

# CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

House Keeping: Fire Exits etc  
Introduction of Community Councillors to Visitors

### Apologies

1. Minutes of: July 30<sup>th</sup> 2015

2. Matters Arising

- Speeding vehicles
- Housing Development Carr Road
- Ellan Bridge - ? 2 yearly inspections
- Tourist Information Board / Plinth
- Struan House Hotel
- Tom na Clach
- Paths
- Tapestry
- Viewing point at Old Bridge

Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)

Water Supply	Dropped Kerbs	A9 Dualling	Police Report
Track up to Cemetery	Redesign of Health Services B & S		
Tom na Clach Community Benefit			
Jigsaw of bridge	Old Bridge Repair	School Playground	

3. Treasurer's report [FMcM](#)

4. Planning Applications                      New applications agreed by email:

5. Carve CarrBridge

6. Duck Race                                      Draw of results  
Finance

7. Porridge Championship

8. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email

9. AOCB

10. Date of next meeting:                      Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Rebecca Badger (CNPA Board), James and Maria Slaven Thompson, Lee Huxton (CNPA), Heather Davidson (Minutes).

**Representatives of companies involved in the Dualling of the A9 Road:**

Mark Sanders (Transport Scotland), Tim Taylor (Environment Team), Rory Gunn and Laurie Ciano (Atkins Michelle),

Andrew Kirk welcomed all present to the meeting and handed the meeting over to Rory Gunn to give a progress report on the A9 Dualling. Mr Gunn explained that the 25 kms in length from Dalraddy to Slochd has many problems to be overcome, and the process is in three stages, Stage 1 deals with the mobilization and the development of a detailed plan and to draw up a plan of the best way forward regarding widening. Stage 2 deals with the assessment of all levels of options. Stage 3 decides the preferred route and final construction. At the moment the discussions centre round Stage 2 which will be decided by end of 2016. At Stage 3 land requirements and statutory processes come into play. He went on to explain that timescales can shrink or expand depending on any problems. Details of construction are unknown at the moment. More information will follow as the months go by. Continued dialogue will continue and the Community Council will be advised at all stages. The A9 people are looking to having drop-in sessions during the Autumn with Landowners being invited along and then local residents. Another exhibition is to be held this side of Christmas to show progress and an open-door policy will be in place. Sam McNaughton (Transport Scotland) will be willing to have an open door policy to deal with any rumours etc. The Community Council would have a preview before residents.

Kate Adamson enquired as to what will be happening at Slochd, people are interested, Mr Gunn replied that there are challenges of all descriptions and a lot of engineering required due to the narrowness, but he is hoping to keep the A9 in use during this time.

Andrew Kirk asked re: the junction at Bogroy where there was a rumour it might be closed. Mr Gunn stated that where an A road leads to a B road there will be a junction. Highly unlikely there wouldn't be a junction there.

Kate Adamson went on to inform the meeting that environmental surveys are in effect now. This will continue on all the stages. On Stage 3 an ecology assessment will then be added in. Ross, Sepa, National Park, SMH will be in discussion. Mr Gunn stated that he was trying to avoid any surprises. Kate Adamson went on to say she would prefer summaries. At Stage 3 there would be an Exhibition Board.

Alan Rankin is concerned regarding the economical assessment re road closures etc during events through this project. Mr Gunn stated that Stages 2 and 3 would give local businesses consideration but unfortunately he cannot guarantee the weather and obviously sunny and in the summer would be more productive. Mr Gunn stated he would take back to base these concerns for discussion. It was also stated that work should cease during weekends and when events are happening in the area.

Mr Gunn's main priority is to minimize any problems. Andrew Kirk thanked the gentlemen for attending the meeting, Mr Gunn, in conclusion, would like the Community Council to contact his company direct should they have any concerns.

The gentlemen left.

**Apologies:**

Scott Bruce (Treasurer)

**POLICE REPORT:**

Nothing to report. Andrew Kirk is not happy not getting a Police Report, fellow councilors agreed, and queried this with Bill Lobban who went on to explain that this is not the decision of the local Police. Andrew Kirk felt there is no way of monitoring for instance Police activity on speeding.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 were approved by George Dyer and seconded by Alan Rankin.

**SPEEDING VEHICLES:**

The CCC purchased 20 and 30mph stickers and have been round the village where appropriate and sticking them on Wheelie bins. Alan and Lorraine organized this with help from a number of others. Alan Rankin suggested a press release re speeding which it was agreed he should do.. David Ritchie reported that trees are requiring trimming at Dalnahaitnich as visibility is very bad. Bill Lobban produced paperwork regarding 20mph which is to be handed over to Lorraine Anderson. Bill Lobban felt that Highland Council may not be in favour of any chicane type arrangement at the entry to the village. Robert McInnes enquired if there could be a reduction from 40mph to 30mph at Duthil; Bill Lobban stated that Highland Council had found no reason to do this. Bill Lobban felt that the use of chicane on Inverness Road would cause more problems on the road, especially in winter. David Ritchie favours the use of Rumble Strips which have been asked for - Bill Lobban to take this matter in hand. Kate Adamson felt that some people are more aware now of speeding. Maria Slaven Thompson stated that the speeders are at 5.30a.m. and then again in the early evening. Bill Lobban went on to say that a local resident overtook him on the hill speeding. It was commented that some of the worst offenders of speed live locally.

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:**

Andrew Kirk reported that the Housing Developer has not appealed the decision regarding the building of houses on the Boys Brigade Field and Crannich Park. Therefore there is currently NO planning application in the system for houses on these two areas BUT the two pieces of land are zoned for housing.

The National Park will liaise with the Community Council on a way forward. Lee Huxton stated that over the next few months how best to develop the land will be addressed. Bill Lobban stated that this would be for guidance only.

**ELLAN BRIDGE:**

Geoff Freedman will be contacted via John Walker on advice as to when the Ellan Bridge should be inspected.

### **TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD:**

Maria Slaven Thompson Chairman of the Carrbridge Tourist Association stated the final draft for the plinth has been decided and will keep the meeting informed as to progress. She went on to say that the Tourist Information Board is an eyesore; the Perspex is damaged and leaks. The quotes for this repair have been received and Ewan Buxton will do the repairs, his proposal was very thorough. The CTA would like some funding from the Community Council to assist with the overall cost, which is £1,398.18. Andrew Kirk was in favour and proposed that £700 be awarded - this was also agreed by all.

George Dyer brought up the matter of signs in the village; he suggests more Car Park signs, and the trimming of trees that are overgrown and blocking out the signs. Bill Lobban stated that this was a Highland Council problem. George Dyer will contact Douglas Edwards to make Car Park signs.

### **STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:**

Andrew Kirk hoped to say more at the August meeting.

### **MATTERS OUTSTANDING:**

#### **TOM-NA-CLACH:**

Kate Adamson met with representatives from Communities: East Nairn, Cawdor, Grantown-on-Spey, Carrbridge and Tomatin. The question arose regarding the money that is available and how it should be split. This was worked out by the number of people affected:

1. Cawdor - it's their land.
2. Tomatin – they will see it.
3. Carrbridge – visitor viewpoints, traffic, lorries etc.

Carrbridge is likely to gain 10%. Perhaps £23 - £24,000 per annum. The next meeting is in October. George Dyer is surprised that Cawdor get what they do. David Ritchie went on to ask if the Community Council get the money. Kate Adamson replied that Carrbridge Ahead would have to get the money. Kate Adamson will e-mail all the explanations to all members. It was felt that in future maybe 2 people should go to further meetings.

### **PATHS:**

Alan Rankin gave a full and informative report on the Paths after a meeting with Will Anderson of Seafield Estate: (Landmark Tower to Railway Line)

#### **Paths:**

Two major muddy flooded and plank- bridge areas need a drainage pipe laid and infill to raise path above dip. Smaller muddy low points to be filled with infill.

#### **Harvesting:**

They wish to take out all fallen trees and thin out approx 20% of standing timber. This being poor trees, clusters of two or three trees etc so leaving 80% untouched. Not sure when they will do it, maybe by year end of next summer. Operative word is harvesting and not clearing. Access will be from new metal gate on road south of village into the woods. Vehicle would then drive through to harvesting right through to Landmark back car park and to railway line.

#### **Options:**

Seafield content to cover all costs of repairs to path if they have been in to harvest. This could be 2015 or 2016. Seafield would contribute to path fix if we wanted to make good the two plank-

bridge muddy soggy areas now rather than wait. Will Anderson mentioned that they did a village hall briefing for residents when they harvested at Boat of Garten and would be happy to do same for Carrbridge if we wish. On the walk we talked about the clearing that has happened the other side of the railway line. They were ordered by Network Rail to clear any potential fall to the line. I asked if there was any intention to clear further as the remaining trees act as a sound barrier to the A9. They have no intention to clear further.

After general discussion the meeting decided to wait until after the tree harvesting. George Dyer wants some remedial work done now. Maria Slaven Thompson asked if the planks are safe and is the landowner liable. Andrew Kirk suggested Donald Powell to do some remedial work, George Dyer suggested Landmark have a JCB. Alan Rankin to be in touch with Will Anderson.

#### **VIEWING POINT:**

David Ritchie noted drop from seat to ground and it is quite a drop he reported. Andrew Kirk and Alan Rankin felt Highland Council should do the work, Bill Lobban to progress this matter.

#### **CARRBRIDGE TAPESTRY:**

Douglas Edwards is in the process of completing the Tapestry engraving and it should be hung very shortly. The CC are very grateful to all who are progressing this.

#### **WOODLAND PATH:**

Lee Huxton reported that further time is required to assess the surface of the path.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

£1,029.61 in Account.

#### **CARVE:**

George Dyer reported things are progressing nicely.

#### **WORLD PORRIDGE MAKING COMPETITION:**

Progressing well.

#### **DUCK RACE:**

George Dyer reported that the ducks were all in 100's. He went on to say he is concerned regarding the height of the river. Whether the duck race goes ahead will be decided with David Ritchie by 10.00a.m. on Sunday morning. If the weather is too inclement on two occasions tickets will be drawn.

#### **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:**

1. **Boundary Commission:** Kate Adamson was very happy to report that the Boundary Commission has left Carrbridge in Badenoch and Strathspey. Bill Lobban suggested a letter should be sent to say how pleased Carrbridge is to stay in Badenoch and Strathspey. Alan Rankin volunteered to do.
2. **Old Bridge:** Lynn Marshall, local resident, has reported to the Community Council that the trees on the Old Bridge Garage side need cutting back, Bill Lobban to take this forward to Highland Council. Andrew Kirk to email THC also.
3. **Dog Warden:** Signs erected in the Village Car Park. Andrew Kirk met with Dog Warden.
4. **Projects in the Village:** Alan Rankin reported that a plan of the list of priorities for the Village has been taken forward by VABS. Many priorities have been moved forward. Lee Huxton has spoken to Karen Derrick CPNA to carry out a review and draw up an action plan. OUR COMMUNITY A WAY FORWARD. There will be no need to start from scratch, Kate Adamson commented that of 10 priorities in the original 6 have been completed or moved forward. 2 things outstanding are

cycle paths and paths to Duthil. Some priorities are difficult for CCC to resolve as they don't have the authority. Andrew Kirk suggested that Alan Rankin lead on this update.

Andrew Kirk thanked all who attended the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.  
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Date of next meeting Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August,

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