

NETHY BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2018

Present: S McCook (Chairman), D Carrott (Treasurer), S George, A Young

In Attendance: Councillor Bill Lobban, and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES

J Grant (Secretary), E Ibbertson, D Black

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved: A Young, Seconded: S George

MATTERS ARISING

Calendars: The Nethy Newsletter committee have agreed to share the costs of calendars for the current year, as previously.

Local Development Plan: The Chairman attended the Local Development Plan meeting held at Aviemore on Tuesday 30 January 2018.

Mobile Signal Loss: No update as the Secretary was absent due to illness.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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TREASURER'S REPORT

D Carrott had forwarded his report to members prior to the meeting. Balance at time of report is £7,763.15 which includes £2,520.00 donation for repairs to the summerhouse.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Highland Council was mainly engaged with budget implications, but the welcome £7.5m additional grant from the Scottish Government had eased the situation, although necessary cuts were still being planned.

CNPA

No representative present.

PLANNING

New Farmhouse, Garlyne – No objections to amended siting.

Radio Mast – No objection to re-siting of Radio Mast.

Housing, Lettoch Road – Proposed development is to the same style and layout as previously. No objection

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – MAIN ISSUES CONSULTATION

Proposals include:

1. Minimising paperwork for small extensions
2. Charge reduction for single house applications
3. Tourist Accommodation presumption abolished
4. Second homes to be addressed
5. Speed-up development of by-passed (old A9) villages
6. Increase percentage requirement for affordable houses
7. General refusal for provision of afforestation

Comments made:

1. Lack of strategic planning
2. Waste of land by low density layouts
3. Written comments from residents were considered

The detailed proposals for Nethy Bridge were discussed. The Chairman to draft a response to CNPA.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

At the Emergency Plan meeting held on 25 January 2018, at which representatives from SEPA, Highland Council and CNPA attended, good progress was being made.

It was generally agreed that there were no legal obstacles to clearance of silt from the central arch of the bridge. Liz Henderson, CNPA was very helpful in pointing the meeting in the direction of the Spey Project for support and funding.

Other concerns such as, the third arch and over-topping in Station Road would be considered in the medium to long-term requiring significant funding'

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Black Bridge – The grip strip on the ramp was deteriorating. Alan Gordon to be asked to consider what was required.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st March 2018 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.