

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 26th November 2015, in the Village Hall, at 7.30pm

Councillor Bill Lobban will take the Chair for the Start of the meeting

Present:

In attendance:

Apologies:

Temporary Chair of meeting Councillor Bill Lobban proposes Election of Office Bearers.

Elections of Office Bearers

Chairman: unanimously	- Proposed	Seconded	Agreed
Vice Chairman: unanimously	- Proposed,	Seconded	Agreed
Secretary: unanimously	- Proposed	Seconded	Agreed
Treasurer: unanimously	- Proposed	Seconded	Agreed

Appointment of Planning Representative: unanimously.	Proposed	Seconded	Agreed
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The Chairman as elected above will then take the Chair for the business of the Ordinary meeting:
Welcome to Community Councillors

a) Recording of membership present and apologies received

b) The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL shall be submitted for approval
Minutes of Meeting 29th October 2015

Matters Arising	Tourist Information Board / Plinth Struan House Hotel Tom na Clach Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) Memorial Path Path by Carnegies and Ian / Robert McInnes Updating of Action Plan
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c) Written Financial report from the previous Treasurer and Accounts Manager

d) Any other item of business, which the Chairperson has directed, should be considered

1. Planning Applications New applications agreed by email:

2. Carve CarrBridge Report and Finances
3. Duck Race – ?future
4. Porridge Championship Report
5. Christmas Party
6. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email
 Community Rail Partnership
 Highland Council Transport Programme
 Seafield and Christmas Tree
 Christmas Lights – John Beaton

e) Any other competent business

f) Questions or contributions from the public present

g) Chairperson to declare date of next meeting and close meeting
 Thursday 26th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 29th October, 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

Present: Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Robert McInnes, Kate Adamson (Secretary), Alice Buttress, Fiona McMullen (Accounts Manager), George Dyer and David Ritchie.

In attendance: Jan Carlyle, James and Maria Slaven Thompson, Douglas McLean, Margarete Paschke, Bruce Lindsay and Heather Davidson (Minutes).

Apologies:

Scott Bruce (Treasurer), Alan Rankin.

Andrew Kirk noted that this was the last Meeting of the current Community Council, which will be dissolved on November 17th. The new Council will start from 18th November

Andrew also noted the recent passing away of Roy White, who was Treasurer for the Community Council, a member for quite a number of years

MINUTES;

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2015. The Minutes have some changes from the version circulated and including these, the minutes were approved

MATTERS ARISING;

MATTERS OUTSTANDING:

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:

It was stated that original plans for housing development may change. George Dyer felt that Highland Council should come on board. Bill Lobban felt that the National Park was not much better and to make sure that any land up for discussion the Community Council should put their fears in writing.

Andrew Kirk feels that Murray Ferguson knows Carrbridge's feelings and either write to him or perhaps Gavin Mills, Kate Adamson felt that Gavin Mills as Head of Planning would be best suited and she will contact him.

TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD AND PLINTH:

Maria Slaven Thompson (Carrbridge Tourist Association Chairperson) reported that the plinth was ready for erection. The Tourist Information Board is also ready and will be erected at the beginning of November.

STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:

Andrew Kirk announced that there has been no decision made as yet and felt it was becoming a waiting game. A Highland Council representative had informed Andrew Kirk that all submissions are studied and there is a yes to some and a no to others. It was felt that the community needs to be reassured that the Community Council, Highland Council, National Park and the Scottish Government are working towards a resolution. Maria Slaven Thompson feels that there is a lack of information and that a statement should be issued explaining what the Community Council is doing and perhaps publishing this in the Carrbridge News. This was thought a good idea and a report will be entered in Carrbridge News. Bill Lobban felt that the Community Council deserved a 'Well done' for doing all that has been done so far in a difficult situation.

The statement will read

“The Community Council have been exploring several options of redevelopment regarding the Struan House Hotel culminating in detailed discussions with various Government and other Agencies which ,hopefully, will lead to a formal statement in due course. Because of confidentiality issues it has been difficult to discuss this openly.

Bill Lobban Local Highland Councillor said’ CCC have done all they can presently in a difficult situation”

TOM-NA-CLACH:

Andrew Kirk reported that the letter of objection has been sent and received regarding the size of the Windmills. Kate Adamson stated that £24,000 per annum was to be awarded, she went on to say she had visited the Wind Farm at Moy and was very impressed with the reinstatement of the surrounding areas and that there is a resident environmental expert who is at the site for three days in the week.

MEMORIAL PATHS:

Robert McInnes attended a meeting at the Council Chambers in Inverness to regarding the War Museums Trust. A grant may be available to be used for access and the railings round the memorial which need attention. Andrew Kirk suggested bringing on board John Walker if he was willing who helped greatly with the Ellan Bridge repair, this was agreed by all. Bill Lobban and Robert McInnes to lead on this matter i.e. tree cutting etc. It was decided to ask Marie Brown if she would aid with the grant application.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING:

PATHS: The asbestos path situation continues to drag on . George and Andrew will attend a meeting on 5th Nov with all the other agencies where hopefully this will be finally resolved. The CCC are very critical the time this is taking to resolve but is outwith their control.

ACTION PLAN: Karen Derek VABS is organizing a general meeting to start an audit of the village Action Plan.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Fiona McMullen informed the meeting that there was £27,779.86 in the account. It was confirmed that Ann Baird will receive £30.00 for auditing the accounts. The balance in Carrbridge Ahead Account is £15,828.22, although there are still invoices to pay for the Carrbridge Carve.

Bill Lobban informed the meeting that Highland Council require a Treasurer who is on the CC. The Cc will try to address this..

PLANNING – TRANSPORT APPLICATION:

George Dyer will write to Highland Council Roads Department in support of the installation of the Broadband Box which is to be installed on the triangle of grass by the Carrbridge Hotel. Highland Council have objected on traffic concerns. The CC cannot see how this can be a traffic concern particularly as the Carrbridge Hotel carpark is so close and the area is already used by HC gardening people.

Bill Lobban will write a letter of support also.

CARVE: George Dyer reported that the Carve this year was another very successful day.

DUCK RACE: Andrew Kirk questioned the continuance of the Duck Race in its present form, perhaps there should be some kind of raffle instead. This topic is to be discussed in more detail at a later date – January meeting

PORRIDGE: Margarete Peschke, with the aid of a comprehensive slide show, displayed some photographs of the great day. This was the 21st year of the competition and there were 20 contestants from around the world. There has even been interest from Australia. Last year CNN made a film of the event and at the moment are in talks with long haul airlines for this film to be shown. Mary Grant, for Children in Need organized a Ramble round the village, this was a great success. So far The Golden Spurtle has had 35,000 hits on the internet. Margarete was pleased to report that a total of £6,350.00 was monies in; the cost of the event was £4,260, thus giving a balance of £1,142.00. Raffle money, tea money and sale of spurtles were donated to Mary's Meals. A concern is the Trademark situation, as there is interest from Lady Madrid Protocol. This will be pursued re costs etc

Ian Bishop is to compile a Porridge Cookbook. It is also hoped that T-Shirts will be available for next year. Neil Currie of CNN wrote a poem on Porridge and this is planned to be on T/Towels also for next year.

David Ritchie brought up the subject of insuring the Trophy, this will be looked into.

CHRISTMAS PARTY; Andrew Kirk announced this would be held on Wednesday 16th December, 2015 in the Carrbridge Hotel. It is important that the invitee list is accurate. Kate will update .

NEW ITEM:

Andrew Kirk reported he had been at a seminar organised by the Police at the Cairngorm Hotel. Most CCs in the area were represented. Presentations were given including one from Chief Inspector Colin Gough; Area Commander Lochaber, B&S and Nairn.

A.9 DUALLING:

Andrew Kirk and Robert McInnes attended a meeting in Tomatin and were pleased to report that the work is progressing well.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP:

Andrew Kirk will represent Carrbridge at the launch of the HCRP (Carrbridge – Dunkeld) this to be launched on 9th November, 2015 at Pitlochry.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL TRANSPORT:

There was a complaint from a local resident regarding the problem of joining a South Bus from Aviemore due to fact there is no bus from Carrbridge arriving in Aviemore in time to make a connection. Kate Adamson stated that Highland Council Transport will be tendering for routes in March 2016.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE:

The Reidhaven Estate will be donating a Christmas tree to the village; Colin Watt of the Carrbridge Hotel will kindly erect the tree. Kate asked for delivery of the tree the first week in December – followed by the fitting of the Lights by HC Lighting Department (John Beaton)

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

1. Fiona McMullen raised the problem of moss on the paths at Reed Court, this was raised before and the moss was cleared but has recurred. Bill Lobban suggested getting a Residents Association up and running. He will forward the relevant information to Fiona as to who to contact.

2. Robert McInnes and local resident Jimmy Fraser will be placing crosses on graves prior to 8th November 2015. He suggested that a notice to let people know about the service at the Memorial.
3. Jan Carlyle complained about horse manure being deposited on the Riverside Walk and not being cleaned up. This path is used by many people, visitors and locals alike. This is from the Garage to the Bridge. It is not known whose horses are doing this. Bill Lobban suggested contacting the British Horse Society to obtain the rules for riding horses on a public path. Kate said that 'Their Guidance requires riders to clear any horse mess off public paths and even off roads. The least that should be done is for the Rider to dismount from their horse and kick the muck aside, to return later to clear it away properly'
4. David Ritchie suggested that once again the Community Council honour a youngster who has achieved special recognition, in this case Naomi Ritchie who won the Scottish Open Championship in Kick Boxing and has been selected for the Scottish Team.
The CC gave a resounding Well done to Naomi.

The meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

Date of next meeting Thursday 26th November 2015