

# CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

Matters Arising

Children's Play Area – Carr wood
Struan House Hotel
Tom na Clach Meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> April RMcI & KA
Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) Memorial Path
Updating of Action Plan - Big Conversation
Curling Pond
Development Plan
A9 Dualling

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)

Old Bridge Repair	School Playground
Redesign of Health Services B & S	Ellan Bridge - 2 yearly inspections

- 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:  
Carrbridge Hotel extension
  - 2. Carve CarrBridge Final invoices
  - 3. Porridge Championship Report
  - 4. Christmas Party )  
Duck Race ) nil to discuss?
  - 5. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email
- 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 7.30p.m.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jan Carlyle, Colin Watt, Iain Campbell, Fiona Milligan (Infinergy), Ken Hardie (Infinergy), Tony Burley, Charlie Miller and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Rebecca Badger (CNPA) and Fiona McMullen (Outgoing Accounts Manager)

**MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 approved Robert McInnes, seconded David Ritchie.

**CHILDRENS' PLAY AREA:** Andrew Kirk advised he has had no further information.

**STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:** Andrew Kirk was sad to report that the sale had been withdrawn from the Auction which was due to be held today, 31<sup>st</sup> March. There is now a fixed price of £250,000. It was decided that Alan Rankin would leave it a week before contacting the selling agent.

**TOM NA CLACH:** Fiona Milligan informed the meeting that the Reporter will make the final decision as to the appeal and concerns re Wind Farm. The Reporter is extremely busy at the moment but it is hoped the results would be in by early autumn. The company is forging ahead with construction, at this point she introduced Ken Hardie – Senior Construction Manager, who explained that he plans to make a start soon. Decisions re site entrance etc so as to get as much work done before winter, thus starting in June. Andrew Kirk raised the matter of construction traffic, but was reassured by Fiona Milligan that through a Liaison Forum feedback would be listened to. No contractor is in place as yet. Traffic problems hopefully would be minimized. Ken Hardie went on to explain that all 6 CC's would be invited to attend a meeting each month to discuss progress etc. Concerns were raised by Kate Adamson re road closures, this would only be for 20 minutes at a time with passing places, and this would all be in place before work started. Kate Adamson also brought up the subject of the environment, Ken Hardie stated that at the beginning of the process an environmental ecologist would be on site. Alan Rankin voiced his concerns regarding operational problems, Fiona Milligan explained that should any contractor not adhere to the contract they will be expelled from the site, but also weather may affect the time scale.

**PATHS:** Andrew Kirk informed the meeting there would be a litter pick on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and was pleased to report that Highland Council are still monitoring the paths for asbestos.

**MEMORIAL PATH:** Andrew Kirk stated there was no progress, Alana Hughes referred him back to Highland Council as her department is not for paths but for the Memorial. Robert McInnes felt that the Memorial needs a little attention. Andrew Kirk felt that the path problem needs to be taken forward by someone, this is not as straightforward as it had to be all abilities friendly. Robert McInnes to take this on. Kate Adamson asked how much funding was available; Andrew Kirk replied that a request for funding has been sent to Highland Council. Bill Lobban suggested contacting Access Ability Company – Adam Streeter Smith, will outline the rules for paths. Tony Burley will also assist with this matter.

**RIVERSIDE PATH:** Alan Rankin will speak to COAT re superficial repairs, quotes to be obtained.

**BIG CONVERSATION:** Andrew Kirk stated 71 residents attended the meeting and was very pleased with the turn out. Karen Derek of VABS has produced a list of high priorities (see attached). Iain Campbell stated that the Curling Pond could be used for other purposes as Aberlour Tennis Club uses their Curling Pond but he does not know the surface. Kate Adamson felt the Curling Pond was not wide enough for Tennis Court. Alan Rankin felt that multi sport usage would be spot on. Robert McInnes stated that when young he played all sports on the pond. Tony Burley thought that the pond could be put to more uses other than 8 curlers. It was then decided that Bob Robertson (Curling Club) be invited to CC meeting to discuss propositions.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Andrew Kirk wants ideas from the community in general re the housing development plan re Boys Brigade field .. Robert McInnes brought up the problem of Carr Road not being suitable for pavements. Andrew Kirk mentioned the walkway to the school, but Kate Adamson stated that a path would have to go through a local farmers field and as a tenanted farmer the estate may not be keen for this, plus the ground is boggy. Bill Lobban added that there is building consent for 100's houses in Badenoch and Strathspey, but are not being built due to economics. Kate Adamson wondered if there were any other sites in Carrbridge.

George Dyer went on to state that this can only be decided in the next five year plan. Andrew Kirk stated that the National Park should be a mediator between community, park, council and builders. Alan Rankin feels the scale the village wants may not be acceptable to builders. Bill Lobban, as stated previously, that CC's are not paying enough attention to the plan and CC's have to get in early with their objections. Iain Campbell suggested land to the side of the road at Landmark (H2) perhaps a Housing Association would build along with the Council and a developer. Bill Lobban suggested joining forces with a developer.

**A9 DUALLING:** Andrew Kirk reported that he with Alice Buttress and Robert McInnes attended a meeting at Nethy and had sent in a report regarding junctions to the north and south of the village, also raised was suggestions regarding facilities at laybys along with picnic areas and parking. Carrbridge were not in favour of this. Alan Rankin stated there was no need for this on A9 which would be stated in a submission to Transport Scotland.

**A.O.C.B.:** Andrew Kirk suggested a small party and a retirement gift at the next meeting to mark the retirement of Fiona McMullen the accounts manager, this was agreed by all. It was unanimously agreed also that Alan Rankin would take over as Treasurer and thanked him for taking this on. The CC put on record their grateful thanks to Fiona for all the hard work she has put in over the years.

The Insurance payment for the Outdoor Bowling Club is due £857.24, Alan Rankin stated that Fiona McMullen will have to pay this at the moment until signatures etc. are lodged with the bank. It was also decided to ask the BC to look at other Insurance Companies for quotes for next year.

There is £22,045.60 in the CC account, but George Dyer stated there are still two invoices outstanding from the Carve.

**PLANNING APPLICATION:** Colin Watt has submitted a planning application for an extension to the hotel, a total of 24 bedrooms.

**CARVE CARRBRIDGE:** George Dyer reported the Carve will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 and that there have been 31 applicants for only 24 places, he went on to say there will be a reserve list, but perhaps 2 more places will be added making 26.

**DUCK RACE:** This is going ahead in early August, date to be confirmed.

**PORRIDGE:** There have been several applicants and things progressing well.

**ANY NEW ITEMS:** Kate Adamson stated that this is the last year that the skate board park can use THC insurance service. Insurance £525 has been paid up to March 2017.

**SPEEDING:** Andrew Kirk reported that a local resident is concerned about speeding on Station Road and had asked if the movable 30mph sign be removed from Inverness Road to Station Road. Bill Lobban suggested contacting John Beaton – HC Lighting Dept., but Andrew Kirk asked if the moving of the 30mph would in fact cause a concern on Inverness Road. Robert McInnes asked if we could buy a new one. Andrew Kirk to investigate. David Ritchie suggested Rumble Strips.

**POLICE:** Police Survey liaising with CC. Individual CCrs to complete.

**VILLAGE HALL:** Andrew Kirk agreed that the CC would sign the planning application for the kitchen extension as this would reduce the cost of the application by 50%. Iain Campbell gave his report on progress and stated that the Village Hall had allocated £10,000 towards expected cost of £30,000 of the extension; Andrew Kirk felt that the CC should give a sizable contribution as the village had the money and the Village Hall was the most important community owned asset. He suggested perhaps £15,000. Iain Campbell is arranging a meeting with Karen Derek of VABS regarding Lottery Funding.

**FOOTBALL FIELD:** Robert McInnes has put nets on goal posts which needed some attention which he has attended to. Iain Campbell spoke about moles causing problems Andrew Kirk stated Highlife Highland might deal with this. George Dyer stated that the left hand side gate and Bowling Club metal fencing has come away from fixings, Andrew Kirk suggested taking a photograph and sending to Highlife Highland.

George Dyer reported that Mobile Phone reception should improve within 6/9 months following erection of mast at Golf course.

**Alan Rankin wondered about a Community Purchase Scheme for Oil. Tony Burley stated that whilst living down south this started as an experiment and worked very well. Alan to pursue.**

**Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.**

**Next meeting, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016**