

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday October 29th 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

House Keeping: Fire Exits etc
Introduction of Community Councillors to Visitors

Apologies

1. Minutes of: September 24^h 2015

Matters Arising

- a. Housing Development Carr Road ? to Outstanding issues
- b. Tourist Information Board / Plinth
- c. Struan House Hotel
- d. Tom na Clach
- e. Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) Memorial Path [RMcI](#)
- f. Path by Carnegies and Ian / Robert McInnes
- g. Updating of Action Plan

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)

Water Supply	Dropped Kerbs	A9 Dualling
Track up to Cemetery	Redesign of Health Services B & S	
Tom na Clach Community Benefit		Ellan Bridge - 2 yearly inspections
Jigsaw of bridge	Old Bridge Repair	School Playground

2. Treasurer's report [FMcM](#)

3. Planning Applications New applications agreed by email:

4. Carve CarrBridge Report and Finances

5. Duck Race – ?future

6. Porridge Championship Report

7. Christmas Party

8. 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

9. AOCB

10. Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 24th September, 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

Present: Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Robert McInnes, Alan Rankin, Kate Adamson (Secretary).

In attendance: Lorraine Anderson, Jan Carlyle, Maria Slaven Thompson, Colin Watt, Heather Davidson (Minutes).

Apologies:

Scott Bruce (Treasurer), George Dyer.

POLICE REPORT:

Andrew Kirk reported he has received a newsletter received from Colin Gough, South Commander regarding a Community Council forum on Tuesday with Bob McKay, Operations Inspector for Strathspey and Badenoch. It was stated that Boat of Garten receive written reports, but no other villages do. Andrew Kirk wondered if Carrbridge would get a written report, Bill Lobban stated he was told categorically – No, and went on to say that the Chairman of the Community Council should chat with Bob McKay, but also stated that to do away with local reports came from the top. Maria Slaven Thompson suggested reports twice per year. Andrew Kirk replied that he has e-mailed twice and has no reply regarding this matter. It was decided that Andrew Kirk would contact Bob McKay. Fergus Ewing has been made aware of the situation. Andrew Kirk felt that speeding concerns have been well documented.

MINUTES;

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th August 2015 were approved by Robert McInnes and seconded by Andrew Kirk.

Lorraine Anderson stated that the minutes were incorrectly reported regarding the 30mph sign on the Grantown Road; this should have been the Inverness Road. Apologies were given for the mistake.

MATTERS ARISING;

SPEEDING VEHICLES:

Lorraine Anderson stated that there was nothing more to report as of this time.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING:

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:

It was reported that there is nothing in the wind regarding Housing Development, but the said area was zoned for houses as per National Park development. Bill Lobban stated comments about Local Plans should be made at the beginning of the next planning discussion, and to contact Gavin Miles, Head of Planning, [Kate Adamson](#) will write to him.

TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD AND PLINTH:

Maria Slaven Thompson (Carrbridge Tourist Association Chairperson) reported that there were grammatical errors in the printing; she will be discussing this matter with those parties involved. The village leaflets are in short supply and are to be reviewed and reprinted at the next CTA meeting. The

National Park have offered £150.00 for this, Andrew Kirk suggested the Community Council offer financial help should this be required.

STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:

Andrew Kirk announced that there is still nothing to report as the Scottish Government person dealing with Struan has been on holiday and only returned to his post on 22nd September. Kate Adamson informed the meeting that some residents of the village feel that the Community Council is doing nothing. Andrew Kirk went on to state that over the past 18 months, in particular, 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 had been difficult to discuss this openly.

TOM-NA-CLACH:

Andrew Kirk asked for progress on the wind farm, Kate Adamson offered up discs to the meeting to be viewed and it was decided to give them to Liz Urquhart for her to view. Andrew Kirk felt that the wind farm must be controlled. There ensued a discussion regarding smaller wind turbines or less large wind turbines but the fear was that there would be larger ones put up at a later date. The smaller ones would be seen only from the Ferness Road and that many residents have no objections to the wind farm. Alan Rankin felt there would be many benefits to the village, but Robert McInnes is against the wind farm but agreed the whole project would be of benefit to the village. Colin Watt felt the wind turbines would be a blight on the village and the surrounding landscape. Kate Adamson stated there were so many differing opinions and those who object should do so personally. Andrew Kirk felt that there were three choices a) – agree b) – object c) – do nothing. Alan Rankin was concerned as to how we make the decision. The Community Council suggested that the Community use their own judgement and give a definite view be it for or against, but feels there are more against votes than for.

The discussion then lead on to the subject of community gain for the existing approved project- Kate Adamson favoured money up front and then split between those villages involved. Highland Council has a formula i.e. proximity, visibility etc. but it was decided that Highland Council should not be involved in the split decision.

PATHS:

Andrew Kirk reported that full and frank discussions with all the agencies involved in the resolution to repair the asbestos paths in the woods are taking place and hopes that all matters raised will be dealt with sooner rather than later, but there are many proposals to consider. Robert McInnes feels that test sites on the entire path should be made. Bill Lobban feels that Community should accept the opinion recommended by experts.

LANDMARK PATHS:

Alan Rankin has no further information on this matter.

VILLAGE TAPESTRY:

This has now been hung in the big hall, but Douglas Edwards is designing a heading for the tapestry and it will be completed soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

This report not available this month.

CARVE:

This was deemed a very successful event and the most amount of money taken at the gate ever.

WORLD PORRIDGE MAKING COMPETITION:

Progressing well.

DUCK RACE: To be discussed at a future date.

A9 DUALLING:

There was a good turnout at the Carrbridge forum. Andrew Kirk had been assured that there would be a junction at Blackmount on to the A9. Bill Lobban complimented the Engineers and Developers for keeping all interested parties aware of progress and future plans.

ACTION PLAN FOR VILLAGE

Alan Rankin leading on this matter and several ideas were suggested to be used at the forum meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATION:

The development of two houses at Station Road has lead to objections from the Community Council due to the size of these houses and road issues.

NEW ITEMS:

A comprehensive document has been received from Natural Retreats – Cairngorm Ski Area, Aviemore proposing new developments at the base station. There is to be an exhibition and drop-in session at the Cairngorm Hotel in October and Cairngorm Mountain Base Station in November. Comments from the Community Council will be welcomed.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

BUS TO COLLEGE:

Communication has been sent to Andrew Kirk regarding Bus to College:-

Stagecoach has not offered to provide a connection at Carrbridge for Grantown, meeting the 1710 bus from Inverness. This would improve the return journey from UHI to Grantown.

However, this would mean that they would have to withdraw the bus from Carrbridge to Aviemore which connects with the 1740 Inverness – Grantown. As passengers for Aviemore can use the 1710 bus, I think that on balance this would be an improvement, but I would welcome your views.

I have been asked for a connection from Tomatin to UHI. I have had no indication of the likely usage from Tomatin, but to provide this connection would mean that the start time from either Newtonmore of Grantown (or both, if the proposed morning connection at Carrbridge is implemented) would need to be earlier to accommodate this. In the evening, as I stated previously the 1740 bus cannot divert via the Campus due to drivers' hours limitations; it may be possible for the 1710 bus to divert, and I will discuss this with Stagecoach.

For Tomatin, therefore, I would recommend that the best option is to take the Service 34X bus to Raigmore Hospital and change there to a Service 8. In the evening, the Service 34 can be joined at Inches (opposite Tesco). If there proves to be a significant level of demand from Tomatin, we can review the position.

We have arranged that our contract with Scotbus for the Coignafearn feeder route and Strathdearn Primary journeys, which also includes one journey each way to/from Inverness, will divert via the campus. This may benefit some students who are not on full-time courses (arrive 0951, depart 1438).

MEMORIAL PATH:

Robert McInnes is to attend a meeting on 6th October 2015 regarding the Memorial Path to ascertain if funding could be arranged to aid with this matter. Bill Lobban feels that the Royal Engineers could do this job, as they have done many projects in Aviemore.

ASSISTANCE CAIRNGORM COMMUNITIES:

Kate Adamson, on behalf of the Community Council attended this meeting at the launch of the new Leader. Look to the Leader to see what funding is available. Carve Money would be perfect for matching. Alan Rankin stated project review had real potential to multiply Carve Fund.

Bill Lobban suggested that paths connecting the villages, this was considered a good idea.

WI-FI:

Maria Slaven Thompson commented on the lack of free Wi Fi in the Village Hall, Jan Carlyle (Village Hall Committee) stated the Committee had no objection to Wi Fi being installed in the Village Hall, but they could not afford to pay for this. Colin Watt informed the meeting that Speedy Broadband would soon be in the village.

AOB

Lorraine Anderson was informed that Donald Powell was building a road at his property not a building.

There is to be a change in how the Community Council Minutes are read, approved and passed on to publication on the Web Site.

ELECTIONS:

Andrew Kirk suggested a letter box drop regarding nominations for the forthcoming elections. This was agreed.

Andrew Kirk thanked all who turned up to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.34p.m.

Date of next meeting Thursday 29th October, 2015