

## CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013/14

The Community Council (CC) have progressed a number of projects and have addressed the concerns and requests from the community where we could.

The CC have continued to consult, as required, with the developer of the Carr Road and the beside-Crannich Park houses. It is our view, having consulted with the community at a Public meeting following a letter drop of every dwelling in the village, that Carr Rd is not suitable for the additional traffic that would be generated by 72 extra houses no matter what 'traffic calming' measures are suggested.

We are also concerned that all the so called 'affordable houses' are all in the one place and that the road access and pavement planned for that are not suitable. We also consulted with the community on the CNPA Development plan and submitted our views following the drop in day we organised in the Village Hall. We have been part of the Consultation Process for the proposed new Hospital replacing Ian Charles and St Vincents. We are attending the Tom na Clach Benefit meetings and the A9 Dualling consultation meetings and Public Exhibitions.

We were instrumental in getting the Public toilets repaired (again) following an unacceptable period when the Gents was closed. We liaised closely with the Police following the unfortunate spate of break ins in the village. We got the drains looked at in Reed Court after lengthy dealings with the Housing Association and we campaigned successfully, in partnership with the 'Friends of Carrbridge Station', for parity with Aviemore for ticket pricing. We supported Carrbridge Village Hall to remain the village Polling Station despite a threat that it could not be because of access issues. We asked the Highland Council to construct more dropped pavement kerbs to ease movement for buggies and wheelchairs which is currently being done and asked that the pot holes on the track up to the cemetery be repaired which they were.

During the year, in no particular order, we have supported financially the Ellanwood Playpark renovation, the school with a new smart board, Riverside walk fencing materials (the work being done by the Community Payback Scheme), the Bike Park and 30 mph reminder signs on the Inverness Road and on the road coming in from Grantown. We co ordinated and provided prizes for a 'Reduce your speed' poster competition at the school and distributed copies of the winning posters to accommodation providers and laminated copies for the notice boards.

Currently we are helping with the installation of a village Defibrillator, generously gifted by The Craft Group ladies .

We ran the annual Duck Race, the proceeds of which go towards the Senior Citizen Christmas party which was held in December with 85 attending. We changed the eligibility this year to 65 for both Male and Female, although, any lady under 65 who has attended prior to this change is still welcome .

We continue to be very supportive of Carve Carrbridge whose surplus funds allowed us to allocate monies to various projects and the Porridge Competition is going into its 21st year in the safe hands of Margarete and her team and we are indebted to them.

The CC is a team effort , with councillors leading on different projects or interests and I'd like to thank them all for their support and their efforts. We are also fortunate as a village to have other people who don't wish to be on the CC but offer invaluable help and support to the CC –Lorraine Anderson, Dougie Edwards , Margarete Paschke ,Charlie Millar, Heather Davidson, Jan Carlyle, Iain Campbell, Gavin Gerrard , Roy Brown and Fergus Thom to name just a few.

Finally we are fortunate in having Bill Lobban as our Highland Councillor- he attends almost every meeting, and without his advice and support we would not have managed to achieve what we have .

Andrew Kirk