



Carr-Bridge News

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2005

As ever the Council year starts with the 2004 Christmas Party which was at Carrbridge Hotel and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who participated. Thanks are due to all those who were involved in making it such a success. It has been a busy year with a number of issues arising in the area. The Ecclefechan Restaurant housing application has dragged on over the year and your Council was in discussions with the developer to get the optimum usage of the site with the least visual impact on the village, however the plans were called in by CNPA and there is, as yet, no resolution. The other ongoing housing development plans of Aviemore & Highland Developments are still in abeyance although the planning application has gone through. Your Council has also made representation to the Boundaries Commission in order to keep our community within the electoral ward of the Badenoch & Strathspey Area Committee of Highland Council. The Council wrote stating the objection as did a number of local residents and a petition of residents has been sent since then. We are still awaiting the decision of the Commission. Thanks are due to our Highland Councillor Stuart Black who helped the campaign with sound, objective advice whenever it was needed. The Duck race once again raised lots of money for this year's Christmas Party. The Carrbridge Gathering was a hugely successful event which has raised a considerable amount of money for village activities and was greatly enjoyed by all participants and visitors. Initially the profit is earmarked for the Christmas Lights fund. Thanks are due to Tom Jones and Catherine Jones who have shown the commitment to keep making the event happen. Of course many other people put enormous effort into the event and all of those are due our thanks too. This year it was decided to separate the Porridge Championships from the Gathering and the success of both events has shown that this has worked well. The Porridge Championships got great national press coverage for the village. Membership of the Community Council has depleted this year with the retirement of Barbara Kuwall, Alma Forest and Peter White. This leaves us dangerously short of members and we would welcome anyone who wishes to participate in Council meetings for a period to come along and find out if they would care to join us. Barbara has served on the Community Council since its inception and was on the Village Council before that so has been working for the Community for more than 30 years. The effort that she has always put into village events will be sorely missed. Alma has served for 9 years and as deputy Chair has been a valuable member of the team over that period. Peter has given of his time and labour for the past 10 years as a member of the Newsletter team and in charge of all the printing. Thanks are due to all three for their hard work and commitment. Scott Bruce

New Member of Community Council Carol Neely

With the departure of several members, the Council is recruiting new people to take their place. Carol is our latest recruit and is from the village but left in 1986 to work in various casinos in Birmingham Edinburgh and London. When she returned to her home village she worked in local hotels as a house maid eventually becoming Head House Keeper in the Boat Hotel. After that Carol sat her HGV Driving Test and turned her hand to driving Articulated Lorries. She returned once more in 1996 after being away for 10 years to settle down with a local lad and the couple now have a daughter. Carol still drives part time as she likes to keep her hand in, and enjoys driving but on the whole these days she is fully occupied as a housewife and mother.



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ECCLFECHAN SITE

Work has begun on new housing at the site of the old Ecclefechan Restaurant. The building has been demolished but was not without drama. During the demolition power cables were ruptured causing a black-out for some homes nearby. This underlines the fact that we need to observe a little caution when demolishing buildings and to ensure that safety is a prime consideration. As far as the Community Council has been informed the construction here will provide some much needed affordable housing.

ADVERTISING SPACE / LETTERS

If you are a private individual living in this community and want to advertise in the newsletter free of charge contact the editor Scott Bruce. Telephone 841264 or you can email scottbruce@btinternet.com. Local trades & business people who wish to advertise will be asked to make a small contribution to costs. Typically £10 for a box similar to the one shown below. If you want to share your views with the rest of the community why not write a letter to the editor?



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Member short

The Community Council is still one member short and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who would care to sit in on a few meetings with a view to joining or indeed if you are committed to working for the good of your community to consider joining the Council. If you are interested speak to any of the members of the Council or phone the Secretary Dr Kate Adamson 841281

VILLAGE WEB SITE

For those of you who find that the dog has got to your Newsletter first, or those who lose it within a few moments or indeed those of you who are convinced that it was never delivered in the first place, it is now available on the village web site which can be found at:

www.carrbridge.com

Click on 'Newsletter' and the frame will offer you the most recent edition. The site has many interesting features and lots of useful information regarding the local area, upcoming events and historical detail. Why not put the site on your 'Favourites' and visit it regularly to keep up to date with what's going on in and around the village

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VILLAGE WINS THE BOUNDARY BATTLE

The recommendations by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland to take Carr-Bridge out of the Badenoch & Strathspey ward of Highland Council and put us in with parts of Inverness have been scrapped. Following a well supported local campaign when dozens of residents wrote to the Commission and to Highland Council and a petition signed by a substantial portion of the population of the village, the Commission reversed their decision leaving Carr-Bridge within the voting community of Badenoch & Strathspey. The campaign had the support of Local MSP Fergus Ewing and Local MP Danny Alexander. The Community Council members were especially pleased to have substantial support, encouragement and advice from our Highland Councillor Stuart Black without whose interest and help, we would not have achieved so much. The original plans would have seen decisions affecting services like refuse collection, planning health care, education and transport being made in Inverness without any special knowledge of local conditions. The new boundaries are to be used for the next local government elections in May 2007 and the purpose in realignment was to create wards of equal size in terms of numbers of voters. It was a great victory for Commonsense and for the democratic will of the people.

..... BUT LOSES A COUNCILLOR DOROTHY WEDDERBURN

After serving on the Community Council for more than a decade during which time she threw herself into the running of the World Porridge Championships. This was an enormous labour of love and Dorothy's work helped to keep the Championships in Carr-Bridge. Dorothy and her husband Laurie left Carr-Bridge on the 3rd October to travel for a month through Europe culminating in Mallorca, Spain where they plan to settle for the foreseeable future. At a brief lunch time ceremony on the 2nd of October members of the Council presented the couple with an original Jeff Buttress painting depicting the Landmark Fountain and Pagoda. (shown top right) After a short speech by Council Chairman Scott Bruce, Dorothy thanked the Council and the Community for all their support over the years. Whilst sad to be leaving they were looking forward to an exciting new adventure. They have emailed since to announce their arrival in Mallorca and look forward to seeing any residents who holiday on the island. They also intend to make regular return visits to Carr-Bridge.

