

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Meeting on Thursday 29th November 2007 in the Village Hall after the AGM

Apologies

1. Concerns of Village Residents and AOCB
2. Minutes of Meeting 25th October 2007
AGM minutes to be looked at for errors
3. Matters Arising
 - Hilditch Terrace and Long Grass
 - Community newsletter
 - Small marquee and donation/charge for 20 August DR
 - Standing Water on Aviemore Road
 - Community grabbers for litter
 - Bowling Club signpost
 - Time capsule in Reed Court and absent plaque

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)

 - Christmas Lights
 - Riverside Walk – funding available
 - Southern entrance to Village - rocks
 - Shed for Village Hall
 - Car Park, broken bottles and ball games notice-end of financial year
 - Railway Station: platforms for train arrivals
4. Treasurer's report FMcM
5. Housing Carr Road Development.
6. Planning Applications New applications PC
7. The Gathering Understudy for GGerrard JA
8. Christmas Party Quotes. Invitations and Presents
9. Secretary's Report Carr-Bridge Ahead
 - ?Police Incidents
 - NHS Highland review of Visiting hours
 - Park Life. Did everyone receive a copy?
 - Community Council Grant 2007-08: £1,169.15
 - Danny Alexander – leaflets about contacting him. As political, is it for us to disseminate information?

Items available for reading: nil

10. **Date of next meeting: Thursday 31st January 2008**

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 27th October 2007, in the Village Hall at 8.0pm

Action points in red

Present: Scott Bruce (in the chair), Kate Adamson, John Armstrong, Lara Campbell, Pete Carson, Fiona McMullen, Carol Ritchie, David Ritchie

In Attendance Stuart Black, MKinnaird, BKuwall, Dick Langridge, Mary Langridge, Diane McInnes, Denise Stott. T. Stott

Apologies: Mary Grant

Concerns of residents

There was rubbish by BB field down Carr Road, and the people were seen dumping it. It has probably been removed. Perception that litter has increased significantly in the village, and the suggestion was made that if had had community 'grabbers' then a litter lick could be arranged. **SBlack** to see if possible – also to see if more frequent litter picks can be done by HC (Highland Council)

Any Other Business

Bowling Club Signpost never resolved. LC to check with MG on progress. Otherwise SB will talk to Dougie Edwards

Time capsule in Reed Court A plaque was supposed to be put up

Treasure Hunt verse known to SB and DR

Large rock with map and directions – LC to ask MG

Minutes of meetings 27th September 2007

Have been displayed in PO. They were accepted as a correct record

Matters Arising

Hilditch Terrace Long grass is Developers' responsibility, **KA** to contact. The sign has been removed

Community Newsletter CR requested more contributions

Christmas Lights No more progress

Small marquee and donation 20 August Still nil received

Lights outside Station On now. Electricity is paid by Scot Rail

Standing water on Aviemore Road Many concerns about this, culverts need regular clearing

Treasurer's report

Most details given at AGM. New High Interest Account: the forms are being signed

Carr Road development

Plans have changed: Phase One is now in Bull's Field opposite Carr Place, with entry from Aviemore Road. Affordable Housing now in two phases, as the Community Council asked. It was agreed that we must ensure that Carr Road is not used for development traffic- definitely not suitable

Access into woods by Cottages should be maintained during building for pedestrians and for Sustrans route

Issues raised by environmentalists must be taken into consideration to ensure balance between housing and environment

SBlack reminded us that as he is involved in the planning decision, he was there to listen and could not comment

Planning Applications

Inverlaidnan – new houses. Difficult from plans to understand exactly the location. We need to check on the old Local Plan whether the area is marked as restricted countryside. Concern about good design was expressed

Porridge Competition. The Chairman expressed our thanks to the team, and all agreed that it was excellent and the media coverage was superb, raising the profile of Carr-Bridge

Duck race. All accounts done, in AGM report

The Gathering. Suggestion that JA would like to understudy GGerrard, and he will think about it. Funding: £3044 from previous year plus this year's profit to go to special account which is designated for Development Project of Village Hall, other village projects and retain important portion for next year's Gathering making it self-sustaining

Christmas Party

Date agreed as Tuesday 18th December, with second option of Wednesday 19th. KA to get quotes from Landmark, Carr-bridge Hotel and Lochanhully
Village hall are to hold dance on Friday 28th December – all encouraged to go

Secretary's report

Community Council Grant 2007/08 Letter received but no cheque yet

Christmas Tree from Reidhaven Estate trustees To be delivered week beginning 3rd December, KA to write

Christmas Tree decorations Lights to go on week beginning 10th December, KA to write. SBlack said that lights would be upgraded this year, after we had suggested asking John Beaton about funding better lights

A request was made by the Village Hall for funding for their tree lights and it was agreed that we would help them

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 29th November 2007 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of AGM held in the Village Hall

Thursday 25th October 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Scott Bruce (in the chair), Kate Adamson, John Armstrong, Lara Campbell, Pete Carson, Fiona McMullen, Carol Ritchie, David Ritchie
Mary Kinnaird, Barbara Kuwall, Dick Langridge, Mary Langridge, Diane McInnes, Denise Stott. T. Stott

Apologies: Mary Grant, Stuart Black

Minutes of AGM 26th October 2006 have been circulated and displayed in the Post Office both after the meeting and again last week. A correction is necessary as Ann Baird approved the Accounts. Acceptance of the Minutes with this correction was proposed by Fiona McMullen, seconded by Lara Campbell, agreed unanimously.

Matters Arising: None

Chairman's Report

Over the year your Community Council deals with concerns of village residents, railway station lighting and information, road conditions, gritting and many other problems. We are lucky that our local Highland Councillor, Stuart Black, attends all our meetings and deals with many of the matters that are raised.

The 2006 Christmas Party was well attended and was a great success and thanks are due to all those who work hard to ensure that it is successful.

Our village Newsletter which has been edited by Carol Neely for over one year received an award. The Carr-Bridge News came 2nd in a field around 20 for the CNPA community Newsletter awards in May. Carol has raised the content and the profile of the newsletter since taking over and has managed to get sufficient advertising revenue to defray most of the costs of producing it. Carol always welcomes contributions from people in the village and we would like to see the newsletter becoming more of a local forum.

Several Council Members attended the site meeting with CNPA and Tullochs regarding the proposed housing development and also attended a number of planning meetings where the matter was discussed. These matters are still ongoing at this time but the Council is involved heavily in the process. It is worth remembering that Council members are unpaid and make time for these duties. We are trying to ensure that we get the best deal for the village from this development. We continue to be indebted to an ex member, Gavin Gerrard a civil engineer, who has been able to steer us through the complexities of the development and the conditions applying.

In spite of increased prize money, the Duck race raised more than ever - around £900 this year - towards the various Christmas Parties that the Council helps to fund. The Carrbridge Gathering + Carve Carr-Bridge was again a very successful event and may show a profit of over £4K this year. This money will be divided between Community Council and the Village Hall Fund. Some of this profit is to be retained for seeding future events. It takes a huge amount of effort to organise and manage the event and the Chief of the event, Gavin Gerrard is keen to hear from anyone interested in taking on some organisational tasks. Council member, John Armstrong has agreed to work with Gavin with a view to taking over the running of the event in future. The Council is very appreciative of all the hard work that local volunteers put into this event to make it the success that it is. Linda Jolly once again excelled in getting increased publicity for the The World Porridge Championships. This year we had a representative from the Paul O'Grady show and excerpts from the Championships were shown on Television. This was one of the best years of the event for media coverage and the Porridge Championships gave the village worthwhile publicity in the national press. The Council is indebted to all those involved and especially Linda who put in a considerable amount of her own time and professional expertise to ensure the success of the event.

Carrbridge Live, the arts and entertainment event run by Carrbridge Arts is developing into a recognised and professional festival. This year was an even bigger success than previous years with a diverse collection of events and entertainments throughout the week. It is adding to the reputation of the village as a go ahead community and a vibrant place to live and is welcomed by the Council members.

Thanks to all those who give up their time to help manage, and staff the many village events in our calendar. Without your help these events would quickly disappear.

Our Community Police Officer, PC Ross Polworth, has been keeping us informed about problems in the village by sending us the information and attending Council meetings when his duties allow. The village is still relatively crime free but we still get occasional incidences of pointless vandalism which is very disappointing. We would urge parents to ensure that their youngsters show respect for the appearance of the village and the comfort and safety of residents and visitors.

Fiona McMullen took over as Treasurer at last year's AGM and has given the members useful information on our finances which has enabled a clearer picture of where we stand. Membership has been strengthened with the addition of Pete Carson to the Community Council this year. Pete has experience of working on Community Councils elsewhere and will be a worthwhile member of the Council. We are still keen to hear from anyone who wishes to join the Council and is prepared to give some of their time to benefit the community.

Scott Bruce

Treasurer's Report

FMcM presented the accounts for 2006/7. Ann Baird kindly audits our accounts. Acceptance of the accounts proposed by David Ritchie, seconded by Lara Campbell and agreed unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers:

Chairman	Scott Bruce	Proposer: FMcM	Seconder: KA	Unanimous acceptance
Vice Chairman	David Ritchie	Proposer: SB	Seconder: PC	“ “
Treasurer	Fiona McMullen	Proposer: SB	Seconder: KA	“ “
Secretary	Kate Adamson	Proposer: CR	Seconder: FMcM	“ “

Planning Representative Mary Grant has resigned as representative. Replaced by Pete Carson Proposer: SB
Seconder: KA

Any other Competent Business

Nil

Meeting finished at 8pm