

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 7.30p.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Jan Carlyle, Linda Jolly, Colin Watt, Iain Campbell, Stewart McNeish, Tony Burley, Rebecca Badger, Lara Campbell, Stuart McDonald and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Bill Lobban (Councillor), David Ritchie and Charles Miller.

Andrew Kirk welcomed all to the meeting.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 were approved by George Dyer and seconded by Alice Buttress.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**ELLANWOOD:** The next inspection for asbestos deposits will occur in March/April 2017. Alan Rankin reported that the felling and tidying up of the Seafield Estate ground behind Landmark has ground to a halt at the moment due to the heavy frosts. Once it is finished he will ensure the contractor reinstates pathways.

**STATION ROAD PARKING:** There has been a notification from the Highland Council Road Engineer regarding yellow lines at the bottom end of Station Road. Several Areas round the bottleneck of Main Street also are being marked out for yellow lines. This work to be done March/April 2017.

**BRIDGE 300:** Alan Rankin stated there had been two meetings at the Primary School to discuss the budget and all the options that have been looked at suggested that be mainly for Villagers. He has spoken to Sam Masson from Cairngorms local action group who said it was a high risk if a Leader 2 application is submitted and this was not the route to go. Another meeting is planned to plan pictures on web sites etc. during 2017. Karen Archer is putting together a welcome leaflet.

Linda Jolly is still concerned that visitors should park in the Car Park and not at the bottleneck of Station Road and Main Street and that Sat.Nav. should direct cars and buses to the Car Park and not to the Bridge itself.

**A9 DUALLING:** Andrew Kirk had been to an exhibition in Tomatin showing the changes in the road Tomatin/Moy. Transport Scotland will come back to Carrbridge in the Spring, to discuss further the question of our section –Dalraddy to Slochd.

**PLINTH:** Maria Thompson-Slaven informed the meeting that the repairs will be undertaken within the next two weeks. The panel will be totally replaced in the same style but with new photographs, but is awaiting permission for this. She anticipated this will happen at the end of next week. The information poster is nearly finished. Andrew Kirk added that Peter Crane CNPA keen to assist and should be notified if not going to plan.

**STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:** Nothing to report.

**TOM-NA-CLACH:** Nothing to report.

**VILLAGE HALL:** Iain Campbell (Chairman of the Village Hall Committee) is still awaiting the other two estimates for the new kitchen. The Building Warrant will be in hand by the end of the year.

**SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER:** This is to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the Carrbridge Hotel. The Invitations will be sent out next week. Andrew Kirk asked the meeting to be aware to put names forward of any others who match the criteria.

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN:** Andrew Kirk stated the draft of the Development Plan, now in print, would be letterbox dropped. The Village will have their say regarding the Boys Brigade Field at the next Development Plan Meeting. Lara Campbell questioned the boundary of the village. Andrew Kirk informed that this is a specific site. Rebecca Badger stated that the Boys Brigade Field is the main site and is zoned for housing, but other sites are being looked for. Lee Haxton continued that landowners and developers can identify sites for building and to consult maps to show designated areas. Kate Adamson said it was very important to realize that the boundary of the village excludes the sawmill land. Andrew Kirk asked if a site could be considered outwith the boundary, this could be considered. Colin Watt felt that if the boundary was opened up more houses could be built.

**OLD BRIDGE AREA:** Andrew Kirk informed the meeting that the gap down to the river edge at the seat is under discussion for being closed up by HC. No decision has been made on anything else..

**MAST:** The mast, due to previous opposition for the erection at the entrance to Park Cottage has now been reallocated to the rear of the Golf Club Pavilion; anyone who objects to this new placement must contact the planning agent. George Dyer added that the first application was withdrawn before going to planning. Andrew Kirk stated that a submission must be made by the Community Council by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the planning agent will then decide. Lara Campbell felt that other sites could be considered as the height of the mast is 500 metres and not within 400 metres of anything. She has great concerns especially about those suffering health problems. Maria Thompson-Slaven suggested not having a mast in Carrbridge. George Dyer felt it was to give coverage for the whole of the village. Maria Thompson-Slaven went on to ask if another site could be found elsewhere on the Golf Course. Andrew Kirk will send an e-mail to the agent stating the concerns of the meeting. George Dyer added that other sites may not have reception. Stewart McNeish queried why the mast has to be built on the Golf Course as there are so many hills around the village. After many suggestions from the floor it was decided that the Community Council will put in a submission to explore other sites.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Alan Rankin reported that there is £19,349. in the bank. An account for £3,156 was agreed to be paid for the repairs to the Riverside Walk.

**PLANNING:** There were two items on the e-mail regarding planning, 1. House infill at the back of Carr Road and 2. Carr Place extension, it was decided that there was no cause for concern.

**ELLAN BRIDGE:** Safety signs have been ordered for Ellan Bridge.

**CARVE CARRBRIDGE BURSURY:** Alan Rankin in consultation with Kate Adamson, Gavin Gerrard, Charles Miller with regards to guidelines, eligibility, draught application forms etc. It was felt that there would need to be some fine tuning and would take 2 – 3 weeks, but hopefully the format would be ready in the New Year. Lee Haxton suggested contacting Foundation Scotland. Linda Jolly asked if this would be the Community Council or the Community Company. Alan Rankin replied it would be organized by the Community Council on behalf of the Community Company.

**CAPERCAILLE PROJECT:** Justin Prigmore from the CNPA would attend the January meeting to explain more.

**RIVERSIDE BOWLING CLUB:** Iain Campbell, on behalf of the Bowling Club requires assistance with the repairs to the fabric of the building and help with grass cutting. The requirements are:- Electric Wiring, Slates on the Roof and Wooden Edgings on the green. In total a cost of £820.00. The question arose from Alan Rankin "Is this an ailing club"? Charles Miller is not in favour of spending money on the Club. Andrew Kirk stated that the building belongs to the village and needs looking after and is in favour of all the repairs. Iain Campbell went on to say that the Community Council is the landlord and up to now has been maintained by a volunteer and now the volunteer needs assistance, hence the costs. He went on to say that if the CC didn't help a bit now the Clubhouse would eventually be their problem anyway. Alan Rankin in principal agreed to the support but wants to explore the plan and what will happen next. Andrew Kirk felt that physical building repairs must receive help to pay, not forgetting that the Carve and the Football Clubs use the Pavilion and the building belongs to the Village. Tony Burley wants to support the club and along with Stewart McNeish volunteered to undertake the cutting of the grass. Iain Campbell added that the electricity supply is not strong enough especially when the Carve bring in electric frying pans, hence the need for a second ring main, this, he added, is only the second time that the Bowling Club has asked for anything.

Alan Rankin feels that the Roof, Edging and Electric should be paid but grass cutting can be paid at the moment by the club. Lee Haxton suggested contacting Highlife Highland for advice.

**PAYPHONE:** No decision has been made as yet by BT.

**MEMORIAL AND NEW PATHS:** Robert McInnes was pleased to report that the tidying up of the area and the new path met with good comments on Remembrance Day.

#### **A.O.C.B.**

1. Lara Campbell requested £300.00 for the Children's Christmas Party, this was agreed.
2. Colin Watt suggests that another Defibrillator be erected at Rowan Park. Andrew Kirk added that there were enough i.e. Golf Club, Police House, Carrbridge Hotel and Landmark are also installing a Defibrillator. Colin Watt felt that the ten minute golden rule applies, but George Dyer added that another Defibrillator could be erected at Rowan Park when other houses are built.
3. Tony Burley is concerned that events in the village are not on Face Book, he was advised to go on to Carrbridge News page.
4. Linda Jolly was happy to see the September minutes on the notice board in the Post Office, but would also like to see the Carrbridge Ahead minutes there also.
5. Iain Campbell brought up the subject of wi-fi in the Village Hall, stating he is not against it, but the Village Hall does not have the money to pay for it. Michelle Green is to be contacted to investigate this matter.
6. Andrew Kirk, Kate Adamson, George Dyer and Charlie Miller will attend a CNPA Housing meeting on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> along with other CC's, Housing assoc's, Scottish Government, HSCHT and THC.

The meeting closed at 8.47p.m.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.