

## **Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr. B. Lobban, I. Hogarth (NBTA), L. Haxton (CNPA) & 1 member of the public.

**Apologies:** S. George, I. Malcolm

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Proposed by: - E. Ibbertson      Seconded by: - A. Young

**Matters Arising:** Latest anti dog fouling leaflet had been produced and would be issued shortly.

S. McCook and replied and objected to the proposed public entertainment licence plans.

There had been no further response from NHS re proposed new hospital. Local meetings will be held during the consultation period.

**Members of the Public:** There was still a problem of disturbance within the village. S. McCook stated that he would speak to the Police and say that we had been approached by concerned members of the public and ask for an update.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance is £4,165. Those present agreed to use internet banking for the CC account.

**Councillor Lobban's Report:** Council department reorganisation had been undertaken and several new Heads of Dept. had been appointed. TEC services now incorporated, roads, lighting and housing and is now known as Community Services. Education, Culture and Sport will combine with Community Services to become one large department.

**Police Report:** None

**NBTA Report:** The association will have another meeting in June and then be wound up. The website should be complete in a couple of weeks and then it will be paid for. Should the forecast be for bad weather for the Spring Gathering, the event will be cancelled, as there will be no facilities available in the Community Centre, due to refurbishment. S. McCook will judge the photo competition. There were still some subscriptions outstanding from January. Mr McCook mentioned that The Nethy Texas Scramble will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**CNPA Report:** None. Mr Haxton, Community Support Manager was present. His role is to liaise with Community Councils. Any projects should be taken to Karen or Iona and he would work with them to take the project forward. He stated that he would be happy to pass messages to the authority on our behalf. S. McCook stated that we had not had a representative attend meetings since M. McCafferty became unwell. Mr Haxton agreed to send updates from association meetings and a resume of Authority meetings.

**Planning Applications:** None

**Community Centre Plans:** D. Carrott explained the thoughts behind the planning application for a tea room in the centre. This had been top of the wish list in Our Community .... a way forward.

Nethcafe had been tried but had failed due to a lack of volunteers. Due to the refurbishment the question was asked what would be required to allow for a tea room if required in the future. The need for planning permission was highlighted. There was a decision to proceed with this even though no definite plans were in place. Thoughts were that a tea room would help raise revenue for the centre and bring in more visitors to the Explore Abernethy room. Proposals to be open 11 months of the year 10.00 to 3.00 and the kitchen would be available after 10.00am for other users. The room would still be available for other uses. Two members of staff would be required for the tea room. There will be a great deal of discussion before any decisions are made.

**Balnagowan Seat:** There had been a generous offer of a donation towards the cost of a seat on Balnagowan Brae, beside the footpath. Those present agreed that this would be a good idea and S. McCook said that he would speak to the Estate for permission.

**Boundary Commission Proposals:** There would be consultation with the Councils over two months and then there would be consultation concerning the number of Councillors, over the following 12 weeks. The number would be cut from 80 to 72 and then they would be allocated to individual wards. There was a possibility that there would be more in urban areas leaving fewer to represent rural areas.

**AOCB:** The AGM will be held before the June meeting.

SNH had agreed the path from Steel's Mill to Tulloch Road. There was agreement to sign a memorandum of agreement to take this and the path that would join Templeton Bridge to this new path forward. The CC would apply for the planning permission for both paths and SNH and CNPA would take it forward and help source funding for our path. Project could have been finished by March 2015 but had not been successful in getting funding from SNH in this financial year, hopefully 2016.

Proposal that next year's Spring Clean should be a community event and that there could be an application to CNPA to help with the cost of equipment. This would have to be submitted quite early as the funding pot is quite small. Comment was made that there was a general problem in the area with litter.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May in the LARGE HALL.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.