

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

**Present:** Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), David Ritchie, Robert McInnes, Kate Adamson (Secretary).

**In attendance:** Karen Derrick (VABS), Margaret Carnegie, Lorraine Anderson, Jan Carlyle, Heather Davidson (Minutes).

**Apologies:**

Scott Bruce (Treasurer), Alan Rankin, George Dyer.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Andrew Kirk has e-mailed the police regarding non receipt of Police Report; so far no reply has been received.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were approved by Robert McInnes and seconded by David Ritchie.

**SPEEDING VEHICLES:**

There has been a police presence in the village, targeting speeding vehicles. The 30mph sign on the north side of the village is still not regulated correctly. Lorraine Anderson reported that there would be a charge of £500.00 to regulate this. The Community Council was not willing to stand this cost. Lorraine Anderson went on to state that the 30mph sign is not far enough up the road. Bill Lobban will assist by enquiring on both matters. The 30mph sign on the Grantown Road was to be amended by using Blue Tooth Tablet, but this was unsuccessful.

Lorraine Anderson also brought up the problem of an old fence being removed and the grass strimmed and perhaps a tree being removed at the entrance to the house in the middle of the Golf Course to help visibility and road safety. Andrew Kirk feels that this is probably a boundary fence but he will speak to the Golf Course.

**PARKING:**

The parking of vehicles round the Spar Shop, The Kitchen and The Old Bakery is still a problem, heavy vehicles cannot maneuver up Station Road, and therefore the whole village comes to a halt. The question of white lines was answered by Bill Lobban who informed the meeting that white lining was done area by area and Carrbridge will be done when it's their turn. He also went on to say that no amount of signage will stop indiscriminate parking and suggested contacting Richard Porteous regarding a sticker for establishments to stick on their doors. David Ritchie also felt the parking was bad as his sand and gravel lorries find maneuvering up the main street a big problem.

Jan Carlyle informed the meeting of a problem with the Carrbridge Hotel, the Tour Buses are, in some cases, allowing their passengers to get off the buses onto the road instead of the pavement outside the hotel. Jan Carlyle volunteered to speak to Colin Watt owner of the Hotel to mention this problem to the drivers. Andrew Kirk thanked her for this.

## **MATTERS OUTSTANDING:**

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:Carr Road and Crannich Park-** Nothing further to report. There is no current planning application in place but the area is zoned for housing.

**ELLAN BRIDGE:** Repairs Engineer Geoff Freeman reports:- :With the observant users you have I would be happy with the biannual visual inspection slipping a bit but it is a delicate structure nearing what was originally considered to be the end of its life. I therefore think that the way forward is to have the next one in 2016 while I give instructions to a couple of you following my checklist form and ticking the boxes and if you ever come up with something you do not understand you can contact me. There will always be the 6 yearly Principal inspection carried out by a bridge engineer which should catch anything missed before it gets too bad: John Walker has volunteered to lead the inspection for which the CC is very grateful

**TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD:** Ewan Buxton is progressing with the repairs to the Tourist Information Board and the plinth is in an advanced stage.

**STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:** Andrew Kirk announced that further discussions would be put back to the September meeting.

**TOM-NA-CLACH:** Kate Adamson forwarded details to Community Council members regarding monetary benefits to the village which are still at a very early stage.

**PATHS:** Andrew Kirk reported that the affected paths in the woods are being assessed and inspected but it was all a bit on the 'slow-side'. He has received a telephone call from the partner of mobility scooter user that they cannot get the mobility scooter up through the woods. Bill Lobban happy to continue to assist CCC in getting an early restoration of the path.

**OLD BRIDGE:** The following report received by Andrew Kirk from Highland Council Security Classification Scheme relates to the tree at the Old Bridge: The tree referred to has been inspected on a number of occasions in recent years, both in response to enquiries from the owner of the hotel across the road and as part of our routine tree survey regime. To date there have been no signs of movement at the base of the tree and it is most likely to have grown at an angle rather than having been upright and now leaning, so it is considered stable at present and, notwithstanding this, its position is such that it is not in such close proximity to the bridge that it poses any threat. In recognition of their aesthetic and environmental contribution, the Highland Council has a strong presumption against the removal of trees unless there is real need which, at present, there is not in relation to this particular tree. We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action should any become necessary:

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Total in Community Council account is £2,659.79. Fiona McMullen (Accounts Manager) suggests transferring some funds from Carrbridge Ahead, Kate Adamson to follow this up.

## **CARVE:**

Progressing well.

## **WORLD PORRIDGE MAKING COMPETITION:**

Progressing well.

## **DUCK RACE:**

Owing to the flow of the River, the Duck Race was cancelled and a raffle draw was held. The Duck Races future is under consideration and will be decided upon when George Dyer returns from his holiday.

**DATA PROTECTION;**

Bill Lobban stated that several other villages have gone on line and filled in the appropriate information

and it's a simple operation. He also went on to explain that sending e-mails to the public should have a return box if not required, although some servers are better than others. Any monies should be paid by BACS. Kate will progress.

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:**

Margaret Carnegie reported that as the woodland paths are out of action the pathway by her house is being used by cyclists, horses and everyone else and getting muddier and muddier. Andrew Kirk felt that this pathway should be upgraded with hard standing. Bill Lobban felt that whoever is responsible for the damage should be responsible for the repairs. Andrew Kirk queried that perhaps gravel could be laid, it was decided to consult with the National Park and CPNA. Margaret Carnegie also voiced her concern regarding the Croft Land belonging to Donald Powell and what exactly is he building. Andrew Kirk will speak to Donald Powell to find out more.

Andrew Kirk then handed the meeting over to Karen Derrick to discuss "Our Community a Way Forward". Previously all villagers had the opportunity to state in writing their specifics for the village. The Community Action Plan now is to gather up all groups in the village i.e. School, Church, Village Hall, Bowling Club, Golf Club etc., Community Council etc. and have a meeting round a table and discuss all that has been achieved off the previous list and what is required now. Andrew Kirk felt that the village would be very interested in this, as we all strive for a better place to live, work and visit and welcomes VABS input.

Karen Derrick also stated that there is to be a Community Housing Workshop in October. There is to be a CC Forum opportunity meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 at the Hub in Aviemore at 6.30p.m. to discuss Policing, A.9 Dualling and Glenmore.

Andrew Kirk thanked all who turned up to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.  
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Date of next meeting Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September,