

CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 30th March, 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Charles Miller, George Dyer, David Ritchie, Kate Adamson, Alan Rankin and Alice Buttress.

In attendance: Marie Brown, Iain Campbell, Jan Carlyle, Maria Thompson Slaven, Linda Jolly, Jeremy Roberts, Rebecca Badger, Fiona Angella, Frank Law, George Reid and Heather Davidson (Minutes).

Apologies: Robert McInnes

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 were approved by Charles Miller and seconded by Alice Buttress.

MATTERS ARISING:

SEAFIELD WOOD HARVESTING: Alan Rankin reported that the Harvesting of the woods is now completed and the repair work to paths had been done by Seafield including as an extra community benefit the sunken sleeper bridge. Any touching up works outstanding will be looked at by the Community Council. George Dyer reported that the Railway has drastically cut back trees and foliage and the line was very exposed in places. Andrew Kirk has written to the Scotrail contact regarding the matter and he was forwarding to Network Rail.

DOG FOULING: Various complaints received on this but it seems the solution is down to education. Individual residents have been in contact with the HC dog warden who had supplied some with signs.

BRIDGE 300: Andrew Kirk is pleased to announce that the Bridge 300 is progressing well; Mhairi Brown is working hard behind the scenes. The Ceilidh in the Village Hall was discussed, 150 tickets will be produced, and Roy Brown will assist with the web site. Events will take place from 19th – 21st May 2017 including: Spud the Piper, Gareth Paschke (Cairn Hotel) organizing a bottle of special whisky to be poured into the river around the Bridge, Kate Clark (The Kitchen) and Colin Watt (The Carrbridge Hotel) also involved. Donald Powell is to be asked to assist with the placement of a boulder by the seat, this boulder to have either a brass plate commemorating the event, or a stonemason to engrave directly on to the stone. Charles Miller has spoken to a stonemason and the points raised are:- 1. To use a local stone, which would have to be moved to Inverness for carving, 2. A black granite plaque, 3. The stonemason to supply all. Prices range from £300 - £800 for carving number 3, less if our own stone is used. There also was a suggestion to create a time capsule; Mhairi Brown stated that the school may do this. Charles Miller suggests that the time capsule could be placed near the stone, but this matter will be discussed further. Mhairi Brown continued that the Church is putting on a show in the Church of relics etc. The rough time of the Saturday 20th events would be Craft Fair a.m. School p.m. and the Ceilidh in the evening.

It was decided that B.Y.O.B. would be the best way to go in the Village Hall for the Ceilidh. When the Ceilidh finishes Gareth Paschke (Cairn Hotel) will have live music. Andrew Kirk informed the meeting that some of the ticket money would be given to the Village Hall. Thanks were given to Mhairi Brown for all her efforts. It was suggested that one of the Banners be erected at the Village Hall, Dougie Edwards is to be approached to help with this.

CAPERCAILLE: After the meeting held on 23rd March 2017 in the Carrbridge Hotel which was well published and very well attended a letter of support to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Phase 1 Development of the project will be sent. This is just phase one of the scheme and assurances have been given that no closure of paths etc will happen.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

VILLAGE HALL KITCHEN FUND: Ian Campbell informed the meeting that the buy a brick and slate scheme was doing well.

CARVE BURSARY: Alan Rankin, who is lead on this matter reported that all documents have been passed to Carrbridge Ahead. Kate Adamson responded that more time to digest the information is needed and a return visit to the advisors is required, i.e. Lee Haxton and Karen Derrick. Charles Miller asked when the first award is likely to be decided.

PLAYING FIELD: Andrew Kirk was pleased to announce that the campaign to gain funds for the upgrade is growing nicely. Highland Highline is happy to run with the upgrade but will oversee any purchases etc. Drainage is still a problem and suggests we live with the dampness in the meantime. George Dyer stated the ditch needs to be drained, but the burn does not belong to Highland Council. Kate Adamson queried that perhaps the tenant farmer dig it out. Iain Campbell went on to say that 50 yards of car park has been cleaned, Andrew Kirk felt that if it was dredged it would be better. David Ritchie stated that going to the half-way line and piped would solve the problem. Bill Lobban went on to say there was no money for this complex task; Andrew Kirk suggested getting a JCB with a bucket to clear the burn and aid water flow. Jeremy Roberts suggested contacting Seafield Estate to aid with the clearing of the burn and to contact Will Anderson and ask if they would do it. Alan Rankin will contact Seafield. If Seafield Estate says no maybe Steven Blair or Donald Powell would be willing to assist.

PUBLIC TOILETS: The Radar Key has now arrived and is in the Spar Shop.

PARTICIPATORY BUDGET MEETING: The Village Hall and the Play Park were both recipients. Highland Council thanked all concerned for their help with the day.

STATION ROAD SPEEDING AND SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL:- This matter still has to be progressed. Bill Lobban informed the meeting that a survey will have to be carried out first before the matter can proceed. Andrew Kirk will speak to Clare Lake (Headmistress) of the Primary School.

CAR PARK AND MISSING PICNIC TABLE:- Owing to the fact that the picnic table at the Car Park has been stolen and that there is no money available from Highland Council to replace it, the Community Council would be willing to purchase another one. Andrew Kirk went on to say that both picnic tables would be secured and taken away in winter.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING:-

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Charles Miller reported that Roy Brown is to advise on receiving e-mails, if Community Councillor is on the list they get every e-mail, but Charles Miller went on to explain that if two people are set up more can be added if necessary, i.e. aid planning etc. Alan Rankin stated that e-mail Bursary at G.Mail.com is ready to go. Andrew Kirk queried control, but Charles Miller stated no mail box.

WI-FI IN VILLAGE HALL:

Iain Campbell was pleased to announce that wi-fi has now been installed. Unfortunately the assured grant has been refused, therefore a cost of £250.00 was requested and the Community Council agreed to pay this.

A9 DUALLING:

Alan Rankin has received correspondence regarding a development on an A9 lay-by which appeared to look like Septic Tanks, these turned out to be diesel tanks and he asked if it would be worthwhile getting an update with all concerned to check things. Rebecca Badger will check with the National Park re services. It has been reported that there is nothing to be demolished on Station Road. Due to the Community Council response the junction at Black Mount may go under the A9 which will cause less visual impact and is the engineer's preference perhaps.

Bill Lobban stated that Aviemore Community Council objected to the section at the end of Grainish Junction because the widening of the road is on the Aviemore side and not on the open side.

FINANCIAL REPORT:- Alan Rankin (Treasurer) gave his financial report, £35,094.13 in Current Account. £25,000 was transferred from Carrbridge Ahead Account, because £20,000 has been earmarked for the Village Hall Kitchen Extension and £5,000 for the Bridge 300 celebrations. Kate Adamson asked who is going to audit the accounts; Alan Rankin replied that the accounts do not have to go to audit.

PLANNING:- The placement of the Mast has gone before the Planning Committee and the plan has now been agreed. The objection to the party house at Duthil has been registered. Charles Miller reported that the Carrbridge Hotel extension has been approved.

NEW ITEMS:

An application has been made again for rates relief with respect of the Community Shed.

BUSES:- An e-mail has been received from Clare Lake, Headmistress of the Primary School regarding an incident with a bus and a school pupil, Bill Lobban stated that the Transport Co-ordinator will explain how to proceed with this problem and the school should contact him.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM:- Brian Tolson will be coming to the May meeting of the Community Council to explain about Cairngorm Broad Band. It was also mentioned that VABS will no longer be holding the Highland Council Forum. Bill Lobban informed the meeting that this was not correct, there was funding for the first four meetings and Highland Council would not be against a small amount, but it was hoped that all interested parties would fund this themselves. Kate Adamson suggested that these Forums could be rotated round the other communities.

PATH BROCHURE AND BRIDGE 300 CARVE:- Maria Thompson-Slaven was pleased to report that the Path Brochure is now completed, the brochures have been distributed. There are 34 locations of carvings. Gareth Paschke is working on an App, but this will not be ready until the summer. Jeff Buttress is compiling a newer version of a street map, including village carvings. All those with carvings in their gardens have been given the option to agree or not to be included on the map. It is planned that the map be up-dated every twelve months. She went on to say that the plinth is now totally up to date.

The Bridge T/towels are now being distributed, 50 to Landmark and other businesses in the village. One was sent to Aberdeen University as one of the photographs was taken by George Washington Wilson. The original grant of £1,500 towards the Carve has been boosted by CNP, who has donated £500 to the project. The commission was awarded by a majority decision from CTBA members to Jeff and Alice Buttress.

OUTDOOR BOWLING CLUB:- Iain Campbell reported that an electrical survey of the Bowling Club has been carried out and asks the Community Council for half the cost. It is also a recommendation that smoke detectors be put in place. The Community Council agreed to pay up to £200.00 towards the final cost. Alan Rankin and Charlie Miller voiced their opinion as to what is the plan for the future regarding the Bowling Club.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:- George Reid stated this was the second time he had been to a Community Council meeting and thanked the Committee for all the hard work they do. Frank Law asked what would happen if the Capercaillie numbers decline and the CNP were unsuccessful in their HLF application would any other funding be available from elsewhere.

Meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

Date of Next Meeting 27th April 2017