

# CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft AGENDA

Meeting Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Donna Reilly, Highlife Highland. For discussion of Pitch Lets procedure

### Apologies

1. Police Report Received 08-01-15
2. Minutes of November 27<sup>th</sup> 2014. Proposer , Seconder and Agreement
3. Matters Arising  
School Playground  
Ellan Bridge  
Riverside Walk  
Jigsaw of Bridge  
Old Bridge  
Tourist Information Board. Keeping it updated [GD](#)  
Struan House Hotel [AR](#)  
Tom na Clach – open days  
Housing Development Carr Road  
Entrance to Football Field
4. Matters Outstanding (no discussion needed unless new information)  
Water Supply                      Dropped Kerbs                      Trap Door at Water Storage Unit  
A9 Dualling                      Track up to Cemetery                      Redesign of Health Services B & S  
Tom na Clach Community Benefit                      War Memorial Paths
5. Treasurer's report [FMcM](#)
6. Planning Applications                      Planning procedures clarified  
New applications agreed by email:
7. Christmas party
8. New Items received by Chairman & Secretary – already circulated by email
9. AOCB
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village hall

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

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

**In attendance:** Jan Carlyle, Lorraine Anderson, Colin Watt, Iain Campbell and Heather Davidson (Minutes), Mrs Claire Lake (Head teacher of Carrbridge Primary School), Alfie and Finlay (Pupils of Carrbridge Primary School).

**Apologies:** Scott Bruce (Treasurer), Fiona McMullen (Accounts Manager), Kate Adamson (Secretary).

Andrew Kirk welcomed all and reported that Scott Bruce was improving, he then opened the meeting.

The first item on the Agenda was a presentation by Finlay and Alfie on behalf of Carrbridge Primary School regarding the School Playground. They gave a precise account of why they were asking for a donation for the playground and had a slide show to explain what they would like and the reasons why the playground should be upgraded. The total cost for this would be £7,500.00. They have already accrued £2,000.00 from the Parent Council and stated that the whole school and the Nursery were involved. Unfortunately there is no money available from Highland Council, so are willing to fund-raise themselves. Alan Rankin made suggestions to Mrs Lake, where funding might be available from i.e. Lightsave Fund and Commonwealth Games Legacy Fund, but he would also contact her direct with other suggestions.

Andrew Kirk stated that the Committee would be willing to help once the school have gathered more funds and he wished to be kept informed as progress was made. Colin Watt asked Bill Lobban about discretionary fund; Bill Lobban stated that when filling in the discretionary funding form the school must note the "In Kind" offers the school has had, i.e. clearing the site and the Parent Councils involvement. Andrew Kirk thanked the children and Mrs Lake for coming.

The Committee have agreed to a donation of £2,000 - £2,500.

**The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014** were proposed by Robert McInnes and seconded by Alan Rankin.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Andrew Kirk reported he had received no information which was very disappointing. Bill Lobban implied that information was being passed on to the Council and they, in turn, will forward on.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

**ELLAN BRIDGE:**

Andrew Kirk and Alan Rankin met with two contractors to discuss short term/medium term repair. Surveyors Report stated that one item was classed as urgent. The decking needs replacing with on slip inserts. Wire Rope rails also need attention. The costing for this is a ball park figure of £6,500.00. The main cost is the walk- way. Andrew Kirk hoped that the Community Council was not paying all of this cost. Alan Rankin suggested that the Flood Fund might not be forthcoming, but nothing can be done without final costings.

**RIVERSIDE WALK:**

Both contractors (as above) looked at the Riverside Walk, the cost for this repair is around £3,500.00. Both contractors to submit detailed costings before any decision can be made. Alan Rankin reported that the National Park is willing to part-pay. COAT also will part pay. It was advised that the work should start as soon as possible.

**JIGSAW:**

David Ritchie has been in contact with JHG Jigsaws Ltd and their advice is to be careful of the design for the Jigsaw, as too much water can be off-putting for those doing the puzzle. The suggestion was that a Spring Time scene would be better. Andrew Kirk feels that the Bridge has to be the star of the Jigsaw which was agreed by all and it was decided that some pictures of the Bridge, photographed by James Ross would be sent to the company for their opinion.

**STRUAN HOUSE HOTEL:**

Alan Rankin is still awaiting a reply from the Scottish Government. Selling Agent D.M. Hall is still not responding to the many telephone calls and e-mails sent by Alan Rankin.

**OLD BRIDGE:**

Andrew Kirk stated that Highland Council is doing a survey on the Old Bridge.

**TOURIST INFORMATION BOARD:**

Jackie Barbour (CNP) has forwarded a design of the Village for approval before being fixed to the plinth at the Tourist Information Board. Alan Rankin was pleased to announce that Jackie Barbour will fund this but there would be no future monies available for maintenance. The roof of the Tourist Information Point is leaking so therefore there are problems with damp. Andrew Kirk felt that regular maintenance will resolve these problems once the initial repair is done. It was suggested that the Tourist Association and the Community Council would split the cost of the repair.

Colin Watt emphasized that the Carrbridge Tourist Association are co-ordinating a meeting to get up and running again and a new Chairperson to be appointed.

**TOM-NA-CLACH:**

There is to be a Community Open Day in the Carrbridge Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 between 2 – 7p.m. There will be posters on display and two adverts in the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald. Members were asked to attend and ask questions.

**RATES DEMAND ON COMMUNITY SHED:**

Andrew Kirk was pleased to announce that there has been 100% Rates relief on the Community Shed. Thanks to Bill for his advice on this.

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT – CARR ROAD CRANNICH PARK:**

Andrew Kirk stated that the Scottish Government Reporter has reduced the amount of houses on Carr Road from 72 to 36 and only on the Boys Brigade Field site as no houses will be built on a wooded area. George Dyer explained that the 'Local Plan' rule for housing at Crannich Park will stay as first intended. It was suggested that any concerns that the developer might try and reverse the reporters decision be lodged with Fergus Ewing MSP. Andrew Kirk to follow up.

**SPEED STRIPS:**

Results have shown there has been reasonable adherence to the speed limit on Inverness Road, but by the time vehicles reach Dalrachny on the Grantown Road they speed up. George Dyer wants a speed limit on the

Grantown Road especially at concealed entrances, Andrew McIver (Highland Council) is to be contacted by Andrew Kirk.

Lorraine Anderson feels that the 'Smiley Face' speed limit needs re-siting. There is no money for more signs.

**PLANNING:**

Nothing concerning the Village to report.

**PORRIDGE COMPETITION:**

There was a modest surplus and good feed back from all concerned so reported Andrew Kirk.

**ENTRANCE TO FOOTBALL FIELD – DEAD TREES**

Work is progressing at the Football Field and the Dead Trees will be dealt with at the same time hopefully.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

Volunteers were called upon to deliver Invitations round the village being held at the Carrbridge Hotel on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 1.00p.m. Members asked to bring along a Raffle Prize.

**NEW ITEMS:**

Carrbridge is to be part of the Highland Mainline Community Rail partnership.

Colin Watt of the Carrbridge Hotel has erected the Village Christmas Tree.  
He was thanked for doing this.

Louise Cormack provided paperwork stating that the Community Council owns the Football/Bowling Pavilion which is sublet to the Outdoor Bowling Club for a charge of £1.00. Iain Campbell queried the use of the changing rooms. Robert McInnes and George Dyer felt it should be a condition that the Football and Bowling spaces should be separated. It was felt that the many proposals be put to Highlife.  
Bill Lobban to seek advice from Highland Council Legal Department.

**ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS:**

Alan Rankin has concerns regarding the paths behind Landmark and feels that this area is an accident waiting to happen, especially the plank bridges. Iain Campbell stated that drainage has always been a problem. It will also have to be decided who owns this part of the woodland, i.e.: Woodland Trust, Seafield Estate or Highland Council. Andrew Kirk will speak to Landmark.

Alan Rankin will speak to National Park and to discover if this is a core path.

George Dyer on behalf of Carrbridge Golf Club would like help with a Golf Buggy. He suggests a second-hand one which would cost £1,500. This request is to be considered in due course.

Robert McInnes raised the question of the Water Tanks and asked Bill Lobban if there was anything further to report on the owner, unfortunately the answer was no.

Bill Loban would find out if a 'No Parking overnight' sign for the Cemetery Car Park could be found and erected, it is noted that this land does not belong to Highland Council.

Andrew Kirk closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.

Date of next meeting, Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015