

Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd September 2015

Present: S. McCook (Chairman), D. Carrott (Treasurer), H. Tucker (Secretary), S. George, E. Ibbertson, A. Young, D. Black and 2 members of the public.

In Attendance: L. Haxton (CNPA), R. Badger (CNPA), P. Duncan (SNH).

Apologies: Cllr B. Lobban and A. Thom. Mr McCook had received notice that A. Thom was standing down from the CC.

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

Matters Arising: The condition of the recycling point at the community centre had improved.

A. Thom had arranged for the production of a miniature canoe paddle for the G-O-S 250 celebrations which S. McCook had presented at Broomhill.

Members of the Public: None

Treasurer's Report: £5,289. The HC grant had been received.

Peter Duncan (SNH): Wished to comment on the 10 year plan consultation. There has been no funding for the Steel's Mill path project this year, the environmental survey is underway and then the CC can apply for planning permission. There had been a suggestion that there may be items of archaeological interest in the old dump. An Archaeologist would be brought in when the project started. The CC would be looking for funding for the path section to link with Speyside Way.

There is a proposal to reinstate some old ditches in area up Dell Road at the pylon line. No risk of flooding as the ditches acted like sponges. Mr Duncan would contact the planning office to ask if planning permission was required. SNH would like to give work to a local contractor. There would be some removal of non native trees up Dell Road but not the area along Tulloch Road. Again there was a desire for a local contractor to undertake the work, hopefully applying for the felling licence and then selling the wood.

Alison Greggans and some volunteers have been removing some of the trees along the edge of the King's Road that are blocking the view.

There had been comments that Steel's Mill building should be removed as it is in a dangerous state. Would be expensive to renovate and maybe putting an interpretive sign would be sufficient. The Spey Fishing Board would be coming in October to look at the Duack burn to see if any clearing of branches etc was required to allow the safe passage of fish up the burn.

There was some concern over the number of deer culled. Mr Duncan stated that fences were unsuitable so deer needed to be culled. There would be no increase in the number culled but the number of bucks culled would be reduced.

Mr Duncan stated that if the path project was ready it might beat other projects for funding next year.

Councillor Lobban's Report: None

Police Report: None

Lee Haxton (CNPA): There was to be a meeting of the Association of Cairngorm Communities which would discuss planning and the new LEADER programme. There would be a Communities road show on 24th September which would highlight the Communities Capital Fund. This allowed eligible community projects to apply for funding of between £10,000 and £200,000, deadline for applications was the end of

September. The new CNPA website would be launched next week. There was a new Chief Executive of the Cairngorms Business Partnership. The new A9 dualling project would have an impact on local communities so the CNPA would be investigating the impact. Pete Crane would be talking at the next B&S CC Forum meeting.

CNPA Report: Rebecca Badger stated that she would hope to attend meetings three times a year. She would be happy to attend other meetings if there was a matter to be discussed. She suggested looking at the Carr Bridge CC minutes to see what was said about the A9 dualling.

Planning Applications: RSPB bog land restoration – the plans revealed that the area in question was within Boat of Garten CC jurisdiction.

New Farm House south of Garlyne – no objections.

House and outdoor livery opposite Balliemore – no objections.

Defibrillator: Contact had been made with Lucky2BHere, a charity on Skye who helped install defibrillators and train volunteers. A donation of between £1000 and £1500 would be required.

White Lining: S. McCook had again contacted Cllr Lobban about the lack of road markings at the Neuk crossroad. Cllr Lobban had said that we would be added to the list of work required. Mr McCook said that he would contact the Roads Dept. Mention also made of white van parked near the corner blocking the view.

CC Elections: Posters would be displayed on the notice boards advertising the elections. The present members would stand down in November and would need to complete nomination papers if wishing to stand again. Due to an increase in the population the ninth member had been reinstated.

AOCB: Mention made of area from Black Bridge to Riverside Walk was becoming overgrown. Members thought that the road was not being obstructed.

Pile of tar slabs lying at the Boat road end were thought to be from work in Nethy. Police are investigating the matter.

D. Black was thanked for all his efforts, in bringing the field next to the playing field into such good condition.

To date there had been no sign that homeowners had undertaken any necessary tree/bush pruning, to keep signs and street lights clear.

Mention made of the overgrown trees at the side of the road at Coulnakyle.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.