

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

### **Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr B. Lobban, I. Hogarth (NBTA)

**Apologies:** D. Carrott (Treasurer)

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

**Matters Arising:** Problems with the work done on the King's Rd path have been passed on to SNH's Acquisitions Dept. for investigation.

Tulloch Moor Rd. Mr Streeter-Smith had offered his help; he and Murray Swapp from Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust had walked the site of the proposed path and will come back with two prices. One price will be if using trainees and the other a tender price. Path is approximately 100 metres long but reasonably straight and after consultations with K. Duncan, it was agreed that the path may not need to be as wide as the Templeton Bridge path. CNPA have offered to fund the planning stage and a donation of £500 has been offered by a Tulloch resident.

Mr McCook had spoken to Mr Norval about the path from Templeton Bridge to the SNH path to the dump along Tulloch Road. He could see at first site no problems with the proposal. Mr P. Duncan would like the project to go to planning over the winter.

Cllr Lobban had investigated the lack of provision for the under 5's in the new play park. A site meeting would be arranged, as the Council stated that they had provided what had been agreed. Mr McCook agreed that they had not wanted to remove the big frame but it had not been made clear that this would mean that there was no play equipment suitable for toddlers.

**Members of the Public:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** No change from last month.

**Councillor Lobban's Report:** The schedule for proposed grass cutting would not be available until spring.

**Police Report:** Two Officers from Police Scotland arrived to give an update on the recent spate of burglaries in the village. A suspect had been reported and charged and was presently on bail. Some incidents still outstanding but there are ongoing lines of enquiry. Patrols are still present in the area and anyone with any information should not hesitate to contact the Police. The public were asked to be vigilant and lock all doors including garages and sheds and not to leave cars unlocked.

**NBTA Report:** The new village website was due to go live on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The history section will not be ready for the start date. More members have joined.

Feeling was that the season was slightly down on last year.

**CNPA Report:** None. A letter would be sent to the Chief Executive, requesting that someone should attend meetings whilst M. McCafferty is unwell.

**Planning Applications:** Planning permission has been granted for the site at Croftronan under devolved powers. This was despite the CC having objected which meant that it should have gone to committee. A letter would be sent to the Planning Dept asking for clarification.

**Village Flag:** Mr Traill had mentioned that a new flag would be required for next year. H. Tucker had ascertained that it would cost a minimum of £270 for a new one. Village groups had been asked if they would contribute towards the cost. Highland games had kindly agreed but on the understanding that it should not be expected to continue contributing. Mr Hogarth stated that NBTA were undecided as the flag did not really contribute to tourism in the village. After much discussion it was decided that it was becoming too costly to continue buying a flag every two years.

**AOCB:** Mention was made that the costs of hiring the community centre for children's parties was too high last year. A. Young said that it had been due to a misunderstanding and that it had been rectified and indeed some of the charges were lower than previously.

Question was asked if the top dressing undertaken on the Lurg road was the best use of budget. Cllr Lobban stated that although not perfect it was a great deal cheaper than resurfacing and hopefully would prevent it becoming any worse.

D. Black asked what work was being done at the primary school. H. Tucker said that a new woodchip boiler was being installed. Mr Black stated that he thought this was a waste of money. Cllr Lobban said that it was Council policy to install these boilers.

Mention was made of the proposed average speed cameras on the A9. All present thought that this was not a sensible solution to the problem of bad driving. A letter would be sent to Transport Scotland.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.**

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