

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday May 26th 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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 April 2016

Matters Arising

Struan House Hotel
Tom na Clach
Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) Memorial Path iii) Riverside
Updating of Action Plan - Big Conversation
Curling Pond
Development Plan
A9 Dualling
Slochd Speeding

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)

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	

- 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 2015 Final Account
3. Porridge Championship Report
4. Christmas Party)
Duck Race 7th August) nil to discuss
5. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – several already circulated by email:
Tesco Funding for Communities Scottish Land Fund open again
HC Bedding Plants

e) Any other competent business

f) Questions or contributions from the public present

- g) Chairperson to declare date of next meeting and close meeting
AGM will be held at 7pm 30th June – Notice will be issued on or before 9th June
Followed by Meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

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

In attendance: Maria Thomson-Slaven, Jan Carlyle, Bob Robertson, Bill Baird, Kate Sandilands, Charlie Miller, Marie Brown (VABS and local resident) and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

Apologies: Nil

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31st March 2016 were approved by George Dyer and seconded by Robert McInnes.

MATTERS ARISING:

WOODLAND CHILDS PLAY AREA: There is nothing further to report.

STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL: Alan Rankin reported that the hotel is up for auction again on 18th May 2016 and at the last auction the offer only reached £150,000. Andrew Kirk has been in communication with an interested party, but when he viewed the property he backed out. Alan Rankin has been in touch with DM Hall, Selling Agents who will keep him informed of any further developments.

TOM NA CLACH: Kate Adamson and Robert McInnes attended a meeting along with other delegates affected by the Wind Turbine installation – 1 from Grantown on Spey, 2 from Cawdor, 2 from Dulnain Bridge, 1 from East Nairn, the topics discussed were more or less a reiteration of those already discussed previously at the last CC meeting.. Bill Lobban reported that the time extension for the work had been withdrawn and the first stages of construction will be starting in June. Kate Adamson went on to say that the SSE sub-stations would be the first order of work, then road construction with 94 passing places along the route. Robert McInness added that the main Contractor has not been appointed yet, but will be in charge of transporting material etc. The route used by their traffic will be dependent on which quarry is used, and we will be consulted then about the problems of traffic and traffic times. The local councilor for Glen Ferness had stated he is concerned with speeding at the moment and needs the name of the contractors so as to report to the police.

PATHS: Andrew Kirk asked Alice Buttress for an update on the litter pick, she explained that the ground was not dry enough but was pleased to report that Highland Council are continuing to monitor the Asbestos in the paths.

MEMORIAL PATHS: Andrew Kirk stated that Highland Council had now confirmed they own the land that the War Memorial is on and surrounding area. He asked Bill Lobban if he could get detailed land plans for the CC to see , showing the actual boundaries which would be useful in in the matter of improving the access and other matters particularly the trees.

The CC wish to improve and upgrade the area to improve the access for more people including a hand rail and landscaping The CC have been concerned with the aspect of all abilities legislation as the gradient might be difficult to satisfy this .

The National Park have stated this would not need to be up to All Ability standard; Bill Lobban went on to say that the team looking after the Path in the wood would have a look at the Memorial Path. Andrew Kirk and Alice Buttress will attend this. Bill Lobban suggested that the Community Council wait until the survey of the Memorial Path is done and then look at funding opportunities. Community Council is willing to come up with some of the money.

RIVERSIDE PATH: Alan Rankin spoke to COAT, the path will be surveyed on Friday, 29th April, 2016 and will give an outline as to price for repair. Help with this would be helpful but Dougie Baird state there were no funds for this. The specification for these repairs will be ready in about two weeks. Kate Adamson has concerns that this problem will keep reoccurring. Alice Buttress suggested edging and Kate Adamson agreed. Alan Rankin felt it would depend on the swirling water. Diagonal Gulleys was another suggestion but it was decided to wait and see. Alan will progress.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Murray Ferguson CNPA had suggested regarding the Development Plan the linking of the areas of land zoned for housing with the derelict Struan site but Andrew Kirk felt these were separate issues and should be addressed as such. All agreed.

A9 DUALLING: The question of Roadside laybys was raised, the concerns being the detriment to the local villages should this happen. A full explanation of the feedback from the Boat of Garten meeting will be known when this is published. Bill Lobban stated that 4 Highland Councillors objected to service areas etc on the A.9. including toilets/shops etc. Maria Thomson Slaven raised the matter of laybys etc and would like to have viewing points available with local information. Alice Buttress felt that there would have to be a compromise. Alan Rankin submitted the CC submission on this and was assured by Transport Scotland it would be taken note of.

ACTION PLAN (THE BIG CONVERSATION): Marie Brown from VABS is offering any help and assistance with any of the items on the priority list. One item on the priority list was to use the Curling Pond for other sports during the summer months. Bob Robertson, President of the Curling Club was open to any suggestions, but wants the Curling Club involved so as to be viable and continue on the tradition of the Curling Club. Bill Baird has had a long association with the Curling Club but the finances of the club are virtually nil, but he feels that a package be instigated for all interested parties to work together, but this idea needs a lot of planning. Andrew Kirk stated that clarification is needed as to area, fencing etc. and does the estate have any caveat on the Rink. Charlie Miller felt that the Curling Club was in the minority and the Rink should be used for other sports. Andrew Kirk felt that to go forward the offer of Marie Brown and VABS was needed. Alan Rankin stated that for this process to be a success all interested parties form a working group.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Accounts – Alan Rankin stated that Fiona McMullen only has the online ability to deal with accounts until the A.G.M. and then full handover will occur, he has spoken to the three local accountancy firms for end of financial year accounts. One declined and two want to see accounts. Carrbridge Ahead also needs their accounts to be audited. Katrina Stirling takes the money for the stallholders at Carve Carrbridge and will hand it over to Alan Rankin to bank.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Affordable Housing – At a standstill until a developer comes along.

Village Hall – The plans for the new kitchen are still with the planning office.

Cycle Route - The preferred cycle route to Kinveachy should run parallel with the old A9 road and then link up with Boat of Garten and Aviemore.

Broadband – Progressing.

Parking - On going.

Youth Club – The Community Council felt that the restart of the Youth Club should come from the parents.

PlayingField– Marie Brown suggested that the playground be fenced off from the field. Andrew Kirk felt this area should be upgraded but would be costly and that this project should be higher up the list. However this was Highlife Highland ground and we would need to liaise with them . Robert McInnes stated that the field was really wet and George Dyer stated it was a disaster, that there are still puddles in the playing field. David Ritchie informed the room that the only solution was to install drainage pipes. Andrew Kirk felt these matters must be addressed soon.

Carve Carrbridge – George Dyer reported that he had a final invoice for logs which is £1,500. Andrew Kirk asked David Ritchie how much the barriers were and we await an invoice.

Porridge – Nothing to report at this moment.

Duck Race – George Dyer informed the room that this was to take place on Sunday 7th August 2016, weather permitting.

Community Shed – Rates Notice received which was 100% relief.

Bedding Plants – Bill Lobban informed the Committee that smaller villages would still get most of their beds planted by HC. However in the case of Carrbridge not the bed at the top of Ellanwood Road. This bed will be grassed over by HC however if Carrbridge want to maintain HC will supply plants but we plant ourselves. Andrew Kirk suggested this is what we should do and all agreed . Andrew to speak to some of Ellanwood Road and see if any volunteers.

Village Hall – A.G.M. to be held on Wednesday, 11th May, 2016 at 7.30p.m.
CCrs to attend if at all possible.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Kate Adamson notified the meeting about the Cairngorm Nature Festival at Glenmore Visitor Centre on 14th and 15th May 2016 and that there would be various and numerous items of interest.

Shaun Finnie has sent an e-mail to inform the Community Council of the contact details of people to contact if specific problems.

Maria Thomson Slaven reported two pot-holes outside the Old Police House. She has contacted HC.

Bob Robertson reported that Moffat has Dark Sky Status and wondered if Carrbridge could have also.

Bill Lobban stated that the Highland Council has adjusted the end of winter; this was now 14th April 2016.

Robert McInnes had been contacted by Kate Sandilands who lives at the Slochd about speeding on the old A9 at Slochd. He read out the letter from her. Bill Lobban stated that this is a police matter but went on to say that the 30mph stickers on wheelie bins appears to be working well. Other communities are going to copy Carrbridge and do the same. It was suggested that Andrew Kirk contact Richard Porteous of Highland Council and ask for a speed limit reduction on the straight stretch to 30mph.

All felt that with continuing road works on the A9 the problem of cars using the old A9 as a rat run would only get worse.

Alice Buttress reported on her visit to the Parent Council meeting at the school where the matter of a school crossing was discussed. Bill Lobban stated the Parent Council should contact Safer Routes to School, making out a travel plan prior. George Dyer reminded the meeting that there was a problem with positioning when this had previously been discussed; Kate Adamson mentioned that apparently the school wanted the crossing close to the car park entrance, but this was deemed not a good idea as it was too close.

George Dyer reported that the new Defibrulator pads were in the post as they have to be changed at regular intervals. The battery will need replacing in 2018. Charlie Miller asked if it had been used and was pleased to hear the answer was no.

Alan Rankin raised the matter of cheaper oil; in a group purchase the price could drop by maybe 6p a litre. It was felt that someone local would have to be the administrator to get this off the ground and keep running smoothly. Alan Rankin said that only with others could he take it on.

Robert McInnes and Alice Buttress raised the problem of buses and bus timetables, it was agreed, to monitor this.

Meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Date of next meeting, Thursday, 26th May 2016

