

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED



Chair's bulletin September 2017

Dear Member

Welcome to the Chair's bulletin for autumn 2017. While it's not been a glorious summer (weather wise that is) I'm pleased to say that the Trust has been working hard on progressing our community's projects. You all have access to our minutes (either by email, hard copy or on our website) so for all the detail feel free to have a read of those, and the latest edition of the Stratherrick & Foyers News was released just the other week but here's just a quick rundown of what we've been up to recently.

BROADBAND

The Broadband Consultation Day in July was a great success. Thank you to those who patiently waited your turn to speak to our Advisor from Cromarty Firth Networks and for those who expressed an interest in signing up to the Trust's Broadband Scheme. It was great to see so many residents coming and showing an interest; Mike from Cromarty Firth couldn't believe the numbers. He was amazed there was so much interest straightaway! I suppose that's just an indication of the desperate need for a better broadband service in our area!

Those who were there will have had their house locations plotted onto the Cromarty Firths' maps and we are informed that everyone who expressed an interest at the Consultation Day will have been contacted by Cromarty Firth Networks. If that isn't the case and you haven't heard from them, can you please contact the Trust, either myself, Sharon Ferguson, Steven Watson or our Administrator, Laura Walker-Knowles (contact details below) and let us know. We will then raise it with Cromarty Firth Networks.

I am pleased to say that some installations have already happened with others scheduled to be installed over the next few months, so some residents are already enjoying the community superfast broadband service. If you are one of those residents we'd love to know what you think of the service. You could either write to the Trust or maybe submit a letter for the next Issue of the Stratherrick & Foyers News.

The Board is now starting to look at "phase 2" options with CFN. As soon as we are able to publish more details we'll let you know.

FOYERS BAY

The legal formalities to enable the Trust to take a lease of the Bay area from SSE Generation are now underway and should be completed soon. An engineer has been instructed to design the slipway into the Loch and the Foyers Bay Project Team are putting together quotations and finalising the plans for the area. Once the legal formalities are concluded we can really get on with the Project.

RIVERSIDE FIELD

Tests and surveys that are needed as supporting documentation for any future planning application for the site have been undertaken over the last few months. You may have seen

trial pits being dug. We're looking at fencing and access options and are about to begin discussing proposals with the architects for the creation of the draft masterplan for the field.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR BOLESKINE COMMUNITY CARE

Over the last months Trust Directors has been working hard to try to secure a long-term base for Boleskine Community Care. Negotiations with the interested parties are ongoing and we will keep members informed as matters progressed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It's that time of year again when the Board starts to think about the Annual General Meeting. This year the AGM will be held on 29 November 2017. Notice will be given to all Members in October and the deadline for submitting your nomination to be a Member Director will be 15 November 2017 so you've got plenty of time to think about whether you want to join the Board or not. Any Member can put themselves forward to be a Director (excluding Associate and Junior Members).

That's the news for now. Thank you for your continuing support for the Trust and please do contact us if you have any comments; we appreciate any feedback. If you do have any questions, or even better would like to be involved with the Trust, please get in touch.

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