

Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2014

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

In Attendance: Cllr B. Lobban, M. Ferguson (Planning Officer CNPA).

Apologies: I. Hogarth (NBTA)

Minutes of the last meeting: Proposed by: E. Ibbertson Seconded by: S. George

Matters Arising: Route of path from Steel's Mill to Tulloch Rd has been surveyed. HC will be coming back to ask for more details concerning contract for grass cutting. HC survey had highlighted problems with trees blocking street lights and overhanging pavements and roads. They want homeowners to take on responsibility, if not they will undertake the work and charge homeowners. The decision was taken to design and distribute a flyer to give to relevant homes. White lines at Causer crossroads will have to wait until the white liner is back in the area.

Members of the Public: None

CNPA Local Plan: The Reporter had completed his report on the new CNPA Local Plan. The recommendation was for the School Road development to be removed from the plan. The Craigmere site would remain. There was no need to allocate further development sites. CNPA now have to decide whether to accept this advice. The plans are still live and further information has been submitted and has to be considered. The developer has refused to withdraw the plans. The Reporter has only suggested withdrawing areas from the plan in Nethy Bridge and Carr Bridge the rest remains unchanged.

CNPA has very little discretion to object to recommendations. Once adjustments are made the revised plan is submitted to Government and should be adopted by February 2015. Tulloch could go to appeal if planning refused if this is unsuccessful they are left with Craigmere site.

Mr McCook had noticed that the environmental report had mentioned that the area of woodland that had been suggested would be gifted to the community should be managed by an organisation such as The Woodland Trust. This would not be acceptable; the community has several organisations that could manage this area using a binding agreement. Organisations such as Woodland Trust had been known to sell off areas to raise cash for other projects. Mr McCook stated that he would reply to new information as he had done in May of last year adding a paragraph about managing the land. This would be done in time for the planning meeting on 21st Nov.

Cllr Lobban took no part in these discussions.

Treasurer's Report: Balance: - £4,023

Councillor Lobban's Report: There was nothing to report as there had been no meetings, due to the referendum.

Police Report: None

NBTA Report: None

CNPA Report: None

Playing field fence: - The fence running around the playing field is in a very poor state and needs to be replaced. There is a proposal to replace with 200 oak posts and metal poles between. Estimate to cost £19,000. The Community Centre plan to use remaining £15,000 from development funds and are asking other users to contribute. The Nethy has agreed to £250. Those present agreed to donate £500.

Calendars: - There was agreement that calendars would again be distributed with The Nethy meeting half of the cost. A. Young to source these.

Armistice Day: - This would be on the 9th November. H. Tucker to check timing with Rev. Walker. Also to ask British Legion if they would be sending any representatives as it was the 100th Anniversary. Posters would be put up and an advert in the Strathy. Mr McCook asked for as many members to attend as possible.

Planning Applications: Telephone cabinet to be sited beside telephone exchange. No objections in principle but ask why it can't be inside exchange grounds.

AOCB: There seemed to be a great deal of chopped branches lying in the river beside Taigh na Drochaid. Some road signs are very dirty and faded, Cllr Lobban will look into the matter.

Matt Smith Flood Prevention Officer was concerned that the CC had not received a response from the flood report.

Stage Coach to be asked why double decker buses were being used out with school runs, when they had stated that this would not be the case.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.