

Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th June 2015

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

In Attendance: Cllr B. Lobban, A. Greggans (Ranger)

Apologies: D. Carrott (Treasurer)

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

Matters Arising: D. Carrott had written to the Council concerning the recycling bins, stating that the matter had been discussed and withdrew the request, that the bins be removed by the end of July. S. McCook had written separately to the Council giving the view of the CC, stating that their present position was the most suitable but better maintenance was required. There was a problem on occasion when the lorry couldn't reach the bins to empty them. Cllr Lobban stated that the bins should have a notice stating the phone number to call if the bins were full.

Members of the Public: A. Greggans mentioned the SNH drop in session on 16th June in the Community Centre.

Treasurer's Report: Balance: £ 4,262

Councillor Lobban's Report: The Council are still trying to finalise the new administration. SNP are now in opposition.

Police Report: None

CNPA Report: None. H. Tucker had contacted Ms Badger with the last minutes and agenda for this meeting but had not received a reply.

Local Development Plan: Nothing of concern. Area of Canadian Camp had been removed but area on Craigmore Road was still allocated for 15 houses. There was still a need for affordable housing; also affordable plots for self build.

SNH Dell Wood Plans: The present plan was nearing the end. New plan seems to be suggesting heavy deer management. Members were not in total agreement and suggestion made that raptors should also be included. There is a drop in session on the 16th June and everyone was encouraged to attend and give their views.

There was some concern over the fire plan no longer being in partnership with RSPB. Mr McCook would write to Peter Duncan for clarification. Mention made of tree growth along the King's Road path; this was now blocking the view. The matter of trees being allowed to grow right up to properties that bordered the reserve was also raised.

Planning Applications: Raelees – new extension, there were no objections. Ben Bhuie – Loft conversion, there were no objections.

AOCB: Mr McCook had spoken to the Managing Director of Strathmore Hotels concerning the public bar. He was told that a new Manager would be employed shortly and a major refurbishment of the hotel was being undertaken and the bar area would reopen, but in a different format. The lounge bar is still open.

A. Thom mentioned that as part of the Grantown 250 celebrations, each community was being asked to donate an inscribed paddle for the canoe event. Members agreed and A. Thom will arrange for this to be made.

The matter of NHS 24 being unsatisfactory at times was raised. The time spent waiting on the phone and all of the questions could be frustrating. Mention made that at other times it could be quite prompt.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm.

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