

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday February 26th 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

House Keeping: Fire Exits etc

Introduction of Community Councillors to Visitors

Donna Reilly, Highlife Highland. For discussion of Pitch Lets procedure

Apologies

- 1 Police Report
- 2 Minutes of: November 27th 2014 Proposer , Seconder and Agreement
January 29th 2015. Proposer , Seconder and Agreement – includes
ratification of decisions taken as Meeting non-quate
- 3 Matters Arising School Playground
 Ellan Bridge
 Riverside Walk
 Jigsaw of Bridge
 Old Bridge
 Tourist Information Board. Keeping it updated GD
 Struan House Hotel AR
 Tom na Clach
 Housing Development Carr Road
 Entrance to Football Field
 Polling Booths
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		War Memorial Paths
5. Treasurer's report FMcM
6. Planning Applications Planning procedures clarified
 New applications agreed by email:
- 7.
8. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email
9. AOCB
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 29th January, 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

Present: Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Fiona McMullan (Accounts Manager), Kate Adamson (Secretary).

In attendance: Jan Carlyle, Colin Watt, Iain Campbell, Kate Clark, James and Maria Thompson and Heather Davidson (Minutes),

Andrew Kirk opened the meeting but stated that as there was not a quorum no decisions could be made.

Apologies: The reasons for the absentee members of the committee are as under:-
Scott Bruce (Vice Chair & Treasurer) – Unwell, Robert McInnes – a death in the family, George Dyer – on holiday and Alan Rankin – working.

POLICE REPORT:

This is no longer itemized for the village, just the broader picture for the area. Bill Lobban stated that the reasons for this have come from high.

MINUTES:

As there were not enough members to form quorum the minutes would be agreed at the next meeting.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND:

The presentation from the Primary School was discussed. It appears that the school did not apply for the Ward Discretionary Fund and therefore there would be no offer of further funds than the £2000.00 - £2500 that have been pledged by the Community Council. Iain Campbell mentioned the Jamie Gaskins fund could be a possibility. Fiona McMullen suggested that the school be given the money now, but Kate Adamson felt the school should try harder to raise more funds. Andrew Kirk will contact the School.

ELLAN BRIDGE AND RIVERSIDE WALK:

Andrew Kirk and Alan Rankin are continuing with matter and Doug (National Park) has stated that £3000 has been set aside for the repairs, but a Project Manager will be required. Iain Campbell suggested John Walker being an Engineer may be the correct person to approach. Quotes from various companies are being scrutinized. The repairs are to be done in stages. David Ritchie reiterated that the Bridge belongs to the Village and is part of the Core Paths.

JIGSAW:

David Ritchie is awaiting photographs of the Bridge before proceeding.

OLD BRIDGE:

Highland Council are doing a survey and this is a rolling process by them.

TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD:

Jackie Barbour (NP) has forwarded a design of the Village for approval before being fixed to the plinth at the Tourist Information Board. Andrew Kirk announced that the Carrbridge Tourist Association had a new committee - Kate Clark being the Chairperson and Maria Thompson the Vice. There is to be a meeting between the Community Council and the Carrbridge Tourist Board. Maria Thompson suggested the Information Board to be renovated as it leaks badly.

STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:

David Hass has informed the Community Council that a company buy out is not a possibility. Bill Lobban stated that the Scottish Government is not paying for the demolition from the Vacant Derelict Land Fund. Kate Clark – Carrbridge Tourist Association has been asked by a local resident about the state of the hotel, as Alan Rankin is the lead in this matter it was decided he would attend a meeting to explain to the CTA the progress, but this would have to wait until his return.

TOM-NA-CLACH:

The organizers of the Open Day held in the Village Hall were very pleased with the turnout approximately 30 people turned up. Further information will be forwarded in due course.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – CARR ROAD:

The Scottish Government has modified the local plan, but the developer can challenge this decision.

ENTRANCE TO FOOTBALL FIELD:

Unfortunately the bad weather is holding up the repairs.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Fiona McMullen reported that there is £7,256.97 in the account and this is up to date.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Kate Adamson reported that these are E-mailed now and time is always short for the Community Council to raise objections.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

This was a wonderful meal and was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended. Colin Watt and staff from the Carrbridge Hotel were thanked most warmly.

NEW ITEMS:

1. Andrew Kirk mentioned that Dalwhinnie and Carrbridge are to get special rates on petrol.
2. Kate Adamson reported there is to be a further discussion on the future of Customer Service Points. Bill Lobban added that the Community Council should report their feelings on the downgrading of Grantown-on-Spey and Kingsussie Service Points. The plan is that all Births, Deaths and Marriages registrations to be done in Aviemore. The new system would greatly reduce Council costs. Kate Adamson to write a response.
3. Local Government Regenerate Empowerment Bill – All headings are to be discussed.
4. Badenoch, Strathspey, Ardersier District Partnership – All agencies should be talking to each other, but Bill Lobban said this was not working.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

1. Stephen Blair (Tree Surgeon) removed the village Christmas Tree and was warmly thanked.
2. The proposed reduction in the gritting of the roads out of the village is horrendous. Bill Lobban informed the meeting that the gritting might be stopped at nights between 11.00p.m. and 5.00a.m. This decision was made by the amount of cars in and out of the village at these times. A complaint will be sent to the Tec Services. David Ritchie felt a sprayed liquid would be better than salt and would stay on the roads better, but would cost more. Bill Lobban

explained that a 'Wet Grit' would be better but there are no wagons to carry out this procedure. Kate Adamson felt that the Council was better than Bear – contractors. Will Gilfillan Highland Council to be contacted. Kate Clark stated that she had already had three crashes at her house and one in her garden. The general opinion was that Inverness Highland Council is not concerned about the local villages. Iain Campbell also mentioned that his sister at Duthil had a car crash into her house.

3. Kate Clark feels that the Carrbridge signs at either end of the village could be improved. Seemingly Grantown-on-Spey and Aviemore have erected their own.
4. Pot holes are of a concern on the Grantown Road, especially at Duthil, Kate Clark stated that they were jet patched but this does not last. Bill Lobban informed the meeting that all pot holes should be reported to the council as they are discovered.
5. The drain at the Art Studio is blocked again; Kate Adamson thinks it's a soakaway, Bill Lobban to report this matter.
6. Iain Campbell stated that the picnic table at the car park had disappeared. Bill Lobban to enquire if it has been taken away for refurbishment.
7. It appears that the Polling Booths have gone from the village shed reported Iain Campbell – Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. No light was shone on this matter and it is hoped that they will be returned.

Andrew Kirk closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.

Date of next meeting, Thursday, 26th February 2015