

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 7.30p.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Marie Brown, Iain Campbell, Jan Carlyle, James and Maria Thompson Slaven, Linda Jolly, Fiona Angella, Lorraine Anderson, Jeff Buttress and Heather Davidson (Minutes).

**Apologies:** Robert McInnes.

***CAIRNGORM COMMUNITY BROADBAND:-***

Andrew Kirk introduced Brian Tolson from Cairngorm Community Broadband; he gave an informative talk about the aims and goals for Broadband in the area. He will return in the summer to report on progress

***HIGHLIFE HIGHLAND YOUTH OFFICER:-***

Fraser Watson gave a brief talk on his aims for the youth of the area to be involved in all matters pertaining to their area, from attending Community Council meetings to being part of discussions on their wants. Kate Adamson stated it was essential to let them know about the Bursary. Alan Rankin added that he would like to see young people on the deciding panel. Kate Adamson also added that the age group is 12 -25 yrs.

***MINUTES:***

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved by George Dyer and seconded by Charles Miller.

***MATTERS ARISING:-***

***BRIDGE 300:*** A heated discussion ensued with many points of view being discussed from the tidying up of the Bridge area to the implementation of double lines on Station Road. Decisions are pending on all the points raised.

***CAPERCAILLE:*** After the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 a letter of support for the scheme has been issued.

***A9 DUALLING:*** Alan Rankin reported he had on behalf of CCC after consultation submitted comments about Blackmount Junction and concerns about Grainish Junction to Transport Scotland

**A9 Laybys:** Alan Rankin confirmed that the letter circulated around councilors for comment had been submitted to Transport Scotland. The letter confirmed CCC's opposition to the potential of serviced facilities being built within layby developments as it could be harmful to local businesses. Letter also copied in to CNPA. Fergus Ewing MSP, FSB, CBP and HC.

**PLAYPARK:** £12,000 has been raised for equipment and £10,000 of this , from Awards for All has to be spent within the next 12 months. The drainage, an ongoing problem, is being discussed with Will Anderson of Seafield Estate who will investigate title etc.

**CAR PARK PICNIC TABLE:** The matter of the picnic table has been put on hold until after the Council Elections.

**CARRBRIDGE BURSARY:** Alan Rankin intimated that the information regarding the Bursary will be advertised in the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald so interested parties can download all the information. The Panel members are still to be finalised.

**SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL:** This matter is ongoing.

**WEB-SITE:** Roy Brown is giving up his post and has given 3 months notice. Alan Rankin is investigating who can take this post on. All village web-sites will be reviewed, be it 3 different sites or just 1. Charles Miller added that whatever is decided it will cost money.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:-** Alan Rankin (Treasurer) gave his financial report, £34,685.26 in Current Account. A draft year-end statement will be taken forward to Highland Council. Income £27,100, outgoing £13,658 for Safety Barriers, Path Repair, Memorial Path and Christmas Party. There is a surplus of £13,441, £20,000 for the Village Hall Kitchen Extension and £5,000 for Bridge 300. The accounts are not required to be audited but it has been suggested by HC that Ann Trail of VABS will check accounts before the end of the financial year. Linda Jolly questioned £5,000 for Bridge 300, but it was explained to her that this was a ball-park figure and may not all be spent but was a commitment to the Bridge300 project.

**PLANNING:** Permission has been given for the change of use of the house at Duthil, from residential to self catering even though 2 local Councillors voted against this, the Inverness based Councilors over-rode and gave permission.

#### **NEW ITEMS:**

Andrew Kirk was happy to announce that rates relief has been given for the Community Shed.

**BRIDGE 300 CARVE:** Maria Thompson-Slaven announced Alice and Jeff Buttress would be carving the 300 Carve. As she has explained before all monies are in now in place, £1,500 from Sustrans with the proviso the Carve would be seen from the road, £500.00 from Cairngorm National Park and the remaining from Carrbridge Tourist and Business Association. Planning permission is required for the placement of the Carve and if the Community Council lead with the planning permission there is a 50% reduction in cost and as Bill Lobban explained the Council is giving the land for free for 15 years rent free, thereafter a peppercorn rent may be asked for. This was put to the members and a vote was taken, there were 5 for, 1 against and 1 abstention. Andrew Kirk felt it would encourage people to park in the Car Park as the Carve would be number 1 on the Carving Map of the village. Fiona Angella is concerned about the upkeep of the Carve, but George Dyer informed the meeting that Alice Buttress will be keeping an eye on it.

**INSURANCE:** Kate Adamson informed the meeting that Highland Council has stated that Zurich Insurance Company will be used for this year. In 2018 other companies can be approached. However Zurich do have a special department for Commercial and Charitable Organizations, so are probably the most suitable. The policy for the Bike Park is £249.42, this was accepted.

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

Linda Jolly brought up the subject of Station Road traffic and went on to say that the gap in the fence should be blocked off and opened up further towards the bridge. Fiona Angella stated Jimmy Frazer has been going down the track to the waters edge for years. Linda Jolly went on to say that it is dangerous. She went on to say that the shrubs and trees should not be tidied up at the green by the bridge. It was explained to her that Debbie Sutton is the point of contact regarding this matter as she is the Area Grounds Maintenance Manager for Highland Council. Alan Rankin suggested that a full review of traffic, parking and signage should be considered.

Iain Campbell brought to the attention of the meeting that there is a burst pipe in the Changing rooms part of Pavilion which although Ian keeps an eye out for it is not part of the Bowling club. A plumber would be required to repair this. It was decided that this had be carried out and the account sent to CCC.

Charles Miller reported that there is no progress regarding the village Pay Phone, although a press release by BT stated that half are going to be cut.

Alan Rankin stated that a Quad Bike has chewed up the new laid path in the woods and that Seafield Estate advised that the police should be advised It was decided that this matter would be reported as this is prohibited by the Outdoor Access Code.

David Ritchie, on the subject of the Bridge Jigsaw, which he has been organizing said there was a 2 week delay due to a new machine being installed at the manufacturers.

Iain Campbell said that as the Village Hall received a Lottery Grant for the Village Hall Kitchen Extension - it was not to be public knowledge until the money is in the bank.

George Dyer was pleased to announce that 50 cones, for traffic control have been given to the village for free.

Meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Date of next meeting, Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

