

CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MEETING TO BE
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 25th August, 2016 at 7.30p.m.

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

- 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 28th July 2016

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| Matters Arising | Telecom Mast (see attached) |
| | Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) Memorial Path iii) |
| | Riverside |
| | Seafield Woods AR |
| | Bridge 300 - Overgrown Shrubs |
| | Updating of Action Plan - Curling Pond |
| | Cycle route to Kinveachy |
| | Ellanwood RMcI |
| | Development Plan |
| | A9 Dualling |
| | NNR Local Nature Reserve |

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)

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| Old Bridge Repair | School Playground |
| Redesign of Health Services B & S | Ellan Bridge - 2 yearly inspections |
| Renewing of Bike Skills Park Insurance 31-03-2017 | |
| Struan House Hotel | Tom na Clach |

- c) Written Financial report from the Treasurer
- 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 2016
 3. Porridge Championship
 4. Duck Race 7th August
 5. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – several already circulated by email:
Scottish Land Fund open again
- f) Questions or contributions from the public present
- g) Chairperson to declare date of next meeting and close meeting

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 28th July, 2016 at 7.30p.m.**

Present: Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Kate Adamson (Secretary), Robert McInnes, David Ritchie, Alan Rankin (Treasurer), and Alice Buttress. Heather Davidson (Minutes)

In attendance: Maria Thomson-Slaven, Jan Carlyle, Colin Watt Denise Stott, (Mr and Mrs Bainbridge, Lara Campbell, Jacqueline Rice, Sarah Nilsen left after Mast discussion

Apologies: George Dyer, Charlie Millar.

Andrew Kirk welcomed all to the meeting

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 30th June 2016 were approved by Alan Rankin and seconded by Robert McInnes.

A number of residents were in attendance on the single issue of the Telecommunications Mast planned for the corner of the Golf Course opposite the Carrbridge Hotel. Andrew was aware that there would be representation and had suggested to the main spokesperson that a large turnout of objectors wasn't necessary to make the point and it might be easier to discuss with fewer. He thanked the objectors for taking heed of this and said that the subject would be discussed before all other business. A very full and frank discussion followed for 45 minutes. A very brief resume of this below.

The CC agreed to an initial email to HC planning to express their surprise at no neighbourhood notification and to ask that any decision be put on hold. Subsequently the HC reopened and extended the period for consultation and the CC formally objected .The letter of objection attached.

TELECOM MAST: (Bill Lobban took no part in this discussion). The CC was aware of the Telecom Mast application in the middle of May; only one person on Inverness Road made a comment, details and a link was sent to them on the application and that was that. Jacqueline Rice heard about the placement of the mast when she was in Nethybridge two days ago. She then contacted Andrew Kirk as to the fact she and other residents of Dalmore and Dalbeag did not know about the placement of the mast. Andrew Kirk contacted John Kelly, case officer, although it took a whole day to get through to him, the information gleaned was that the residents were outwith the 20 metre rule. Andrew Kirk replied that John Kelly did stick to the curteledge rule. Lara Campbell stated that the distance from her house to the mast is 14 metres. Denise Stott voiced that the correct procedure was used by the Planning Department.

Andrew Kirk continued that John Kelly informed him adamantly that there was no fear of radiation. 4G is needed for visitors and residents alike. Mr Bainbridge went on to say that there is no issue with the mast, just the location. Lara Campbell felt that it should be proven that other sites could have been used. Mr Bainbridge continued with the fact that the mast would be an eye-sore at one end of the village and the Struan House Hotel is an eye-sore at the other end, plus, is the reason for the mast to be

so close to the road to make it easier for 02 to run cables. Andrew Kirk replied that this was the obvious choice so as to get the best signal. Denise Stott doubted this, and asked why the mast couldn't be erected behind the Golf Club. Mrs Bainbridge felt that Dalmore had already paid a lot of money for fencing as a planning condition and now the visual image would be the mast.

Andrew Kirk continued saying that we are where we are – no objections were raised. He went on to say that John Kelly on his e-mail address is willing to look at complaints. Denise Stott felt it would help the cause to get objections to John Kelly. Lara Campbell felt that John Kelly could get a period extension, but this hinges on the Community Council.

Jacqueline Rice asked how the Community Council had made the decision not to object, she felt that nobody reads the Badenoch and Strathspey Herald. Andrew Kirk asked how we go forward with this problem, Jacqueline Rice felt that there should be a set criteria and the siting of a 64' mast needed to be on the website. Denise Stott continued that she looked on the web site and there was nothing posted, she suggested that major issues need more publicity i.e. developments etc. Andrew Kirk said the CC wrongly assumed that all households who would be affected would know. Mr Bainbridge wants to reiterate that he is not against the mast but disputes the facts and where the boundaries are and they should be re-measured. Denise Stott felt that the 'Reporter' should be brought in. Andrew Kirk made a note of the comment, that the residents just heard today about the placement of the mast and that there was no neighbourhood notification. Denise Stott went on to say that George Dyer's driveway is within 20 metres and why he was not personally notified should be picked up. Andrew Kirk replied that the Golf Club had had no notification when the Carrbridge Hotel applied for planning permission for their bedroom extension. Jacqueline Rice went on to ask what process the Community Council went through regarding the placement of the mast. Andrew Kirk replied that no-one objected, Alice Buttress added that no-one came forward to complain. Jacqueline Rice asked what solutions are being put into place.

Kate Adamson explained that the Community Council has to adhere to planning permission rules. Jacqueline Rice asked if the school knew, Kate Adamson replied that they did and had no objections. Lara Campbell stated that the school did not inform the parents on this matter. This item of planning was not called in by the National Park explained Andrew Kirk. Denise Stott stated that the National Park are understaffed, she went on to ask that if all else fails would the Community Council make it a condition regarding planting etc. Andrew Kirk advised that further discussions were required and all concerned should send an e-mail to John Kelly. Jacqueline Rice wanted to know if there would be comments from the Community Council. Lara Campbell wanted to know if the Community Council would be behind the affected residents as they feel this plan should be stopped-

MATTERS ARISING:

TOM NA CLACH: Nothing to report at the moment.

PRESENTATION: Naomi Ritchie was presented with a glass sculpture to record her becoming the World Martial Art Champion. The photographer from the Badenoch and Strathspey Herald arrived to take a photograph. Well done Naomi.

ELLANWOOD PATH: Until the next litter pick there is nothing to report.

WAR MEMORIAL PATH: Robert McInnes and Andrew Kirk along with Highland Council representative met to discuss the sprucing up of the Memorial and the improvement to the path up to it. A further meeting is planned with the HC Forestry officer.

RIVERSIDE WALK: Alan Rankin has been in contact with COAT, who have been very helpful, one quote submitted it was decided to accept this quote, as to the matting suggestion there was no guarantee that this would work. Also they have been contracted to cut down the overgrowth which should happen three times per year.

SEAFIELD WOODS: Alice Buttriss, Alan Rankin and Andrew Kirk met with Seafield Estate and Forestry contractor to discuss the woods behind Landmark and feel assured that the contractor has the interest of the village at heart. The work is to commence the last week in August and 1 in 5 trees will be harvested, there will be protective metal sheeting and signage used. The boggy ground will be made good, the whole project should take 6 – 8 weeks and that some paths will be closed for certain periods. David Ritchie felt that there would be devastation with the use modern machinery.

BIG CONVERSATION: Progressing well.

A9 DUALLING: Alan Rankin reported on the follow up meeting with the project team and the Community Council re Blackmount and Grainish Junctions, a report has been sent to A9 Transport.

GRASS CUTTING (Cemetery): Bill Lobban reports he had a meeting with the contractor and the grass was now to a reasonable standard and better than in the past. He circulated a letter from the HC person that monitors the contractor. The CC asked for everyone to inform them if they thought standards were poor at any time so this could be reported back.

ELLANWOOD: The flower-bed has now been planted at the top of Ellanwood Road; this was done by local residents. Grateful thanks to Mandy Macdonald for coordinating helpers. Many thanks to all of them. The Sandy Lindsay Bench at the flower bed is now in the capable hands of Tom Adams and Robert McInnes who are scraping and bleaching the wood prior to finishing coat, cost to be notified when the job is completed.

SLOCHD SPEED LIMIT: No response as yet reported Bill Lobban.

PLAYING FIELD: Donna Riley – Highlife has replied to Andrew Kirk but still no site meeting. Robert McInnes felt that all this too long. All agreed.

BRIDGE 300: As the Pack Horse Bridge in the village is 300 years old next year Maria Thomson-Slaven from the Tourist Association felt that there should be a meeting of the Community in the village hall to get involved with this project. CC very supportive of this. It was a proposal that this should take place in May and run for three days. A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 17th August 2016 at 7p.m.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER: Robert McInnes proposed and Andrew Kirk seconded that Charlie Millar be co-opted onto the CC thus taking the numbers up to the quota of 8. Unanimously agreed. This cooption is fully functioning member with full voting powers.

FINANCE: Balance £19,788,93 Alan Rankin has devised a new format for income and expenditure. All agreed this was good. Kate Adamson stated that Highland Council format has to be used for annual submissions which it will.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Defibrillator – Unfortunately the Defibrillator had to be used this week, Colin Watt offered to pay for pads but the CC feel that this is not required and that the Defib is there for just this occasion. Charlie Millar has ordered replacement pads.

Planning – Nothing to new to report.

Carve Carrbridge – Progressing well.

Porridge – This is progressing well.

Overgrown Trees and Shrubs – It has been reported to the Community Council that the view of the Bridge is diminished from the Station Road end due to a thicket of bushes and branches of tress. Bill Lobban will contact Highland Council for permission, but the CC might have to pay for any work done. With the Bridge 300 next year the CC has a strong desire to get this area tidied up. There is a bench that just looks onto overgrown bushes.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 25th August 2016