

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

Meeting Thursday July 28th 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 June 30th 2016

Matters Arising Struan House Hotel

Tom na Clach

Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) Memorial Path iii) Riverside iv) Seafield Estate

v) Fairwinds to woods

Action Plan - Big Conversation

A9 Dualling

Grass cutting – Cemetery

Ellanwood Plant bed and bench

Slochd Speed limit request

Playing Field

Bridge300

Co Option of Councillor proposal

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)

Old Bridge

Redesign of Health Services B & S Ellan Bridge - 2 yearly inspections

Development Plan Seniors Christmas Lunch Bike skills Park Insurance 31.3.17

c) Financial report from the Treasurer

d) Any other item of business, which the Chairperson has directed, should be considered

1. Planning Applications
2. Carve CarrBridge
3. Porridge Championship

New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – several 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 25th August at 7.30pm in the Village hall

CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 30th June, 2016 at 7.00p.m.

Present: Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Robert McInnes, David Ritchie, Alan Rankin, George Dyer, Fiona McMullen and Alice Buttress.

In attendance: Maria Thomson-Slaven, Jan Carlyle, Mairi Brown (VABS and local resident), Lorraine Anderson, James Fraser, Martyn O'Reilly, Mr and Mrs Cotterill, Charlie Miller and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

Apologies: Kate Adamson (Secretary)

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26th May 2016 were approved by Alice Buttress and seconded by Robert McInnes.

MATTERS ARISING:

GRASS CUTTING: Andrew Kirk reported that he had received an E-mail complaining about the state of the grass cutting, he has contacted various people regarding this but to date no replies have been received. James Fraser, who has tended the graves in the Cemetery of his own volition for years, especially the War Graves is most distressed at the state of the grass. It appears that the grass cuttings are not raked up; flowers are cut down and too long between cuttings make the Cemetery a very upsetting sight for those visiting it. Bill Lobban stated that there is a long list of complaints from other villages, but he is attending a meeting with the contractors and will raise this issue and report back. Andrew Kirk asked James Fraser to let Robert McInnes know when these issues occur so the CC can monitor .

WAR MEMORIAL PATH: Robert McInnes and Andrew Kirk met with Alastair Stewart, Highland Council who has been very helpful regarding the upgrade of the path .Issues of ownership and all abilities legislation have been resolved. The cost may be in the region of £4,000, but this was a very rough estimate.Martyn O'Reilly wondered if Seafeld Estate would contribute, Andrew Kirk replied unlikely but the Community Council has earmarked money for this. Robert McInnes went on to explain that Alastair Stewart will be arranging the contractors and that he and Andrew would keep everyone informed of progress.

RIVERSIDE WALK: Alan Rankin has been in contact with COAT and they came back with two suggestions- Surface repair, replace and bed in gravel and quarry dust or Bonded Matting.He went on to say that the bonded matting would result in no protection to the pathway sides. There are no costings at the moment but he suggests just a quick straight fix. All were in agreement. Alan will progress.

ELLANWOOD PATHS: THC continue to monitor this. It was reported by Alice Buttress that there was no sign of any pieces today when on her walk. She went on to say that in September there would be another litterpick and then twice yearly thereafter.

STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL: Once again the hotel went under the hammer, this time in Edinburgh, Alan Rankin reported that the hotel did not sell having spoken to DM Hall (Selling Agents) No further information is available at this time.

Bill Lobban informed the meeting that there is to be Scottish Government legislation changes and funding later this year, but currently this matter cannot be pursued whilst Struan is still on the market.

ACTION PLAN (THE BIG CONVERSATION): Mairi Brown from VABS reported that the meeting held on 16th June 2016 with the Village Hall Committee went really well also with the Curling Club, although there is a lot of homework to be done before filling in application forms. Alice Buttress felt that there maybe a stumbling block with the residents living opposite the Curling Pond, they may not be happy, but Marie Brown added that people have to be realistic for other activities to use the pond. It was reported by Robert McInnes that to install a freezing unit would roughly cost £10,000 and maybe not be suitable for other events to be held on top of pipes although this did happen at Aviemore Ice Rink. Mairi Brown said there was a question whether this was the best place for some types of sports .

A9 DUALLING: Andrew Kirk, Kate Adamson and Robert McInnes had a meeting with Sam McNaughton of Transport Scotland and Rory Gunn of Atkins Mouchel . Regarding a NMU (cycle track to many) alongside the old A9 Transport Scotland were very firm that they would not fund such a cycle route parallel to the old A9 as a route already existed along the old A9. Regarding the Blackmount entrance to the village it appears that after all the discussion and meetings held they have not taken into account anything that was asked for and are adamant that the junction we want is not possible. CCC are adamant that we must have a North and South access onto the A9 which one of the three proposals doesn't have and the idea that the unclassified Slochd road has priority over all the junctions is unsafe and just wrong. It was agreed that Alan Rankin would submit again to Transport Scotland .

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: Nothing to report, Lorraine Anderson asked if Tulloch would be the contractors for any further development, Bill Lobban answered no one knows. Presently there is no planning application but the areas in question are zoned for housing.

NATURE RESERVE: Alice Buttress reported that the Woodland Trust are not keen being joint owners with Highland Council and wondered if it was worth trying to acquire land from Seafeld Estate. Bill Lobban did not think this would be likely. Alice Buttress continued with the point that the woods are not big enough for a Nature Reserve, but suggested a leaflet be produced, Andrew Kirk said that there could be funding available for this. Alan Rankin raised the matter of the woods behind Landmark which are due for harvesting by the Estate and to remind them, when this work starts, that they have to make good all the paths. Alice Buttress added that Seafeld Estate will be doing temporary repairs, scheduled for this year/next year and the path repairs completed after the harvesting. Alan Rankin will contact Seafeld Estate to remind them of their promise.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL BEDDING PLANTS: The triangle at the north end of the village and beside the Tourist Board Information will be planted out by THC but the flower bed at the top of Ellanwood Road will not. Andrew Kirk has spoken with Mandy MacDonald (local resident) who will organize people to take this job on board. Andrew will coordinate the delivery of the plants from THC. Bill Lobban said that Grantown on Spey, Kingussie and Aviemore are being given plants but having to plant themselves. George Dyer and David Ritchie mentioned that the bench at the top of Ellanwood Road needs attention, Robert McInnes to attend to this.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Community Council is holding £19,668.36 at the moment. Alan Rankin who is taking over from Fiona McMullen hopes that online banking, spread sheets, files etc hopefully the handover will be finalized by next month. Andrew Kirk asked about the approach to an accountant to audit. Alan Rankin replied that one of the three approached has come back to him, but we do not necessarily have to use an accountant it can be a volunteer.

Fiona McMullen thanked the Committee for all their support.

TOM NA CLACH: Robert McInnes reported that on the Glenferness/Cawder Road there are to be 94 passing places 15 metres long and 6 metres wide including passing places. The contractor for quarry depots is still in discussion.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Planning – Nothing to report.

Carve Carrbridge – George Dyer was happy to announce that there are to be 24 Carvers.

Porridge – This is progressing well.

Duck Race – It was decided to cancel the race for this year due to many differing factors.

Slochd Speeding – Andrew Kirk reported on a letter received from Victor and Kate Sandilands of Slochd regarding heavy traffic speeding. Andrew had contacted THC on this after the last meeting and was awaiting a reply. Bill Lobban will investigate a 30mph limit sign, but firstly a survey would need to be carried out i.e. amount of traffic, times etc.

Playing Field – Andrew Kirk still awaiting a reply from Donna Riley. Robert McInnes raised the matter that Liam Simpson wants to use the field for football training for eight weeks on Sunday evenings. It was suggested that a cost of £10.00 be charged per session. Robert McInnes explained to Liam Simpson that the changing rooms have to be left in the same state as they were found. It was made clear to the football team that the field and changing room would not be able to be used during week of the Carve.

300 year Anniversary of the Bridge 1717 – 2017 -Maria Thompson-Slaven as Chair of the Carrbridge Tourist and Business Association wants to get the entire Village involved in this project. Alice Buttress has been to the Primary School and spoke to Clare Lake (Headmistress) who is very keen to be part of the celebrations. The preferred month would be May as the children would have finished their Science Fair on Bridges and the history of. Maria Thompson Slaven went on to suggest an exhibition of Art in the hall, both for adults and children, dressing up day, horse and carriage rides, Musicians, a photography competition - Seasons being the title, decking the village with bunting, showcasing the Bridge and getting the press involved. Andrew Kirk suggested that a Steering Committee be formed; he went on to say that there would be money available, working to a budget.

Co Option onto Community Council Committee – This matter to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

1. Martyn O'Reilly raised the issue of the recent flood in his house (water and excrement). It appears that the pipes in the road are not coping with the amount of water and sewerage in Station Road, Jane Mellon and Kate Adamson (residents of Station Road) has also been flooded previously. His question is who is responsible for this problem. Bill Lobban replied – Sewerage problems contact Scottish Water, Storm Drain problems contact Highland Council.
2. Lorraine Anderson enquired about the Lochanhully track to Carrbridge, could a proper path be made. Fiona McMullen informed the meeting that this was undertaken by Lochanhully a few

years ago when it was re-gravelled. Bill Lobban replied that a request to the Council should **be made.**

3. Fiona McMullen mentioned that the Riverside Walk Path has become very overgrown with Broom and enclosing in the pathway. Robert McInnes will attend to this.
4. James Fraser stated that he felt cutting the grass verges was a waste of money, but Bill Lobban informed the meeting that they had to be cut as a safety precaution.
5. Alice Buttress brought to the attention of the meeting that the pathway that runs behind Fairwinds to the Memorial was very overgrown.

The Meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Date of next Meeting Thursday 28th July 2016