

# CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## **Draft AGENDA for Business Meeting**

**Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 in the Village Hall**

AGM will be held at 7pm followed by Business Meeting at 7.30pm  
(Papers for AGM have already been circulated)

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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Matters Arising

- Struan House Hotel
- Tom na Clach **RMcI**
- Paths i) Ellan Wood ii) Memorial Path iii) Riverside
- Updating of Action Plan - Big Conversation
  - Curling Pond
  - Cycle route to Kinveachy
- Development Plan
- A9 Dualling
- NNR Local Nature Reserve
- HC Bedding Plants

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 2016
  - 3. Porridge Championship
  - 4. Duck Race 7<sup>th</sup> August
  - 5. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – several already circulated by email:  
Scottish Land Fund open again
- e) Any other competent business
- f) Questions or contributions from the public present
- g) Chairperson to declare date of next meeting and close meeting

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 7.30p.m.**

**Present:** Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Kate Adamson (Secretary), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Robert McInnes, David Ritchie, and Alice Buttress.

**In attendance:** Maria Thomson-Slaven, Jan Carlyle, Marie Brown (VABS and local resident), Colin Watt, Tony Binney and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Alan Rankin and George Dyer.

Andrew Kirk informed the meeting that George Dyer, unfortunately, has been taken ill and on behalf of the whole meeting wishes him well.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were approved by Robert McInnes and seconded by David Ritchie.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:** Andrew Kirk reported that Murray Ferguson (National Park) is very keen to go forward with the Land Acquisition Fund, depending on what happens after the next auction. Kate Adamson felt that we should all put our thinking caps on as to the best use of the property – Local Housing etc. Bill Lobban stated that whilst the property was actively up for sale no further action could be taken. We will contact D.M. Hall (Selling Agents) next month and along with the National Park will discuss things further.

**TOM NA CLACH:** Bill Lobban reported that application for a time extension for the work had been rejected and construction is due to start in June

**PATHS:** Alice Buttress is to chase up the “Litterpick” and also remind the surveyor to check the Memorial Path. The Riverside Walk is being progressed by Alan Rankin.

**ACTION PLAN (THE BIG CONVERSATION):** Marie Brown from VABS reported on the meeting held last Tuesday, which went very well. There is to be a meeting with the Curling Club Committee first to discuss with them the possibility of other sports using the Curling Rink. With regard to the Cycle track she will be discussing this prospect with Adam Streeter Smith. Kate Adamson felt that Linda Jolly may be interested in this subject as she had shown interest previously.

**OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

House at the Old Post Office - Robert McInnes had spoken with the owner and reported that permission has been granted for a three bedroom house and building sometime ago .

Playing Field - Andrew Kirk is still awaiting a reply from Donna Riley (Highlife Highland) regarding the state of the field.

Treasurer's Report - As at 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 the balance is £19,978.36.

Development – Nothing to report.

A.9 Dualling – Nothing to report.

Slochd Speeding – Highland Council have received the complaint as reported by Andrew Kirk.

Planning Application – Andrew Kirk queried where the actual mast is going on the Golf Club. Kate Adamson stated the location was South East of the Golf Course, but the location plan was of no help. Bill Lobban will assist with the clarification of this matter.

Carve Carrbridge – All accounts have been now been finalized.

Porridge – Nothing to report at this moment but progressing.

Ellanwood Road Flower Bed – Andrew Kirk has been in contact with Mandy Macdonald to see who might after the floral bed. Mandy and Andrew will coordinate.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:

David Ritchie is very concerned about the seat at the top of Ellanwood Road and felt that it could be salvaged with a wire brush. He then went on to state that there is a dead Roe Deer carcass lying at the south end of the village and that it had been there for at least 5 weeks. Bill Lobban will progress.

Alice Buttress had attended a Scottish Natural Heritage Meeting and informed the meeting that Ellanwood Woods could become a Natural Heritage Site, if the village was interested. Owing to the fact that Highland Council, Seafield Estate and the Woodland Trust own the woods Andrew Kirk felt that guidance was required. Alice Buttress suggested contacting the Ranger for the area who would be able to provide the information required. Maria Thomson Slaven (Carrbridge Tourist Board) felt this would be another feather in the cap for the village should this go ahead.

Wild cats have been reported at Dalnahaitnaich.

Bill Lobban stated that the Badenoch and Strathspey Area Community meeting would be held in Kingussie on Tuesday.

Robert McInnes thanked Alice Buttress for painting the squirrels on the paths.

Andrew Kirk thanked Roy Brown for coordinating and Robert and Sandra McInnes for the Dalnahaitnaich to Station part of the Village Litterpick.

Marie Brown appreciated Alice Buttress's Sculpture Trail in the woods.

Tony Burley would like a walking map of the village, Maria Thompson Slaven is already organizing the update and reprint of the existing map. this.

Maria Thompson Slaven informed the meeting that the Carrbridge Tourist Board is now known as the Carrbridge Tourism and Business Association and that there are nine not primarily tourist businesses in the village, thus showing Carrbridge is a vibrant village and not necessarily all about tourism.

There is a concern in the village that some litter bins are to be removed. Bill Lobban stated that there was no proposal for this to happen. Alice Buttress felt that a bigger bin was required at the Bridge. All agreed. Bill would look into this.

Maria Thompson Slaven informed the company that the “Bridge” was 300 years old next year and the Headmistress of the Primary School – Clare Lake – is very enthusiastic about celebrating this event as are others, especially the history and archeology of the Bridge. Unfortunately there is no funding available, but Andrew Kirk felt there would be a celebration and that monies would be made available.

Meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

Date of next Business meeting, Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, following the AGM which starts at 7.00p.m.