

# CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

House Keeping: Fire Exits etc

Introduction of Community Councillors to Visitors

### Apologies

List of Concerns of Village Residents and AOCB to be taken under agenda item 9

- 1 Police Report – No report although promised by email
- 2 Minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup> 2014. Proposer , Secunder and Agreement
- 3 Matters Arising      War Memorial paths [AK](#)  
Ellan Bridge  
Jigsaw of Bridge  
Old Bridge  
Tourist Information Board. Keeping it updated GD  
Struan House Hotel [AR](#)  
Tom na Clach – Environmental Statement Consultation  
Rates Demand on Shed  
Housing Development Carr Road  
Speed strips across Inverness Road - delayed
4. Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)  
Water Supply      Christmas Party      Dropped Kerbs  
Redesign of Health Services B & S      Track up to Cemetery  
Wooden Bench      Tom na Clach Community Benefit      Crannich Park Parking  
A9 Dualling      Trap Door at Water Storage Unit
5. Treasurer's report [FMcM](#)      ([Duck Race](#))
6. Planning Applications      New applications agreed by email:
7. Carve Carrbridge – and report after it  
Porridge Making Championships
8. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email  
COAT public meeting Dinnet 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Superfast Broadband  
Winter resilience Community Aid  
Seafeld & Strathspey Estates News  
CNP Local Development Plan: Report from Scot Gov
9. AOCB
10. Date of next meeting: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

**CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

**Present:** Andrew Kirk, Kate Adamson, Allan Rankin, Bill Lobban (Councillor), George Dyer, Robert McInnes and David Ritchie.

**In attendance:** Kate Clark, Jan Carlyle and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Scott Bruce

Andrew Kirk (Chairman) welcomed all and opened meeting.

The minutes of meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 proposed by David Ritchie and seconded by Robert McInnes

**POLICE REPORT:** No report – Andrew to follow up

**TREASURES REPORT:** Current balance £9,295.75.

**WAR MEMORIAL PATHS:** Ross McGowan to be asked to quote for handrails and another quote to be obtained from at least one other company.

**BOWLING GREEN/FOOTBALL PAVILION:** Key has been returned from Ross McGowan. The cleaning of the Football Pavilion to be carried out prior to Carrbridge Carve.

**ELLAN BRIDGE:** Douglas Stuart – Outreach Officer is meeting with Robert McInnes and Andrew Kirk to discuss maintenance of the Bridge. Allan Rankin reported that funds may be available for this through the National Park. The Riverside Walk was also discussed re maintenance. Bill Lobban informed the meeting that it would be worth applying for ‘Ward Discretionary Award’.

**JIGSAW:** In view of the recent high water, a Jigsaw depicting a change of view would be an interesting addition to the already planned calm water picture and would be of interest to visitors to the village.

**TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD:** Scott Armstrong (Visit Scotland) had been contacted but Allan Rankin stated that the feedback from Visit Scotland was that there was no money to do any updating. George Dyer is to continue talks with the new owners of Craigellachie Guest House who will be asked to keep an eye on the board.

**WATER TANKS:** Bill Lobban reported that there had been no response from the owner of the Water Tanks. Highland Regional Council had contacted but to no avail, they will be contacting him again.

**STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:** Allan Rankin has spoken to the Department dealing with derelict buildings at the Scottish Government and they are supporting the Villages concerns. It would appear that the Community Council cannot be the figurehead in this quest but Carrbridge Ahead could take the lead.

Heather Davidson stated that a back door was open and someone had been seen walking out of the Hotel with a microwave. This had been reported to the Police and to the selling agents, but nothing has been done. It was also reported that a prospective interested party wanted to view the Hotel, but the selling agents said no due to a Health

and Safety Problem. Kate Clark posed the question of what is the answer to the problem – demolition but the cost would be high to do this. A general discussion round the table ensued. Kate Adamson reported that in order to secure grant money there has to be a definitive reason. Bill Lobban informed the meeting that there is a fund for derelict buildings to be demolished therefore tidying up the site, but Allan Rankin brought up the problem of the two houses that are joined to the Hotel.

**DUELLING OF A9:** Andrew Kirk was pleased to state that 45 local residents attended the meeting. Transport Scotland were very pleased with the turn-out. The views of those residents affected were good. The probable date for commencement is likely to be 2019.

**GRASS CUTTING:** Andrew Kirk reported that the contract for Grass Cutting has been extended by the present company by a year. The CCC was disappointed to hear this as there had been many complaints. Bill Lobban stated that the test period was in July where there was no rain and the grass was not growing.

**OLD BRIDGE:** Following concerns by Robert McInnes about the Old Bridge after the battering it received due to the recent flooding, it appears that Highland Council owns the North side of the bridge and the Estate own the South side. Following lengthy correspondence by Alan Rankin and Andrew Kirk, Highland Council have agreed to lead on this in conjunction with Historic Scotland. The CC will be kept updated by THC and we await the report of the initial inspection. David Ritchie stated that on a previous occasion the then Highland Regional Council filled the holes with liquid concrete.

**PORRIDGE:** Progressing well, next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**PLANNING:** The plans for the Village Hall disabled access and toilets etc. have been passed. The Hall Committee can now continue to complete the site.

**DUCK RACE:** This was a great success although the weather was rather inclement.

**CARVE CARRBRIDGE:** The whole Community Council wished the Carve success.

**WIND FARM:** Kate Clark is concerned that the A938 should have an extended speed limit from the village through to Duthil. The turn off to her property has caused some near misses in the past and when the Wind Turbines start arriving she is most concerned. In all the plans for the proposed heavy traffic on this road there is no mention of the Settlement of Duthil. Kate Adamson stated that it would be appropriate to put in a request when at the planning stage. Allan Rankin stated that on going safety is a big issue and agreed that the 30 limit sign should be extended from the Golf Course and to change to 40 at the other side of Duthil. Bill Lobban informed the meeting that the 50 miles per hour for much of the Kincaig to Aviemore Road has been most successful and he advised that Andrew McIvor of Highland Regional Council to be contacted now.

**RATES DEMAND:** The CCC has received a Rates Demand for the Community Shed for £282.60. This has never happened before and the Rates Department to be contacted and Bill Lobban to assist with this.

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:** Andrew Kirk stated that all residents of Carr Road and those who had put in a comment on the application had received letters regarding the building of 96 houses. It was felt that all who objected in the first instance must object again saying their original comments stood. The closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014. However it is believed that all the original comments will be taken note of. George Dyer stated that the plans as to pavements from Crannich Park to Main Road are unclear. Kate Adamson said that the Government Criteria regarding the amount of traffic had deemed that Carr Road is suitable although she and everyone found this difficult to believe. It was decided that the residents should comment and then consideration to the planning should be given. General discussions followed.

Bill Lobban (Councillor) took no part in these discussions.

**HEALTH SERVICE IN BADENOC AND STRATHSPEY:** Kate Adamson attended a meeting to finalise the site for the new hospital and that the Technical Park was considered the best site. Transport was discussed along with accessibility for all. Bill Lobban commended NHS had attended all meetings held in all corners of Badenoch and Strathspey.

**HIGHLAND RURAL PARLIAMENT:** Kate Adamson and Allan Rankin attended and points discussed were Young People, Transport etc.

**A.O.C.B.:** George Dyer brought up the subject of paths and asked who is responsible for the path at the South of Landmark to the woods and Allan Rankin asked about the path between Landmark and Cruachan into the woods. Robert McInnes stated that he had cleared these paths previously. It was decided that volunteers would clear these paths.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Lorraine Anderson reported that the Council are to put counter strips across the Inverness Road.

The meeting closed at 8.42p.m.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014.