

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

### **Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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

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

**Apologies:** A. Thom

**Minutes of the last meeting:** H. Tucker said that she had omitted to minute the discussion about S. Taylor's letter.

Proposed by: E. Ibbertson

Seconded by: D. Black

**Matters Arising:** Mr McCook stated that the planning application papers for the path extension were complete, but he was still waiting for the environmental impact statement from SNH.

The inaugural meeting of the B&S CC Association had been cancelled due to adverse weather.

Mr Taylor had provided further information in relation to the mire discussions. Mr McCook handed this out to the members to read.

**Members of the Public:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance is £4,355

**Councillor Lobban's Report:** Cllr Lobban said that he had enquired about getting the new dual litter bins for the village but had been told they were too small, as they would only be emptied fortnightly. The members thought that we should still try and have two bins in the centre of the village.

Mr Young asked Cllr Lobban if he could help get the Council to clear the blocked drain outside the shop. Mention was made of the fact, that the work to create a drain at the crossroads had taken five men. Was this really necessary?

**Police Report:** Mr McCook had received a request to review the Local Policing Priorities for the community. Decision was taken to keep them the same as previous years.

1. Road safety
2. Anti social behaviour
3. Crimes of dishonesty

The three most effective ways for the police to deal with these were thought to be; increased visibility, partnership working and enforcement.

**NBTA Report:** None

**CNPA Report:** None. Cllr Lobban mentioned that two new members had been appointed to the board by the government.

**Planning Applications:** Revack Lodge – creation of Highland games display area, parking and retail unit in old station building. There were no objections. Cllr Lobban took no part in the discussion.

Mr McCook said how disappointing it was that the appeal concerning the banning of shooting at Craggan Outdoor Centre had been successful. Those present felt that local views had been ignored and that the opinion of the Council Environmental Officer, stating that the noise levels would be unacceptable should have been upheld.

**Village Spring Clean:** School Parent Council will be running the event as a fundraiser on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm to 3pm, followed by a barbecue. A request had been made for £150 towards the cost of the barbecue. The sum of £75 was agreed with a suggestion to ask The Nethy if they would also donate.

**AOCB:** There had been an act of vandalism on the playing field area, someone had been doing wheelies and the police are investigating.

There was a discussion about funding for public defibrillators. Cllr Lobban said that there was already a local group that helped to fund these and that several were already in place in the area. Mr McCook asked him for more information, so that the possibility of funding one for Nethy could be given more consideration.

The damage to the crash barrier on Balnagowan brae was highlighted. Cllr Lobban would mention this to the Roads department. The possibility of moving the rubbish bin to beside the new bench at the same time was mentioned.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.