

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday April 30th 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

House Keeping: Fire Exits etc

Introduction of Community Councillors to Visitors

Apologies

- 1 Police Report
- 2 Minutes of: March 26th 2015
- 3 Matters Arising Football Field SLA with High Life; new locks
Speeding vehicles
Housing Development Carr Road
School Playground
Ellan Bridge
Riverside Walk
Tourist Information Board / Plinth
Struan House Hotel [AR](#)
Tom na Clach
Bike Park Insurance
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
Jigsaw of bridge Old Bridge Repair
5. Treasurer's report [FMcM](#)
6. Planning Applications Planning procedures clarified
New applications agreed by email: Station Road
7. Porridge Championship
8. Duck Race – date and tickets
9. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email

10. AOCB
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 26th March, 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

Present: Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Kate Adamson (Secretary) Bill Lobban (Councillor), Robert McInnes, George Dyer, David Ritchie.

In attendance: PC Eric Sharkey, Lorraine Anderson, Iain Campbell, Gus Jones, Jan Carlyle and Heather Davidson (Minutes).

Andrew Kirk welcomed all present to the meeting.

Apologies:

Scott Bruce (Treasurer), Alan Rankin and Fiona McMullen (Accounts Manager).

POLICE REPORT:

The residents of Dalmore complained of vehicles speeding on the Grantown to Carrbridge Road, the Police were informed and an unmarked car had been and would be situated in the area. The 30 mile per hour speed sign is situated past the entrance to Dalmore due to the residents not wanting a flashing sign shining in on them. To re-site this sign would cost £3500.00; this information was stated by Ian Beaton of Highland Council and was considered too expensive.

George Dyer brought up the Neighbourhood Speed Watch campaign which is happening in England and why could this not happen here. PC Sharkey replied that this would always have the drivers questioning the speed they were traveling at because it was not an officially organized by the Police.

Lorraine Anderson stated that the residents of Culbokie are using local residents to take numbers of speeding cars and report them to the Police. PC Sharkey stated that on speaking the Police in the area the feeling that speeding could not be proved, although a nice letter was sent to the speeders by the Police requesting they note the speed they are traveling at. Lorraine Anderson continued with the question as to why Special Constables could not be used. PC Sharkey stated that there is not an easy answer as Special Constables are used mostly at weekends. He went on to say that Carrbridge is the most policed village for speeding in the area.

Lorraine Anderson asked if it was possible to alter the distance of recording speeding traffic as the 30 mile per hour sign is being triggered too close to the sign, she went on to ask if the village could have a Blue Tooth Tablet to record speeds. Bill Lobban felt this matter should be left to Lynn Johnson, Roads Department, Highland Council.

N.B. In last months minutes it was stated that it was the residents of Bonar Bridge that were using local residents to take speeding vehicles numbers, this information was incorrect and should have read as Culbokie.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2015 were approved by Andrew Kirk and seconded by Robert McInnes.

PLAYING FIELD MEETING:

Andrew Kirk reported on the meeting held to discuss Highlife Highland taking over the booking of the field for football matches etc. Andy McLeod of Highlife Highland stated they could have nothing to do with the Pavilion which houses the Changing Rooms for Footballers and the Outdoor Bowling Club as this belongs to the village. After several opinions were debated it was decided that Carrbridge would carry on with the bookings as previously, although would appreciate any guidelines that Highlife Highland could give them. The general opinion was for interested parties to get together and form a mini committee re bookings etc. It was decided to change the locks on the Changing Rooms for security reasons, Robert McInnes to organize this.

ELLAN BRIDGE:

Andrew Kirk was pleased to announce that John Walker, Engineer, and a local resident on a volunteer basis will oversee the repairs of the bridge. Geoff Freedman has been commissioned to do the tender document. Andrew has filled out the forms for the National Park who has agreed to £3000.00 towards the cost of repair. The total cost for the whole repair is likely to be in the region of £15,000. Donald Powell and Douglas MacDonald have both given permission for access to the site.

RIVERSIDE WALK:

This will be repaired as soon as the weather improves. AK and AR have been in dialog with COAT who are organizing the repair.

JIGSAW:

Andrew Kirk produced the four season photograph of the Old Bridge courtesy of James Ross, who took the photographs, these to be forwarded to the jigsaw makers to see which one would be most suitable.

TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD:

Alice Buttress, Alan Rankin and Andrew Kirk along with James and Maria from Craigellachie Guest House met and a final plan has been decided.

STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:

Bill Lobban in conversation with Moray Ferguson, Head of Development and Planning, regarding the hotel is to be in communication with Alan Rankin to discuss this matter further.

TOM-NA-CLACH:

Nothing further to report at this stage.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – CARR ROAD:

Andrew Kirk reported that there were around 100 protesters along with officials who attended the site meeting on 13th March 2025. At the actual Planning Meeting later that day at Boat of Garten Hall the speakers gave their objections and the plan was denied. The developers have 12 weeks to appeal, if they do not then the slate is wiped clean and they would have to start again. Gus Jones stated that at the next meeting of the National Park Board at Blair Athol he hopes that the local plan will not be changed as the Scottish Government have dictated and his organization has hired an expert to give reasons which he hopes will be thought through before giving cart blanche to developers.

Carrbridge were complimented on how they handled themselves especially those who spoke at the Planning Meeting. Gus Jones feels that the developers are calling the shots.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND:

Andrew Kirk has deposited the cheque to Clare Lake, Headmistress of the local Primary School to help with the costs of new play equipment for the school playground. The CC will be invited to look round it once it is completed.

ENTRANCE TO FOOTBALL FIELD:

Although these repairs have now been completed Iain Campbell stated that the drain water is not clearing and thinks that the Snow Plough has perhaps dug out a kerb stone. David Ritchie felt that the burn needs to be dug deeper. Bill Lobban will investigate with relevant HC officials.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance of £13,869.61, Commercial Account £3956.97

Outgoings: £1000 to Golf Club for Buggy

£2500 to School for Play Equipment

£850 for Ellan Bridge Survey.

£15,000 Ellan Bridge(contingency)

Iain Campbell (Chairman of Hall Committee) reminded the meeting that they offered £1200 towards conveyancing of land purchase, this was agreed by the members and a cheque to be raised.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

No issues with planning. The erection of a single dwelling house at the rear of Pine View, Carr Road had no objections. David Ritchie took no part in this discussion.

DUELLING OF A9:

Bill Lobban reported that Sam McNaughton – Transport Scotland is very keen to keep all interested parties abreast of progress which will be discussed at a meeting in Boat of Garten Hall on 21st April 2015 where all Community Councils are invited to attend.

GOLF CLUB:

A letter of thank-you for the gift of £1,000 for a Golf Buggy was received from John Walker, President of the Club.

RIVERSIDE BOWLING CLUB:

Louise Cormack (Secretary) queried cost of insurance at £833.56, but in conversation with other Bowling Clubs reported this price was in line with their quotes.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

1. Peter Randall who owns a self-catering property at Dalrachney Beag is concerned about water running down the road onto his property. Bill Lobban had received this information and has passed it on to the correct department.
2. The suggested day for litter pick round the village is 10th May 2015 in line with Keep Scotland Tidy. Thanks to Roy Brown for coordinating this.
3. Porridge applications are coming in and the next Committee Meeting is to be held on Thursday 2nd April 2015.
4. The Bike Park Insurance: The Community Council paid £543.55 for the first year and they are now handing this matter over to the Skateboard Group.

5. Friends of Carrbridge Station: Robert McInnes reported there was a good turn out with many groups in attendance. He went on to say that Strathclyde University is doing a survey on local Railway Stations.
6. Dog Fouling: There have been complaints from residents in Carr Road at the Pumping Station. Bill Lobban organized the Dog Warden who came and collected same and put up signs re NO FOULING.

David Ritchie gave a potted history about when the A9 was being built. He said that all local hauliers got together and for a cost of £100.00 and the supplying of one vehicle could purchase fuel on the site and had the availability to purchase tyres. It was a system that worked very well.

Andrew Kirk thanked all who turned up to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 30th April, 2015