

NETHY BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 January 2018

Present: S McCook (Chairman), D Carrott (Treasurer), J Grant (Secretary), E Ibbertson, S George, A Young, D Black

In Attendance: Cllr B Lobban, Liz Henderson (Community Support Manager, Cairngorms National Park Authority)

No Apologies:

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved: A Young, Seconded: E Ibbertson

MATTERS ARISING

Calendars: The Chairman thanked those who'd delivered the calendars and we hope to continue with this in the same way next year.

CNPA: No representative present.

House at The Garlyrne: Following from last month's meeting, The Chairman received an email from Scottish Water regarding our request that they address the issue of poor water pressure in the surrounding area and will follow up on this complaint.

Treasurer's Report: This has been circulated via email. Balance at £7850. Calendars and grass cutting have been paid for with contributing figures from The Nethy Magazine and The Games Committee. We contributed £67.50 to the Hogmanay celebrations and £54 to the children's Christmas party. Invoices for the mince pies and mulled wine are still to come in and £2500 remains ring fenced as before for repairs to the summerhouse.

Councillor's Report: There was little to report due to the holidays. Highland Council budget is up soon with severe pressure on councils all over Scotland. Bill agreed to meet with Sandy to look at the state of the Coulnakyle/Broomhill road. It is getting gritted but remains dangerous due to having no fence on the side where there is a deep ditch, overgrown hedging down one side severely limiting visibility, with potholes and large protruding stones on the other side. It was noted that tour buses are using the bridge at Broomhill. We were advised that those doing so should be photographed and reported to the police and the Traffic Commission.

Liz Henderson: Liz introduced herself and explained that she has been in post for the past 4 months, taking over from Lee Haxton. Liz has been meeting all the Community Councils and is keen to see community led initiatives. Those present welcomed having someone enthusiastic in CNPA who was willing and able to help us. Secretary to send Liz copies of previous Emergency Planning Group minutes.

CNPA's is holding a series of meetings to give people the opportunity to contribute their views on the next Local Development Plan. There will be a drop in session at 6pm in The Grant Arms Hotel in Grantown on Wednesday 24 January followed by a meeting at 7pm. Aviemore Hub will host similar sessions with the same timings on Tuesday 30 January.

Planning: None

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Mobile Signal Loss: All networks have suffered a loss of signal over the past few weeks. Secretary to contact suppliers to establish when the network will be back to full service.

Emergency Planning Meetings: We had a very successful meeting hosted by Eva at The Nethy Bridge Hotel. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Eva on behalf of the Committee for her kind hospitality.

The Chairman has been in contact with Paul Copestake of SEPA and he now appreciates the concerns we have regarding potential flooding in the area particularly with regard to blocked arches in the the main bridge over the River Nethy. The bridge is now incapable of withstanding the amount of water it was designed to cope with and we want to be *proactive* in preventing flooding. Paul will attend our next Emergency Planning Meeting on 25 January 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.25pm

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE