**Minutes of Meeting of Carrbridge & Vicinity Community Council Carrbridge Village Hall, 30th March, 2023**

**Present:** G Dyer (Chair), A Kirk, A Buttress, J Bracher (Minutes), N Liley, Cllr W Lobban

**In Attendance:** S Tel (CNPA), L Frew, I Bishop, L Bishop, M Pashke, B Robertson,

**Apologies:** H Deery

**Minutes of Meeting 8th December 2022:** Approved AK/JB

**Treasurer’s Report:** Current balance £2738.60. Income: £500 donation by Highland Council for repair of sign at South of village. Expenditure: Half of bowling club fees paid. £110 for resilience plan posters.

**Planning:** NTR

**Quick Updates**:

* River path fence fixed.
* Car Park fence fixed.
* Karen Stewart has agreed to take on organisation of the Duck Race.

**Active Trave** – S Tel

ST updated on the latest proposals for active travel developments in the village. The plans are available via the CNPA website. A consultation was held in Feb at the village hall, it was poorly attended with only 7-8 people.

The plans will now be worked up further with some opportunity to feed into the iterative process.

AK asked how these plans link with Highland Council as the road owners. ST stated that plans will need to go through statutory process, planning consents and legislation.

ST noted feedback from those present about:

* Location of the bus stop
* The junction to the village car park
* Narrow pavement at Kinchyle house

Updated plans will go onto the CNPA website with a further feedback session pre- or post- summer.

**20 Mph Speed Limits – Village Wide as a part of the Highland Pilot Project of Government National 20mph Plans.**

Documents for the implementation of 20mph speed limits are available through the Highland Council website. They show the extent of the speed limits extending to all entrance/exits to the village, therefore being a straight swap from 30mph signage to 20mph. These are to be in place by year end. There will be no traffic calming as a part of these speed limit changes.

**Carr Road Traffic Calming**

* Temporary speed bumps have been installed.
* Community Engagement Coordinator employed by Tulloch Homes to help with community issues.
* These have had an impact but there are still vehicles speeding and travelling during restricted times
* Bob Robertson raised concerns that the temp speed bumps are not suitable for regular traffic.
* JB asked that residents continue to report issues through the online google form. This is collated and sent regularly to CNPA and to Tullochs now that they have somebody in place to contact.

**Slochd Bridge**

* The bridge continues to be shut to traffic, but there is no communication of plans or timelines. IB and LB have been attempting to contact Highland Council but are not receiving replies.
* AK, once again, raised concerns of signage for the bridge not stipulating that the bridge can be crossed by pedestrians. As this is a national cycle route there are concerns that cyclists/walkers may enter onto the A9 to navigate this stretch. AK has referred to roads department without success, he has also asked Sustrans to get involved but they also have no success.
* BL will follow up.

**Resilience Plan**

* Ruth Walker is preparing a grant claim for acquisition of a generator.

**Village Entry Signs**

* Refurbishment of signs is being pursued over the next few months:
  + £500 ward fund has been awarded
  + £1700 from Carrbridge Ahead
  + BR raised Gaelic spelling on signs. BR to email AK with information on spelling.

**Badenoch and Strathspey Community Council Forum**

* AB attended on behalf of CCC
  + Gavin Miles (CNPA) confirmed Tulloch have transferred £30k allotted to path development to link Carr Road with the Playing Field. CNPA working on commissioning this work, no timeline given.
  + Police – 533call outs since 1st Jan. Concern from CC’s at lack of attendance of officers at meetings.
  + Village Hall funding is to cease from HC. VH’s are expected to budget for their own upkeep.

**Carrbridge 65+ Voucher**

* 187 issued last year in place of Xmas Lunch. Funded by village money, managed by Carrbridge Ahead. Most vouchers were used. Spar and Cairn were used greatest by residents in spending the voucher. A few groups of people got together to spend the vouchers together, eg meeting together in the Cairn. The feeling was that the voucher was a success. Thought needs to be given to how we use the funds in future.

**Carrbridge Community Council**

* Andrew Kirk announced that he will be moving to Edinburgh and therefore stepping down from duties with the Community Council. The meeting in May is likely to be his last.
* Helen Deery confirmed she will also stand down in May. Helen sent these notes for inclusion in the minutes:
  + I will be standing down as Chair of CVCC from May 2023. Work commitments have returned to a pre-pandemic pattern, this means more travel time and an inadequate availability to remain as Chair of the CVCC.

My remit as the temporary CVCC Chairperson, was to empower the CC to be informative, progressive and enjoyable, as well as protecting councillors time and wellbeing.

I’d like to share some things that, before joining, I thought happened automatically:

-removal of the gate at the playing field; it was in a hazardous state of disrepair and likely to cause injury due to rotting wood, and exposed rusty nails

-lobbying for signs, traffic calming and road markings

-lobbying for village toilets to be repaired and open all year

-fence repairs at the Riverside Walk

-Carrbridge seniors voucher

Although none of these seem too exciting, they keep people safe, ensure our facilities are open to residents and visitors, and keep the village looking in good repair which could easily lead to negative publicity for the village on social media.

As a CC we are proud of these things and look forward to seeing the next generation of councillors take the village forward and look after its residents.

* Alice Buttress confirmed she will also stand down in May.
* George Dyer confirmed he will stand down in November.
* The community council will go into abeyance from May due to not meeting quorum. Elections are scheduled across Highland in November, so four people will be required to meet the quorum to allow the CC to function.

**AOB**

* AB – The Caper group is proposing some carvings between the Village Hall and the Ant Bench. There will be media notices and consultation in the VH with details.
* MP – Updated on significant progress being made with the Community Orchard. Information, updates and how to get involved can be found at the Community Orchard Blog: [www.carrbridgecommunityorchard.org](http://www.carrbridgecommunityorchard.org).
* LF – concerned traffic calming has been removed from plans for Carr Road with regards to the Tulloch’s development. JB to follow this up with GM
* Lorraine Anderson – concerned with the Owl Bench rotting into a state of disrepair. AK proposed an opportunity for somebody to lead on commissioning a replacement with Village Money through Carrbridge Ahead. It is hoped that a resident might step forward to coordinate the commission.
* Ellanwood Play Park fence will be put back up by the HC after a resident raised concerns over lack of privacy.