

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday October 30th 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

House Keeping: Fire Exits etc

Introduction of Community Councillors to Visitors

Apologies

List of Concerns of Village Residents and AOCB to be taken under agenda item 9

- 1 Police Report
- 2 Minutes of September 25th 2014. Proposer , Secunder and Agreement
- 3 Matters Arising War Memorial paths [AK](#)
Ellan Bridge and Riverside Walk
Jigsaw of Bridge
Old Bridge
Tourist Information Board. Keeping it updated [GD](#)
Struan House Hotel [AR](#)
Tom na Clach – open days
Rates Demand on Shed ?
Housing Development Carr Road
Speed strips across Inverness Road – results
Entrance to Football Field
4. Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)
Water Supply Dropped Kerbs Trap Door at Water Storage Unit
A9 Dualling Track up to Cemetery Redesign of Health Services B & S
Tom na Clach Community Benefit
5. Treasurer's report [FMcM](#)
6. Planning Applications Planning procedures clarified
New applications agreed by email:
7. Porridge Making Championships
8. Christmas party Venue and Date
8. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email
Seafield Estate Christmas Tree and Winter lights in Carr-Bridge
Highland MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences)
Vodafone mast & mobile access
9. AOCB
10. Date of next meeting: Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 25th September 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present: Andrew Kirk, George Dyer, Robert McInnes, David Ritchie, Jaci Douglas (Councillor)

In attendance: Jan Carlyle, Lorraine Anderson, Colin Watt, Iain Campbell and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

Apologies: Scott Bruce, Allan Rankin, Kate Adamson and Fiona McMullen.

Andrew Kirk (Chairman) welcomed all and opened meeting.

The minutes of meeting of 28th August 2014 were proposed by George Dyer and seconded by David Ritchie.

POLICE REPORT: Nothing to report.

TREASURES REPORT: The current balance £9153.97, a payment of £1030.22 has been paid in by Highland Council. The Carrbridge Ahead account is presently at £34,583.37 but still has a few transactions to go through for both the Carve and the Golden Spurtle. There are still monies to come in from the Duck Race.

WAR MEMORIAL PATHS: Ross McGowan has been asked to send in a quote for handrails and another quote to be obtained from another company. These quotes have not come to hand as yet. Iain Campbell suggested the Memorial Fund may be able to assist. Andrew Kirk stated the path did not come up to standard. Jaci Douglas (Councillor) informed the meeting that the General Fund for War Memorials would warrant investigation, this fund is for War Memorials first and then for general upkeep. This is to be followed up.

ELLAN BRIDGE: Douglas Stuart – Outreach Officer has met with Robert McInnes and Alan Rankin to discuss maintenance of the Bridge. Allan Rankin is collating information and is confident that funds will be available.

RIVERSIDE WALK: The Flood Damage repair appears to be straightforward; more gravel is required to replace gravel displaced during the flood. This repair is progressing.

JIGSAW: David Ritchie has received costings on the Jigsaws. The more that are ordered the cheaper they become. The best option was a 500 piece jigsaw at £3.00 each if 1000 are ordered. Delivery cost of £39.00 This price was from one company only and other companies prices are being sought.

TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD: George Dyer stated that the new owners of Craigellachie Guest House have undertaken to keep an eye on the Board and have already made updates to this. Allan Rankin had reported there was no money available from VisitScotland to assist with this.

STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL: It has been reported by a neighbour to the hotel, that a party interested in purchasing the hotel had been in discussions with her. He requested a set of plans but she could not oblige. She sent him to see Allan Rankin who is taking the lead on this. With regard to Community buyout - It appears that another vehicle will have to be used as Carrbridge Ahead cannot, by law, take the lead.

OLD BRIDGE: Highland Council is leading on the repair, Historic Scotland is also involved. Highland Council have commissioned a surveyor to do a survey. When these results are known the Community Council

will be informed of what happens next. Iain Campbell is very concerned about the plants growing on the bridge as this will weaken the in-fill and suggests weed killer. Robert McInnes, whilst in conversation with Andrew Norval of Reidhaven Estate, stated that the Estate does not think it owns half the Bridge.

PORRIDGE: Progressing well. There was a meeting on 23rd September and another to be held on 1st October, 2014. Andrew Kirk passed on an invitation from the Porridge Committee to all Community Councillors to attend the meet and greet on Friday, 3rd October, 2014.

PLANNING: Iain Campbell Chairman of the Village Hall Committee reported that now the plans have been passed for the Disabled Car Park at the Hall, the Planning Department have stated that porous blocks be used. This will be a big undertaking and will cost quite a lot and a request for some financial aid was made. In principle this was agreed by the CCC. There was a general debate as to the materials stated by the Planning Department being the most suitable as these blocks can be very slippery in icy weather. This to be investigated further. Andrew Kirk thanked the Village Hall Committee on behalf of the community for all their endeavours regarding the renovation, so far, of the Village Hall.

WIND FARM: TOM NA CLACH: The Community Council replied to the consultation, Andrew Kirk assured the meeting that when the time is right the concerns of the community regarding construction traffic would be raised and all attempts made to minimise it. Jaci Douglas (Councillor) suggested she contact the Principal Roads Engineer for further information.

RATES DEMAND: Jaci Douglas spoke to the Rates Department on behalf of the Community Council regarding the rates demand for the Community Shed. It appears that the council have to issue a bill once a valuation is done by the District Valuer. However, there is an appropriate form to fill in to apply for relief on the charges, this is to be done.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: TULLOCH HOUSING DEVELOPERS: Following the Scottish Government Reporters recommendations on the local plan it appears that the number of houses recommended for Carr road is reduced by half to 36. Furthermore they should only be built in the Boys Brigade field and the woodland behind the field should not be developed on Carr Road and that 72 houses were suggested, but 36 would be more suitable. Presumably therefore the plans will be revised although we are not sure how the CNPA will deal with this.

There is some confusion regarding the local plan, the reporters decision and the planning application. There had been a traffic survey and that around 450 cars used Carr Road during the week and 350 at a weekend. George Dyer said that HC Roads Dept had concerns about access to drains and were not happy about number and size of cul de sacs, especially in Crannich Park site"

CARVE CARRBRIDGE: George Dyer reported that the Carve made approximately £11,500 even with about 25% down on attendees this year, but a great turnout considering the inclement weather. The CC congratulated the organisers and helpers for all their efforts.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

ENTRANCE TO FOOTBALL FIELD:

Andrew Kirk stated that the entrance to the field has become very wet especially after heavy rain. Jaci Douglas (Councillor) had already made enquiries and reported that hard core and drainage were to be looked at. David Ritchie informed the meeting that a drain will make no difference owing to the angle of the field. George Dyer stated that at least 10 metres needs strengthening. Drainage Blocks at the gate would be too easily damaged and perhaps another entrance could be made. A general discussion followed. Jaci Douglas (Councillor) is to pass on all the various suggestions.

SPEED STRIPS:

Lorraine Anderson reported that the Speed Measuring Strips had been installed on Inverness Road but there was no distinction between Heavy Goods Vehicles and Ordinary Vehicles.

WINTER MAINTENANCE:

Jaci Douglas (Councillor) informed the meeting that there is to be a meeting in Kingussie High School on Thursday 2nd October, 2014 between 6.30-8.30p.m., regarding amongst other things the issuing of clothing, shovels etc. to assist volunteers who wish to help with winter maintenance of the village. A form is available for requesting these items.

CORE PATHS: Robert McInnes cleared the core pathway parallel with the old A9 south of the village. A vote of thanks was given to him for taking this on.

CHRISTMAS DINNER:

It was noted that the Probus Club have booked their Dinner for 16th December 2014- it was asked by 2 residents if the Carrbridge Seniors Christmas lunch could not be on the same day. This was agreed and Colin Watt would look at available dates.

A9 Dualling

Colin Watt asked if there had been any decision made on the North and South exits from the village. Andrew Kirk felt that no decision had been made but thought that Blackmount and Granish would remain. However Colin Watt is worried that to save money Blackmount would be closed. It was agreed that this would be completely unacceptable and we will lobby for the retention of B & G.

George Dyer informed the meeting that Transport Scotland would accept any suggestions.

BROADBAND:

Andrew Kirk advised the meeting that Superfast Broadband would be coming our way and that all in the village would receive it if 2km from the Base station.

The meeting closed at 8.36p.m.

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 30th October 2014.