| Carrbridge & Vicinity Community Council Meeting Agenda |
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| **Location:** | **\*Carrbridge Village Hall\* - Face to Face meeting** |
| **Date:** | Thursday 25th May 2023 |
| **Time:** | 7:30pm |

Present: George Dyer (GD), Andrew Kirk (AK), Alice Buttress (AB), Nigel Lilley (NL), James Bracher (JB), Cllr W Lobban (BL)

In Attendance: Margarete Pashke, Mairi Brown, Ruth Walker, Lesley Frew, John Walker, Louise Cormack.

Declaration of Interest: AB advised membership of Bowling Club

**Opening remarks**

GD – Advised that this would be a difficult meeting as CC will go into abeyance after this meeting.

When making decisions during this meeting, GD asked that CClrs consider finances so that the future group of CClr’s has funds available.

## **Minutes of meeting 30th March 2023**– proposed AB and seconded AK.

**Matters Arising**: GD reported the fence at Ellanwood Road Play Park had been reinstated.

## **Treasurers Report**

£2738.60 in account, the accounts for 22/23 have been checked by Ruth Walker – still awaiting THC proforma..

Approx £1750 of funds remain after considering those committed already.

## Agenda Items-

### **Planning updates**

Work has commenced at Smiddy Croft. Some small trees removed but larger tree remains in place.

3 x Glamping pods at Alt Na Criche – CClrs had no comments.

### **Carr Road****/Tullochs - updates**

### Gatekeeper in place on Carr Road with remit to prevent vehilces travelling to site during restricted times. Noted that person not in place during afternnoon restricted times and also, it is noted that a re-directed vehicle travelled and parked in the Village Car Park until they were allowed to go to site, this has obvious implications to the Primary School, which at that time is busy with children arriving for school.

Gavin Miles email to JB indicated that gatekeeper should be in place during afternoon too**. JB to follow up**

### **Carrbridge ‘bridge’ structure & surrounds**

### Small tree’s growing out of Old Bridge. HC engineer inspected and commented that there was no danger to the structural integrity. Small shrubs were removed.

Kireen raised these concerns. Also raised concerns of vegetation growing which may obscure view of the bridge.

### **Community Store Rates**

### CC received rates demand of £579 for the village store. GD has submitted appeal as there are no elec/water – no response from HC, but we expect to get full discount.

### **Struan site**

### BL: Highland Council were due to award the contract to builders around this time. No further updates, but believed all on schedule so far.

### **Bowling club changing rooms**

### LC reported plumbing works and ceiling repair required. Shower fix estimate £400 - £1100 depending on shower controls selected, but no estimate yet for ceiling repair. .

AK – suggestion to donate to Bowling Club £500 towards maintenance, with remainder of any requirement sent to Carrbridge Ahead for consideration. Bowling Club considered to be a significant asset to the village.

Football team currently using field and Bowling Club dressing rooms, Grantown Rovers, income £25 per week.

**Vote**: All in favour of AK proposal.

BL suggested application should be made to Ward Discretionary Fund – LC to follow up

### **Slochd road accessibility**

## BL advised week before last (cca 9th May) an email was received that the bridge would reopen and plan in place to do this. Has been inspected. There is some desire to make the bridge single lane to discourage traffic to use this route as a short cut, and reduce likelihood of large vehicles using the bridge. Letter sent to residents.

### **Carrbridge and Vicinity Community Council future operations**

## GD advised AK, AB, HD would be resigning at the end of this meeting. Lewis Hannah (Highland Council) will be conduit for any CC business after this meeting. JB, GD, NL will not be able to action anything on behalf of the CC, residents will need to approach Lewis direct. [Lewis.hannah@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Lewis.hannah@highland.gov.uk)

GD to write to LH to notify him that the CC will now go into abeyance**.**

Elections for a new Community Council will take place in November, the appointment of office bearers will occur in December. Next full meeting of CC will be in Jan 2024.

Highland Council notifies and organises elections. We are allowed 8 councillors, 4 of whom constitute a quorum. There must be a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

BL stated that without a doubt, communities that don’t have a CC do not function as well.

### **Any Other Business**

## **Porridge:** always tight for money, request that CC pay £250 for prizes.Historically, CC created and ran the porridge. Good investment for the village

Vote: All CCLrs in favour.

**Cemetery:** Some gravestones have been stood back up by HC, but not secured. BL advised that this is the duty of the owner of the stone to secure. Additionally, some damage to gate posts, police investigating.

**Riverside walk** – middle section of path is damaged due to flooding; this has resulted in large rocks being exposed on the surface, and generally being in poor repair. This has significant accessibility issues to the core path.

An individual would be required to speak to Carrbridge Ahead/Douglas Stewart(CNPA) to bring to attention and ask for assistance towards repair. AB will ask Douglas Stewart to follow up**.**

**Query about Traffic Calming Plans on Carr Road**. In answer to Lesley Frew query at last meeting, JB contacted Gavin Miles (CNPA) who replied that the traffic calming raised road surface is still proposed for Carr Road, there has been no change. There were no issues with Traffic Calming being removed from plans for temp sales cabin. Plans for cabins were not a part of the roads plans, so there may have been some confusion.

**20mph Wheelie Bin Signs:** AK will give signs to AB for residents to claim, if desired.

**Offer to plant flowers from local resident**, if CC’s can cover costs of bulbs, he will do the labour pro bono. HD will progress. MP asked that volunteer flowerplanter is put in contact with Community Orchard Group.

**Community Response plan:** RW advised paperwork for community generator grant in place. THC had commented on an excellent piece of work! To complete the paperwork, Lewis Hannah should be contacted to seek direction. **RW to action.**

**Ellan (Gurkha) Bridge Inspection**. Asked for direction of where to liaise for ongoing inspection of the community bridge. John Walker is asked to contact Lewis Hannah in future. John to give context of ownership of bridge to LH.

**Village Orchard Project Update** - 30-40x trees are to be planted, also a wildflower meadow. The group are meeting with the school on 7thJune to receive ideas. Friday club creating bug hotel. Pocket Orchards may pop up around the village. Extensive progress been made with communication via blog/social media and website.

**GD Closing Remarks:** “Before closing the meeting, can I place on record, the appreciation of the village for the contribution made by Andrew. He has been the mainstay of the council for well over ten years as member, Chair and Secretary. He has been the first point of contact for so many incidents, problems and challenges and has ensured that the appropriate authorities have been advised and remedial action taken. Alice is also resigning after many years of service to the community and both she and Andrew must be thanked for their dedication and efforts, often in the face of vitriolic and false accusations. Helen has been a breath of fresh air during her sojourn as our Chair and we thank her for her efforts to build a feeling of one-ness in the village.

I intend to stay on until I have closed the books and handed over the accounts to the guardianship of THC at which time I will resign.

To James and Nigel, I hope you stand for election in November and are joined by up to six more duly elected councillors.”

## BL:” Please make note of how well CCC has been run and how easy they have been to work with over the years. It shouldn’t be underestimated that a well functioning CC has a significant impact across several aspects of village life and infrastructure – they are a vital part of our communites.”

## Date of Next Meeting – Council will go into abayance until November elections. Any queries please direct to Lewis Hannah, Community Support and Ward Management - lewis.hannah@highland.gov.uk