & Safety issues and environmental aspects. It is hoped that a start can be made by early March 2011. Once in place, overall responsibility for organising maintenance and any necessary funding will rest with Destination Loch Ness. The Chairman thanked Mr Ambrose and Mr Thompson for their presentation.

Key Worker/Affordable Housing Cllr. Davidson reported that she believed Albyn are currently hoping to submit their Planning Application in the next couple of months, with a view to making a start early next year. As previously reported, some serviced HSCHT plots may be available earlier

than this

Wade's Bridge at Whitebridge Mr Bateman reported that it is hoped that stage one of the work planned will begin in July.

Fraser Monument & Burial Ground at Foyers The Secretary reported that she has contacted Laing Traditional Masonry, and they will be sending their report and estimate shortly.

Report of Leaking Sewage at Gorthleck Hall The Chairman has made enquiries with the Hall Committee. The problem is not related to sewage. but is surface water. The best way of dealing with this is being explored.

Correspondence
Highland Council Correspondence

Development Plan Scheme 2010 - available at local post office or online at: www.highland.gov.uk/developmentplans

Update on Community Council Review

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 - Highland Policy Statement

Budget Brief 2010-11

email: Budget Consultation (circulated)

Other Correspondence & Circulars Received

Minutes of Inverness Area CC Forum 19.04.10 (circulated)

Letter from residents of the Vennal re winter snow problems

Annual Report from Dave Thompson, MSP

Notice of events from British Waterways (Scotland)

Leaflets - SMP Outdoor play and fitness equipment

Treasurer's Report

Balances are as follows

Project A/c - £5663.58

Ordinary A/c - £981.34 (including £362 in grant money for Fraser Monument, and £11.73 held for Mr J. Campbell, Senior Citizen's Fund) The Treasurer will ask Mr Campbell if he will kindly audit our 2009/2010 accounts in preparation for the AGM.

Planning Matters

Cllr. Hendry left the meeting during discussion of planning matters.

(a) New applications:

Corriegarth Lodge, Gorthleck - Addition of two-storey tower and turret

Glenlia Farm, Foyers - Siting of portable deer larder

SSE Erection of 33,000 volt wood pole overhead line at Tyndrum, Gorthleck

There were no objections.

(b) Other planning matters: Mrs Grant had received a complaint about erection of unauthorised B & B signs. She was advised that the complainants themselves could contact the Enforcement Office in the Planning Department to report exact details of the problem.

The Secretary had received an enquiry about a building extension to a property in Foyers. She has passed the enquiry to the Enforcement Office who will ascertain if this is a permitted development.

Roads and Signage

Outstanding Matters
Ditch in front of Lynemhor Lodge - Mr Fraser was present and reported that the Council has started work on this. The water has been drained away, but he believes there is still work to be completed.

Pavement to Foyers School - Cllr. Davidson reported that the Parent Council is pursuing this through the Safer Routes to School fund. There are many forms to be completed and stages to go through, but a start has been made, and she will help to move things forward.

Safety at Foyers bailey bridge - PC Mathieson suggested that if drivers using excessive speed on this route can be identified, he will speak to them about the problem. He would also be willing to carry out some speed checks if this was thought to be useful. It was noted that apart from one or two local drivers the main problem is with delivery vans.

Bridge in Lower Foyers

Cllr. Davidson reported that a meeting on the Capital Programme is imminent.

Other Roads Items

The Chairman reported that there is currently some forestry work under way at Dell, Whitebridge, and the many large potholes along the Dell road have been filled with concrete for the present. Following the severe winter weather there are reports of many badly broken road edges - notably at Loch Ceoglais, the Calanour junction, and on the Torness to Newlands road. A letter will be sent. Mr Fraser also reported that there is still a large amount of debris from the trees which fell across roads with the snowfall. Roads were cleared, but nothing has been done since. Branches and tree debris are impeding lay-bys and passing places on all the roads affected, and it was felt that a good clearance is needed. Clirs. Davidson and Hendry will raise this matter.

Community Project - Gorthleck
The Chairman reported that the Project is still slowly moving forward. The Project Manager has made applications for funds.

Renewable Energy and Community Benefit

Mr Sutherland reported that a further meeting is scheduled regarding community benefit from the Dunmaglass scheme. It is hoped to negotiate an improved offer. He also reported that the Community Trust has given an grant of £10,000 towards the section of the South Loch Ness Way which falls within the Trust area, and also subject to some conditions such as choice of route, and planning permission.

Any Other Competent Business

(a) Mr Sutherland reported that a recent litter tidying exercise had identified areas where fly tipping of building rubble is a problem. PC Mathieson said that there is due to be some press publicity about this matter, and that it is important to report any incidents to the Police. There has been a recent successful prosecution. The Highland Council also has Enforcement Officers to deal with these incidents. Mrs Grant identified an area on the Torness road where dumping is a problem, and Cllr. Davidson said that she would see about getting rubbish removed.

(b) Mr Donald Forbes attended the meeting to inform the CC about a public meeting arranged for 12th May 2010. This is about the plans he and his wife have for a camping and caravan park at Lower Foyers. It will be a drop-in event from 5.00 to 8.00 p.m. at the Foyers Primary School.

Notices will be posted.

(c) Mrs Grant had received a complaint about unsightly scrap cars dumped at the Fire Station in Gorthleck. PC Mathieson explained that these are used for training purposes by the Fire Brigade, and he believes they are not there long-term. An enquiry will be made.

(d) Mrs Grant had received complaints about articulated lorries for the Glendoe scheme travelling at speed along the Gorthleck road. It was understood that the lorries should not be using this route. Cllr. Davidson will speak to SSE, and the CC will also write to the Liaison Officer.

(e) Mrs Grant enquired about the possibility of some pavement being provided for school access at Gorthleck. Cllr. Davidson indicated that funds should be available under the Safer Routes to School scheme. Mrs Grant will speak to the Parent Council about this, and Clir. Davidson will be able to help them with the necessary procedures.

(f) The Chairman has made enquiries with the Forestry Commission about the matter of tree seeding between adjacent plantations, and is awaiting a written confirmation of their reply.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th MAY 2010 AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL, FOYERS

Members present: Mr M. Houston (Chairman), Mrs E. Merther (Secretary), Mrs K. Grant (Treasurer), Mr M. Bateman, Mrs L. McAdam, Mr A. MacPherson, Mr A. Nicol, Mr A. Sutherland

Also present: Councillor H. Carmichael, Councillor M. Davidson, Councillor D. Hendry, Mr N. Kirkland

Apologies received: Mr K. Fraser, Police Constable A. Mathieson

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Wade's Bridge at Whitebridge Mr Bateman confirmed that initial work should be going ahead in June or July this year.

Fraser Monument & Burial Ground at Fovers Report and estimate from Laing Traditional Masonry is awaited.

Right of Way through Knockie Estate A letter and map of the proposed new route has been received from Stewart Eastaugh, the Access Officer. Members felt that the proposal is acceptable, but made the point that the matter of the cattle feeding station on the route had not been mentioned, although it had been the subject of some discussion. The Chairman will speak to Mr Eastaugh about this, and if necessary a letter will be sent to emphasise the importance of re-siting the feeding station.

Lorries Accessing Glendoe Scheme Enquiries had established that some HQC lorries had been using the road through Gorthleck. Mr Douglas Gilchrist of SSE has advised HQC that this route should not be used. The Chairman advised that a note should be taken of registration numbers and company names of any vehicles believed to be using this route to access the scheme so that the necessary action can be taken. It was recognised that there will be lorries and other vehicles using this route which are nothing to do with the Glendoe scheme.

Highland Council Budget Consultation Notices have been received advising of meetings to discuss possible budget cuts in Highland Council area.

Mrs Grant will attend one of these meetings for the CC.

Correspondence

Highland Council Correspondence:

Highland Core Path Improvement Scheme Introduction of speed limit - B862 at Whitebridge

Notification - Dates for Budget Consultation meetings (circulated)

Proposed route - Knockie Estate right of way

Other Correspondence & Circulars Received:

Invoice - Publication of Minutes in Boleskine Bulletin

Invoice - Renewal of Data Protection Act registration

Scottish Health Council - Annual Report

Consumer Focus Scotland - Guide to Common Repairs

Leaflet - Outdoor play equipment

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for the year 01.04.09 to 31.03.10. Mr J. Campbell had very kindly audited the accounts for the CC and signed them as correct.

Balances at present are as follows:

Project A/c - £4863.58

Ordinary A/c - £965.34 (including £362 in grant money for Fraser Monument, and £11.73 held for Mr J. Campbell, Senior Citizens' Fund)

Cheques were written at the meeting: £250.00 to the Boleskine Bulletin

£35.00 for Data Protection Registration

Planning Matters

Cllr. Hendry left the meeting during discussions. Cllr. Carmichael took no part in discussions.

(a) New applications:

Erection of log cabin - land 250m North of Boleskine House, Foyers A site visit was arranged.

Upgrading and extensions to cottage - Upper Cultie, Gorthleck There were no objections.

(b) Other planning matters:

Cllr. Davidson had passed on information relating to Forestry Commission plans for timber clearance in an area adjacent to the pass in Inverfarigaig. It was felt that this would be an ideal opportunity for the problem of overhanging trees, and trees too close to the road to be dealt with throughout this area, where they are on FC land. The Chairman will contact Mr Risby of the Forestry Commission with a view to arranging a site meeting to discuss this. Cllr. Davidson also wishes to be involved in this meeting.

Fire Brigade Report

Mr Kirkland reported that the Fire Service has to achieve budget cuts of £1.2 million this year. It is not known yet whether this will affect the provision of the new Fire Station at Gorthleck. He confirmed that the scrap cars seen at the Fire Station are for the purpose of practising casualty extraction techniques, and are only on site short term. With the current high prices of scrap metal they are having difficulty in getting enough scrap cars, so will be putting an advertisement in the Boleskine Bulletin.

Roads and Signage

Outstanding Matters

No response had been received to our letter of 30th April to Mr Richard Evans regarding matters raised at the last meeting. Cllr. Carmichael will follow this up.

Bridge at Lower Foyers Cllr. Davidson reported that decisions on the Capital Programme are due in June.

Other Roads Items A resident reported the presence of dangerous loose gravel across the road on the first sharp bend at the top of the Dores brae, which is causing vehicles to skid. A report will be sent. A notice regarding the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit in Whitebridge has been received. Mr Nicol enquired about progress with the reduction in the speed limit through Foyers, which has already been agreed. An enquiry will be made. Mrs Grant reported that the Parent Council at Stratherrick School has started the 'Safer Routes to School' application process with a view to getting more pavement provided. Mr Kirkland asked about the provision of flashing 'smiley face' speed warning signs. Cllr. Davidsion advised that these are not provided under the normal roads budget, and suggested that they might be included in the school application.

Community Project - Gorthleck

The Chairman reported that information is awaited from the Project Manager on some changes to the current application.

Renewable Energy and Community Benefit

Mr Sutherland reported that a meeting in relation to the Dunmaglass scheme had been held with the other CCs involved. The CCs had agreed the percentage split for the community benefit. The developer was still making a very low offer per unit, and this had been rejected by the CCs. An improved offer is awaited.

Any Other Competent Business

(a) Parents from the Whitebridge area attended the meeting to raise the question of transport for secondary age children wishing to attend the Kilchuimen Academy in Fort Augustus. Whitebridge is not in the catchment area for the School, but it is the preferred School for a significant number of families in that area. Cllr. Davidson reported that there is to be a meeting for parents with the Education Manager to review the catchment area and transport provision. Cllr. Hendry advised that in this situation there has to be a statutory consultation. The CC noted that if there was a regular service bus between Foyers and Fort Augustus this would be extremely beneficial both for local residents and for tourists, who could then travel right round Loch Ness by bus. It would also solve the problem of school transport.

(b) There was a Public Consultation planning meeting in relation to the proposed application for a camp/caravan site in Lower Foyers. A Riverside resident wished to know why the CC had expressed their support for the project in November last year without a community consultation. The Chairman explained that there has been no detailed application made. The CC expressed support in principal for the provision of a facility of this type in Foyers. The Public Consultation was an opportunity for people to express their views, and there will be further opportunities if and when a detailed application is made. The CC will be able to decide on the appropriate course of action at that time, when it has all the relevant

information.

(c) The Secretary reported that she has obtained an address for BT Broadband in Scotland. In view of the large number of complaints about the poor or totally absent service in many parts of the Gorthleck exchange area, it was agreed that she should write to try to get BT to improve the situation. It was agreed that copies should be sent to our MP and to HIE.

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2010 AT THE STRATHER-RICK HALL, GORTHLECK

Members present:

Mr M. Houston (Chairman) Mrs E. Merther (Secretary) Mr M. Bateman Mr A. MacPherson Mr A. Sutherland

Also present: Councillor M. Davidson Mr Paul Davies and representatives of Care in Strathnairn Apologies received: Mr K. Fraser Mrs L. McAdam Mr A. Nicol Councillor H. Carmichael Councillor D. Hendry

Care In Strathnairn

Mr Paul Davies and other members of the Care in Strathnairn scheme kindly attended to outline how their scheme works. They have recently received several requests from the Stratherrick area, and it was agreed that we need to look at the possibility of setting up a scheme in our own area, or linking with Strathnairn, where the necessary infrastructure is already in place. Mr Davies explained that they have some funding from Highland Council and some from their Community Benefit Fund. As with our own Community Trust, money from the Benefit Fund has to be spent within their own area. After a fairly slow start they now find that requests for help are growing, and their volunteers are quite fully occupied. He outlined the type of jobs their volunteers can do for people who qualify for help. Broadly these are practical tasks around the house and garden which able-bodied people would normally carry out for themselves, but not jobs which would definitely need to be carried out by a tradesman. They have a Friendship Group and a befriending scheme, both aimed at reducing the isolation of elderly or infirm residents, and also operate a very successful minibus transport scheme. There was some discussion on how Strathnairn organise and prioritise requests for jobs and use of their minibus, and the procedures required in the recruitment of volunteers. It was agreed that further discussion is needed on the best way to proceed with this, and Strathnairn representatives kindly agreed to provide some financial information on their scheme, and to help in any other way they could. It was felt that links between the two areas could be very beneficial. The Chairman thanked Mr Davies and the other members for attending, and for their very helpful information.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Wade's Bridge at Whitebridge Mr Bateman reported that it is hoped to start work at the beginning of July.

Fraser Monument & Burial Ground at Foyers The Secretary has been in touch with Laing Traditional Masonry and the report on the Monument is in preparation.

Right of Way through Knockie Estate As previously discussed, a letter has been sent regarding re-siting of the cattle feeding station.

Highland Council Budget Consultation Mrs Grant, our Treasurer, is attending one of these meetings.

Broadband Provision As previously discussed, the Secretary has sent a letter to BT Broadband regarding the very poor service in this area, and asking what plans they have to improve the service. Copies have been sent to our MP and to HIE. No response has been received as yet. Cllr. Davidson will speak to Andrea Rutherford of HIE to see if she will discuss this with us.

Correspondence

Highland Council Correspondence: Notification of CC Grant for 2010/11

Other Correspondence & Circulars Received:

Community Councils Forum - Notice of AGM on 24th August 2010 (circulated)

Confirmation of Renewal of Data Protection Registration

Information on proposal for Foyers Ferry

Notice on SURF (Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network)

Digital Switchover - Digital Outreach scheme

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present, and is believed to be attending a Budget Consultation Meeting.

Planning Matters

(a) New application: Erection of house at Cultie, Gorthleck (PIP) - A site visit was arranged.

(b) Other planning matters: A date for the meeting with the Forestry Commission is still to be finalised.

Roads and Signage

(a) Outstanding Matters

Matters raised in our letter of 30th April are now receiving attention, and an apology has been received for the delay in reponse. The Secretary has been in touch about the change in the speed limit through Foyers. It appears that this has been overlooked. She has passed on all the relevant information to Mr Angus MacDonald of TEC Services, and he has promised to follow this up. Cllr. Davidson will enquire about progress.

Cllr. Davidson reported that the loose gravel on the Dores brae has been swept up on a couple of occasions, and will probably need to be done

(b) Bridge in Lower Foyers There is still no certainty about when this project is likely to go ahead, particularly with all the present budget cuts. However, Cllr. Davidson is going to make a start on the preliminary work required by contacting Historic Scotland regarding the old bridge. The aim will be to get any potential obstacles to the project removed, so that if "slippage" money becomes available from other bridge projects ours can go ahead.

(c) Other Roads Items

Clir. Davidson reported on the funds available for work on minor roads, and also that there is some wind farm money available for this. She will try to find out exactly what work is planned.

The problem of the sunken culvert at the Calanour junction remains. It was reported that a poor patching job has been done. A further letter will be sent.

There is a spring which persistently forces its way up in the middle of the road close to one of the sharp bends about half way between Foyers and Dores on the B852. A large hole is developing. A letter will be sent.

Community Project - Gorthleck

A response to the application for Lottery funding is awaited.

Renewable Energy and Community Benefit

Mr Sutherland reported that negotiations on the Dunmaglass scheme are continuing. In future schemes the possibility of community purchase of one of the wind turbines may be considered.

Any Other Competent Business

(a) A further copy letter regarding anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Stratherrick Hall had been received from the Hall Committee. It was reported that the Housing Department are dealing with this. A suggestion had been made that CCTV should be installed at the Hall, and members felt this was an excellent idea. A letter of support will be sent. It was noted that there was a report in the Boleskine Bulletin regarding the drainage problems at the Hall. It was found that the drain at the front of the Hall had been vandalised, causing sewage to back up. This has now been repaired, at considerable cost to Hall funds.

(b) It was noted that CC elections will be due again towards the end of the year, and the necessary preliminary steps will be set in motion shortly.

The Chairman has spoken to Mr Sandy MacLure, who has agreed to act as Returning Officer.

(c) Mr Sutherland reported that an excellent South Loch Ness Handbook has been produced by the Heritage Group, and is available through

Graeme Ambrose.

(d) Two residents from Lower Foyers presented letters from nine residents expressing concern regarding the proposed caravan/camping development in Lower Foyers. Copies of these will be forwarded to the Planning Department. Cllr. Davidson advised that no application has yet been made, and it may be that the proposal might have to be amended in the light of residents' comments. She also advised the residents that they should send details of their concerns to the developers.

(e) Mr MacPherson reported that the Stratherrick Clay Target Club has recently celebrated its 120th anniversary. He advised that their regular

shoot is on alternate Thursday evenings at 6.30 p.m., and they are happy to welcome new members.

Date of Next Meeting

There is no meeting in July, so the next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th August 2010 at the Foyers Primary School.

6TH YEAR OF BIRD SURVEY GIVES MIXED RESULTS.

For the sixth year running the B.E.N. Wildlife Recording Group have been monitoring the breeding wader populations in Stratherrick. Results are sent annually to the R.S.P.B. for their records.

2010 has been a mixed year. On a positive note, curlews have done well. In previous years few fledglings have been recorded despite good numbers of pairs noted. However, this year out of twenty pairs thirteen fledglings were confirmed. Oystercatchers and lapwings had a poor year with no lapwing fledglings seen and only one oystercatcher fledgling despite reasonable numbers of pairs. The same can be said of redshank and snipe - no fledglings were seen. Around the edges of the lochs, numbers of common sandpiper were down, although fledglings seen were much the same as in other years.

No ringed or golden plover have been seen this year in the strath. If any readers can give us confirmed sightings, we would be grateful.

So - a disappointing year! Could the wet and cold season have had a significant effect on the survival of the next generation of our waders. Here's hoping for a better spring in 2011!

Rosemary: 486631 Jane: 476355 Boleskine Environmental Network

Obituaries SANDY MATHESON 1956-2010

Stratherrick and the surrounding district was shocked on the 12th of April by the sudden and untimely death of Sandy Matheson, Ruthven.

Sandy is survived by his wife Norry and family Ali, Andrew and Norette, to whom we extend deepest and sincere condolences on their loss.

Norry and Sandy met in 1st April 1989 and were married at Drumtemple Church in November 91. The following year the twins, Ali and Andrew were born.

A keen sportsman in his younger days, Sandy played football for Farr United and enjoyed games of pool, darts and snooker. Latterly he was involved with Boleskine Shinty Club, being a committee member for many years.

Sandy had a great love of the local area, its history, wildlife and its people, and in all public matters he was always insistent that things should be conducted in a proper manner.

Sandy's death has left a void in the agricultural community locally. He had run the family farm at Ruthven since the death of his father in August 1983. The Matheson family have been tenants of Ruthven farm since his grandfather John took over the lease in 1912.

A farming colleague said on a casual look over Sandy's new lambs some of them looked not so good and smallish and most farmers would have rid of them at the first sale possible. But Sandy was a believer in giving everything a chance in life and when the farmer next saw the alleged poor lambs in the autumn sale ring there was very little difference if any between them and the best that went through the mart that day.

Sandy's facial expressions, the way his face lit up with enjoyment when being told a joke or an amusing anecdote, will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, as well as his exclamations "Did he" "Never" that inevitably went along with his expressions.

Following the service in Drumtemple Church, Ali & Andrew helped carry their father's coffin to his final resting place, in the adjacent graveyard. The large attendance at Sandy's funeral was a tribute to the high esteem and affection with which he was held by all, whose presence his life had touched.

ANN ROSE 1934 - 2010

Ann was born in 1934 in Errogie. She attended Stratherrick School and Inverness Royal Academy. In the 1950's her parents, David and Dolina, moved to Suilven, Gorthleck, which became Ann's family home and the place she just loved to be.

Ann has an elder sister Elizabeth but their dear brother John tragically died when he was training to be a Doctor of Medicine.

Ann excelled at school and became a qualified teacher; she taught in Lasswade before returning to Gorthleck to begin her 32

year long career at the Academy in Inverness where she taught Domestic Science (Home Economics to the younger readers!). Ann became Lady Superintendent in 1964 and Principle Teacher of Guidance in 1974 and was much respected and loved as a teacher. Even until her death in May this year she was receiving letters and cards from her old pupils, many advising that they were still using her recipes, especially the one for her Christmas Cake! Many in the area will have sampled this for themselves. Ann was often being invited to Weddings and Christenings as although her pupils grew up and moved on they never forgot their rather special teacher. Many ex pupils and staff colleagues attended her funeral at Boleskine Church, Drumtemple in June. A most wonderful accolade for such a caring mentor.

After retiring Ann became very involved locally and enjoyed some fun treks with the Ladies Walking Group. When not out visiting her many friends she would spend blissful hours in her garden, she helped with the Boleskine Bulletin and of course was a staunch member of her Church; Ann also regularly attended the Church of Scotland at Drumtemple, a short walk from her home.

Ann was adored by her family, and her two nephews, David and Bruce, have many wonderful tales to tell of their Aunt and their holidays at Suilven as young boys and students! Great nieces and nephews no doubt have their own special memories too.

Ann had been seriously ill many years ago and would always say how fortunate she was to have been given the chance of "all these extra years". Although Ann was a very private person she was so generous with her time and was truly interested in everyone who crossed her path, the attributes of a wonderful friend.

Despite the seriousness of her last illness she remained uncomplaining and totally selfless. During her stay at the Highland Hospice all she just wanted was to get strong enough to return home to Suilven, and despite the ice and snow she got her wish. Ann spent the final weeks of her life in her beloved home and died there on 27th May 2010.

Those who spent time with Ann at Suilven will recall the hours she would spend doing "correspondence" at her dining table - glancing over to Meall Fuarmhonaidh and allowing herself to become lost for a few moments in its ever changing beauty. It was so fitting that that the sun shone so brightly on Meall Fuar-mhonaidh that final day.

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Website

The community website is live, containing all the local information you will ever need as a resident of Stratherrick and Foyers.

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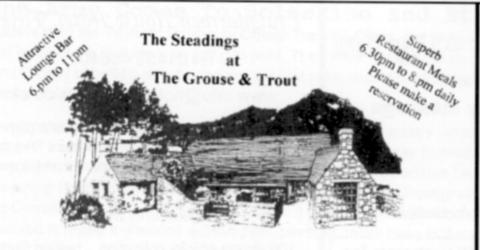
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