

Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd April 2015

Present: S. McCook (Chairman), H. Tucker (Secretary), D. Carrott (Treasurer), E. Ibbertson, D. Black

In Attendance: A. Greggans (Community Ranger), R. Amery (Highland Environmental Network).

Apologies: Cllr. B. Lobban, S. George, A. Young and A. Thom.

Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by: E. Ibbertson Seconded by: D. Black

Matters Arising: We are still waiting for the environmental impact study for the new footpath application, from SNH. The inaugural meeting of the B&S Community Council Association has been rescheduled for 21st April at 7pm in the Boat of Garten Village Hall.

The meeting concerning mire restoration by the RSPB was attended by SNH, RSPB, CNPA and a local farmer. A site meeting will be arranged. The problem of flooding was discussed, but this was caused by rising river levels not the dams.

H. Tucker had received an email from the police, thanking us for taking the time to respond to their priorities questionnaire.

The new member for CNPA was Miss Badger from Carr Bridge.

The village spring clean has been arranged by the Parent Council for Sunday 19th April from 1pm to 3pm. Mr McCook had received a letter concerning the level of dog fouling and asking for large posters to be displayed on lamp posts around the village. Mr McCook had contacted Cllr Lobban who had visited the area with the Community Services Manager, who agreed to label the litter bins informing the public that dog waste could be placed in the ordinary bins as well as the dog waste bins. The Dog Warden would also be visiting the village. The Community Services Manager will be arranging to visit the local school to speak to the children about litter etc.

The vandalism on the playing field – Police had spoken to those involved.

No further information as to funding for a village defibrillator.

Members of the Public: Rachel Amery from the Highland Environmental Network wished to gather information from a local community council as to the profile of the network. The organisation helps with developing and promoting environmental projects around the Highlands. Members can attend the AGM and receive regular newsletters. Those present had not been aware of the organisation and felt that it needed to raise its profile, especially with local community councils. Mr McCook explained the various projects undertaken within the village. Ms Amery asked where we had gone to seek advice on funding. Mr McCook explained it would depend on the project but CNPA was usually the first point of contact, it was felt that the Network could help local projects by providing more information on possible sources of funding. The decision was taken to join the organisation.

A. Greggans explained that she had a large number of wild flower seeds and was looking for suitable sites to scatter them. Mr McCook explained that the CC didn't own any land to give permission although in favour of the idea. D. Carrott agreed to consult with Ms Greggans as to the type of seeds already sewn in the new field areas and see if this could be enhanced. D. Black agreed to arrange for the soil in the field area to be tested.

Treasurer's Report: Balance: £4,261.55. D. Carrott stated that the books would be audited for the AGM. There was agreement to pay £40 for membership of the village website. This was being administered by the Community Centre as the Tourist Association was no longer in existence.

Councillor Lobban's Report: None

Police Report: None

NBTA Report: None

CNPA Report: None

Planning Applications: Application for a sun lounge at Tigh na Fraoch was discussed (Mr Carrott took no part in the discussion), there were no objections.

The application for 3 anemometer masts at the proposed wind farm site on the Dava had been refused.

AOCB: Mr McCook stated that H. Tucker had informed him that she would be standing down as secretary and a councillor after the June meeting. There was therefore a vacancy for a secretary and another councillor would need to be co opted.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm in the **CHURCH HALL.**

Please note change of venue due to the Community Centre being used as a polling station.