

Nethy Bridge and Vicinity Community Council Chairmans Report 2014/15

We come to the end of another session, a year of continuing work for and on behalf of the Nethy Bridge community.

This has been a quitter year than many in recent times, we don't seem to have been involved in as many issues as previous years however there are several items worthy of note.

1. The proposed development at the Canadian Camp which has recently become known as school wood has been largely dropped following the Scottish Government reporter insisting that it be removed from the Local Development Plan. There is still some talk however about the development on Dorback Road continuing.
2. Work is continuing on the proposed path linking Steel's Mill with the Tulloch Road. The planning application is progressing with most of the paperwork done, we are still waiting for SNH, one of the partners, to produce their Environmental Impact Study before the application can be submitted. I am holding a meeting shortly of all four partners to try and push this project forward although I know that funding is an issue and may take some time to resolve.
3. I would like to thank Donnie publicly for his attention the the new car park field next to the football pitch. It has recently been given a dose of fertiliser and a new mower is arriving shortly which will allow it to be kept in the way we would all like. We will also see shortly after the games in early August the replacement of the barriers around the football pitch. The current concrete posts and rails were installed in the 1940's and in recent years it has become apparent that they have reached the end of their safe use. Many of the concrete posts have had to be replaced and the metal rail has been broken and otherwise damaged. This barrier is to be replaced by a new one using round timber posts which will match the bollards along the roadside with steel tubing running through them as in the current design. This is scheduled to be done in the autumn to allow the longest possible time for the ground to fully reinstate before next summer.
4. Currently there is concern within the village over the perceived loss of the pub at the Nethy Bridge Hotel. I have this week had a long conversation with the Managing Director of Strathmore Hotels and I am hopeful that this situation is not going to continue. Much of the problem appears to be down to 'Chinese Whispers' but hopefully progress will be visible very shortly.