

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR MEETING TO BE
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**

Thursday 29th September, 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 25th Aug 2016

Matters Arising

Telecom Mast Planning application

Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) War Memorial iii)
Riverside

Seafield Woods Harvesting

Old Bridge - Overgrown Shrubs etc

Bridge 300

Updating of Action Plan - Curling Pond
Cycle route to Kinveachy

Development Plan - HSCHT

A9 Dualling inc NMU

Plinth/Tourist Info Board/Path Leaflet

Struan

Tom na Clach

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)
Old Bridge
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,

1. Planning Applications received by email: Alice Buttress added to mailing list?
2. CC contact email address
3. Ellan Bridge inspection and works
4. Carrbridge Carve Bursary – proposal
5. Playing Fields Playpark Upgrade
6. Phone Box proposed removal
7. Public Toilets RADAR Key purchase
8. Carve CarrBridge 2016
9. Porridge Championship 2016
- 10 New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – several already circulated by email:

f) Questions or contributions from the public present

g) Chairperson to declare date of next meeting and close meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
Thursday 25th August, 2016 at 7.30p.m.

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

In attendance: James and Maria Thomson-Slaven, Jan Carlyle, Iain Campbell, Colin Watt, Heather Davidson (Minutes)

Apologies: None

Andrew Kirk welcomed all to the meeting with a special welcome to Charles Miller who is attending his first Community Council Meeting as a member.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28th July, 2016 were approved by Alice Buttress and seconded by Kate Adamson.

MATTERS ARISING:

ASBESTOS PATH – ELLANWOOD: Alice Buttress reported that the next inspection will be 6th September, 2016.

Ross Watson, Woodland Trust Management is to meet with the Community Council to discuss the question of fire beaters in the woods, Robert McInnes felt that the fire beaters should remain, and this was the conclusion of the members. Bill Lobban suggested taking advice from the Fire Service.

WAR MEMORIAL PATH: Robert McInnes, Andrew Kirk and George Dyer accompanied Alastair Stewart and Grant Stuart from Highland Council on a site visit as to the best way forward to felling and thinning out trees leading up to and around the War Memorial. The Community Council will pay for any work to be done but the Highland Council are overseeing and agreeing the works on their land.

RIVERSIDE WALK: Alan Rankin has met with Ross McGowan regarding commencing the pathway repairs, this to be carried out soon. He went on to say that the cutting back had not been done enough by COAT and it was agreed that this should be done 1 metre out from the path and on verge. Alice Buttress felt that there were a lot of bits lying around. Alan Rankin went on to say that the broom was really bad and needs cutting back further. The question arose regarding the requirements for next year and everyone agreed that there should be a big push to keep the path clear and tidy.

SEAFIELD WOODS: Alan Rankin announced that the work had started and that a big forester machine was now in place. Andrew Kirk went on to say that Alan has built up a good rapport with the Estate Forestry which was very good. Signage was in place. Close monitoring of the works would be done by Alan.

OLD BRIDGE: It was brought to the Community Council's attention, by a local resident that the amount of overgrowth of trees and shrubs beside the Bridge on Station Road was becoming an eyesore. Bill Lobban commented that the land belongs to Highland Council and they have a policy against taking down trees and felt the best course of action was to send a Forestry Officer to the site so as to find out what can or cannot be done. Kate Adamson felt that Stephen Blair (Tree Surgeon) would be the best man for the job as he is local. Andrew Kirk agreed that if this work was done it would enhance the area and imagined a tidy up would be welcomed by neighbours but they should be consulted prior to any major work being done. Bill Lobban re-iterated it would have to be a Council decision. Alice Buttress commented that when the 2 new houses are built it would be better to have some trees rather than nothing. Bill Lobban will liaise with Highland Council Officer.

BRIDGE 300: A meeting was held on 17th August 2016 to mark the Bridge which will be 300 years old in 2017. Unfortunately this meeting was not well attended with only 25 people turning up including organisers. Maria Thompson Slaven announced that she was stepping back from the organizing committee. Andrew Kirk said he understood her frustration but asked if she would continue to liaise with the School as it was so important they were involved. Maria said she would. Alan Rankin wants to keep the event moving and ideas are sought. James Thompson Slaven suggested that Rachel Chisholm, from the Highland Museum, has tool kits and other items of the era thus making a living history of exhibits and for one day clothes etc of 17th century could be shown. Alan Rankin will draw up a draft programme.

ACTION PLAN: Marie Brown of VABS is keeping the Committee well informed of all items previously discussed. The cycle path issue is still up in the air, with the A9 Dualling contract appearing to state that the Carrbridge to Kinveachy (old A9) is a cycle route already but David Ritchie feels it is too dangerous for cyclists especially in the morning when the road is so busy. All agreed.

ELLANWOOD BENCH: Robert McInnes was pleased to announce that Tom Adams has managed to clean up the plaque and replace the rotten slats and generally strengthen the whole bench and it will perhaps last another 20 years at a cost of £150.00. Everyone was very grateful for the work done and thank Tom and Robert for all their efforts.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: Nothing to report at the moment.

A9 DUALLING: Andrew Kirk reported that the drop in day will be held in February/March 2016 in the Village Hall. Bill Lobban felt that the developers were not listening to the wants of the locals, but were now re-instating Dumb Bells rather than T Junctions. He went on to say that there are difficulties at Blackmount which should be a priority rather than Slochd Cottages. George Dyer questioned Dumb Bells going north. Bill Lobban went on to say that the Carrbridge Blackmount Junction is causing problems for the contractor.. The other problem is the Aviemore north junction but there is now the possibility of 2 roundabouts to lead on to the A.95 and Alan Rankin pointed out 1 roundabout probably southbound at Kincaig on road from A9.. Andrew Kirk stated that the no decision has been made as yet by Transport Scotland.. Robert McInnes asked if the decision would be made by February/March. Bill Lobban added that the next section to be constructed would be Tomatin to Moy; all the easy sections are being constructed first.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING:

1. Struan House Hotel – Bill Lobban informed the meeting that something is happening in October by the Scottish Government and hopefully this will aid the state of play regarding Struan. Andrew Kirk felt that stalemate has been reached. Bill Lobban added that the building is worth less and less as time goes on. George Dyer wondered if there was any word of another auction. Alan Rankin stated that there was no further date for an Auction.
2. Treasurer's Report – monies held at the present moment is £19,788.83

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Telecom Mast - Bill Lobban took no part in this discussion. A general discussion round the table took place. Andrew Kirk felt there were a few faults on all sides and asked Kate Adamson if there was anything pre-application, she replied no and all planning applications are looked at thoroughly. George Dyer felt the application was not dealt with promptly and went on to add that the distances are all wrong, also for clarification the track to his house is not his it belongs to the Golf Club. Andrew Kirk went on to ask how to proceed in future with planning applications and that there was an agreement for a third person to be added to the eplanning list. It was suggested that Alice Buttress would be the third person on the list to which she agreed. Kate Adamson would request this. Andrew Kirk continued that when the Committee saw the plan he never expected that the neighbours had not been notified. He continued stating that all plans lodged by Highland Council are not necessarily called in by the National Park only those connected to Heritage Buildings and large scale developments are. Kate Adamson stated that 10 days is not long enough to discuss items lodged so as to give the Community Council time to make comments. Alan Rankin wanted to know what safeguard we have. Charles Miller felt that all planning for Badenoch and Strathspey should be available. He suggested all CCrs could sign up for eplanning notifications. Iain Campbell stated that people should come to the Community Council meetings to lodge their objections. Jan Carlyle wanted to know if anything regarding planning goes on the village notice-boards, the Post Office used to do this in days gone by. Kate Adamson re-iterated that with the time scale this would almost be impossible. Andrew Kirk rounding up the discussion stated the Community Council would need to be more diligent in future regarding planning. Alan Rankin submitted a flow chart which in principle all agreed with but he is to resubmit with some discussed amendments.

Carve Carrbridge - George Dyer was happy to announce that everything was falling into place. Robert McInnes stated he would be removing the goal posts and cleaning up the changing rooms. George Dyer asked Robert McInnes to present the prizes, this he agreed to do.

Porridge – Progressing well.

Duck Race – This matter to be discussed further and perhaps will be incorporated in Bridge 300.

Village Hall Kitchen Extension – Iain Campbell informed the Committee that the cost of the extension would be £43,000.

Signage – Charles Miller stated that one of the village parking signs have been turned the wrong way. CC would get sorted.

Plaque – Alan Rankin thanked Maria Thompson Slaven for all her efforts regarding the plaque and the Tourist Information Board which is ongoing. Also all the hard work and effort she had put into Bridge300. All agreed wholeheartedly.

The meeting closed at 9.04p.m.

Next Meeting Thursday, 29th September 2016