

Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March 2014

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

In Attendance: Cllr B. Lobban

Apologies: I. Hogarth (NBTA), Rev. D. Walker and I. Malcolm (VABS)

Minutes of the last meeting: S. George raised the fact, that the discussion concerning the Osprey Hide being within the boundaries of Nethy Bridge CC and not Boat of Garten, had been omitted from the minutes. Nethy Bridge needs to promote the fact that it is the real home of the Osprey. H. Tucker apologised for the omission. This having been done the minutes were then adopted.

Proposed by: S. George Seconded by: E. Ibbertson.

Matters Arising: A leaflet concerning dog fouling, would again be issued at the same time as the advert for the Spring Gathering. A letter had been sent to A.W. Laing asking for clarification on the size of the site for the proposed building at River Cottage. Once it had been established that the new building would be 10mtrs long and not the stated 6mtrs, a letter stating our objections had been sent to the planning department. The letter also stated that a replacement would be welcome, but smaller than the present plans. This should mean that the plans would have to go to committee.

Members of the Public: None

Treasurer's Report: Present balance: £4,201

Councillor Lobban's Report: Cllr Lobban stated that there was a great deal of dissatisfaction with the present planning system. The opinions of Community Councils were not being taken seriously. A Highland Council Officer should have contacted the objector, for objections to be deemed satisfied.

Police Report: Report was circulated. Colin Gough was the new Chief Inspector and Area Commander for Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey, Lochaber and Skye. Those present thought that this was a very large area to be covered effectively.

NBTA Report: None

CNPA Report: None

Planning Applications: None

AOCB: There was some discussion over new public entertainment licences. These would impact greatly on fundraising events, where sum raised could be negated by costs. S. McCook will reply and object.

S.McCook commented that it would have been politic to let all local CC know of the new hospital proposals before it went to press. There will be discussions before any final site is decided upon.

There was a proposal to make our June meeting a public meeting to discuss this and to invite some guests to speak. Cllr Lobban will make some enquiries.

The letter from the Boundary Commission would be discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd April at 7.30pm in the LARGE HALL

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.