**MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF CARRBRIDGE and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CvCC)**

**Thursday 30th June 2022**

**PRESENT:** A Kirk (AK), H Deery (HD), A Buttress (AB), G Dyer (GD), C Miller (CM), J Bracher (JB), N Lilley (NL), A McNeilage (AM)

**IN ATTENDANCE**:

**APOLOGIES**: Councillor Bill Lobban

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022 were proposed and seconded by GD and AB.

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| **Acronym** | **Meaning** |
| CNPA | Cairngorm National Park Authority |
| CvCC | Carrbridge and Vicinity Community Council |
| NMU | Non-Motorized Users |
| CBA | Carrbridge Ahead |
| THC | The Highland Council |
| VABS | Voluntary Action Badenoch and Strathspey |

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

The decision on any declarations lies with the individual Community Councilors.

* HD declared interest in Struan, due to proximity

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

* CM reported CvCC funds as of 30th June 2022 are a total of £2565.15.

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| **Minutes Secretary position available (paid)**  AM standing down  HD suggests may interest a student and invites ideas and suggestions.  **Planning updates**  GD had sent reply to Tom na Clach windfarm proposal, but notes that the extra turbines have been approved.  However, it is understood that should Lethan Windfarm receive approval from Scottish Government then HC will raise objection versus the Tom na Clach windfarm.  AK had received notices of the application to plant forestry and has requested copies that could be posted on notice boards.  GD clarified the planting concerns an area behind Badengorm woods (above the golf course).  Response deadline is set at 21st July 2022.  GD suggests CvCC response should request that access to the area is retained, and GD will follow up.  GD noted there is a planning application to convert a steading 0.5 miles east of Duthill at Ballenlagan. Noting also, the steading had previously been granted an approval for conversion.  **NMU – Non motorised user’s route**  There has been no formal update from planners/developers.  HD will pursue an update.  The CvCC discussed, possibility that separating NMU from the A9 dualling might expedite the NMU. Recalling previous discussions there would be risk of delay in A9 dualling or loss of financial backing. Likely, remaining activities (such as land purchase) are dependent on the A9 dualling effort.  **Community Action plan (CAP) -**  JB updated that there had been meeting on 9th June with CAP team. The team addressed a process for creating mandates, formally supporting project efforts. It is suggested that the role of CvCC be one of oversight for the process (and its continued evolution).  The high-level approach is that mandates would be sought via presentation and vote.  There are 3 leading project themes:   1. Path improvements 2. Community garden and Orchard 3. Renewable energy   Next steps are to communicate to the village/public how proposals can be submitted.  **Bowling Club Pavilion and Village Changing Rooms**  HD shared that an online vote had taken place, and results had been shared.  Concerning low lying water Robbie Taylor had recommended a remediation approach which he would be willing to undertake as his donation to the club. If unsuccessful, then alternate means of resolution would be necessary to resolve the issue.  Concerning outstanding monies for heating bills the CvCC voted on paying £411.84 covering a portion of the outstanding balance. The vote was carried with 5 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstaining.  The CvCC discussed that the Bowling Club become more self-sufficient. It was considered that the facilities realize wider usage (and recognized concerns over risk of damage to the green).  HD suggested that the CvCC could hold a future meeting at the bowling club. AK was not opposed but considered communication with the Village Hall committee if the move became the regular venue.  AB was not opposed and advised the Bowling Club did have less space (which could provide a ‘cozier’ setting) and did not have running water in winter months.  JB recognized that using the space would promote its use and raise awareness of it as a venue for hire.  **Community Ownership fund (COF)**  HD had been made aware of COF (supporting community purchase of buildings in disrepair). The CvCC recognized this is the domain of the Community Company (CBA) and will transfer the information.  **Road Marking/ 20mph Traffic Calming**  HD had asked Councillor Bill Lobban for update (prior to the meeting) but had not yet received a response.  HD had received email from a villager requesting CvCC lobby for white lines on road exiting the village. HD will forward this issue to Councillor Bill Lobban.  20 mph limits are in place, but no signage has been erected. JB has emailed Councillor Bill Lobban for update. JB has concern that this may impact the consultation period.  JB was of the understanding that Mark Smith had the signs. HD will speak with D Stott and ask if she is willing to follow up with Mark Smith.  **Vandalism**  There has been continued Graffiti in the village and other vandalism (including a smashed windscreen). The CvCC request that villagers escalate these issues via the proper channels (police) as this is needed to stimulate police presence.  **Struan**  HD observed that Asbestos contractors had visited the site to make it safe for other contractors. Also, a robust barricade has been put in place.  A timeline for the deconstruction and build is unconfirmed. HD has asked Councillor Bill Lobban for a meeting at the site to update on schedule and timeline.  **Village Cycle Maintenance Column/Tool Station**  JB advised the current deadline for funding application was not feasible, as there is unconfirmed need for planning application and evidence of consultation required.  HD suggests the effort is transferred to the CAP. GD suggested rolling into CAP could allow it to be amalgamated with wider car park enhancements (ie. Water point, and EV charger).  **Duck Race**  GD presented that the duck race has previously provided an income for CvCC. However, it has operating costs of ~£450 that need to be covered by ticket sales. The event typically is held in early August to maximize footfall. GD presented the group organizing the previous duck races are unable to arrange the event (and print/sell tickets ) in the remaining time and make profit.  GD is aware there are parties interested in taking on the organization, and the CvCC discussed the pros and cons of postponing the event to 2023.  On review it was decide that the event will be postponed until 2023, and that parties interested in arranging the 2023 event will be encouraged.    **Resilience Plan**  GD shared that the Resilience Plan is evolving and currently at draft version 4.  AK raised that the implementation of the plan should consider how the expectation of the plan (what it is/is not) is managed.  **Carr Road/ Bull field development**  No update  **AOB**  HD had received an email from a villager raising concern over the smell of swill from fields surrounding Carrbridge. The CvCC were unaware of a smell, and it is likely a product of the countryside (to be expected).  HD had received an email from a villager raising concern over the access and shelter at Aviemore Hospital. In particular, a lack of shelter at bus stops and external walkways. Additionally, the routing of exit through the reception area. HD will forward the observations to Councillor Bill Lobban for advice.  HD recognized that the flowers at Carrbridge Station are looking great.  HD was aware that the No Motorhomes overnight signage at the village car park entrance was not popular with visitors in motorhomes. But HD recognized the village has need to balance the benefits of visitors with the dis-benefits of grey water. AK also noted that Millies Field has sites for motor homes.  CM raised concern that the role of CvCC was being eroded by the emergence of multiple organizations (such as the CBA, VABS and CAP), because of these concerns CM resigned his position.  HD discussed further what might improve this issue. CM suggested studying the relationships of other community councils with their community companies.  CM is concerned that the tight control of spend by CBA is limiting the ability of CvCC to address community needs. It was asked whether there was any public record of monies or minutes from CBA.  GD updated that the Charlie Ross bench is 2/3 complete.  NL looks forward to CvCC meeting in person. HD keen that the July CvCC would be held in person, if possible.  JB had received responses concerning noise of construction being experienced in Carr Road. JB will review concerns versus planning details.  AK enquired if there had been word on the physical traffic calming measures for Carr Road. JB had not heard any update.  AK understood the measures should be in place prior to the start of any major construction works.  HD suggests verifying (from the planning) what constitutes the start of major works, as trigger for calming measures to be in place.  JB requested the alternate path from Carr Road to Playing fields be added to the next CvCC agenda. AK suggests JB reach out to CNPA for an update. |

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.30pm