

Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2014

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

In Attendance: Cllr. B. Lobban and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: None

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

Matters Arising: The suggestion that any holiday accommodation being built, could only be sold on in the future as affordable housing had not been passed by CNPA.

There had as yet been no reply from Scottish Hydro concerning tree pruning required in the village that affected power cables.

The Community Council will pay for the hall charge for the Children's Christmas parties.

Members of the Public: Mr & Mrs N. Baxter gave an update on the planning application to replace River Cottage. There had been site meetings with SEPA, after undertaking measurements they had intimated that they would not object to the plans if they were resubmitted.

Mr Baxter stated that they had met with Mr McCracken and tried to see if a single storey design could provide adequate accommodation on the available site. This was deemed not possible so the original plans will be resubmitted.

Rumble strips or other traffic calming possibilities are needed along the Broomhill Road and Tomintoul Road into the village. Cllr Lobban stated that eventually all villages will have 20mph speed limits but maybe monitoring would have to be undertaken later in the year to access problem.

Treasurer's Report: Present balance: £4,279.00. We have received the contribution to the calendars from The Nethy.

Councillor Lobban's Report: There was a debate underway between the Highland Council and SNH on designated areas of 'Wild Land'. The results of the 2011 census had been discussed and B&S had seen expansion. A statistician would be investigating the figures.

Neil Gillies TEC services Manager had retired and would be greatly missed.

Mr McCook mentioned the proposal to ban all roadside advertising including small community advertising boards. This was felt to be very unfair and far too drastic and this did not seem to include political canvassing signs or large advertising boards on roundabouts sanctioned by the Council. He would be writing to the Council to make our views known.

Police Report: None

NBTA Report: None

CNPA Report: None

Planning Applications: None

AOCB: There had again been complaints of dog dirt on the pavements, leaflets may be sent out again, including to holiday accommodation.

Thanks to Eric and others who organised the distribution of calendars, a couple of thank you letters had been received.

D. Black had received several complaints about over hanging trees obscuring signs, street lights and junctions. H. Tucker asked that if the Council could not help with this matter could home owners be asked to clear any on their properties.

The importance of keeping drains, ditches and rivers clear to help alleviate flooding was discussed. Cllr Lobban mentioned that the Council were presently undertaking a review of these matters with a view to preventative measures.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th February at 7.30pm.

There may be a need for future meetings to move to a Wednesday night in the large hall, whilst refurbishment work was being done.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.