

## **NETHY BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 MAY 2018**

**Present:** S McCook (Chairman), D Carrott (Treasurer), J Grant (Secretary), E Ibbertson,

**In Attendance:** Cllr B Lobban, E Secker (Nethy Bridge Hotel)

**Apologies:** S George, D Black, A Young

**Welcome:** S McCook welcomed everyone to the meeting. We thanked Eva for her generous hospitality and all present congratulated Nethy Bridge Hotel on the beautifully refurbished Function Suite.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Approved: E Ibbertson, Seconded: D Carrott

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**SSE VISTA Project:** nothing further on this at the moment. S McCook explained that there may be Community Funding available on completion of the project. With the agreement of those present, it was proposed that S McCook write to SSE and suggest that any funding could be used for Phase 2 of the Community Centre as this is a facility that benefits everyone in the village. The bulk of this phase is for insulation and energy conservation.

**Emergency Plan:** The group met last week at Abernethy Outdoor Centre. The plan is coming together and it was helpful to have Pamela Harvey from SSE present as she had a number of suggestions for our funding application. The Hall are chasing up quotes for generator installation and Abernethy School were having difficulty getting a quote for the same. D Carrott will pursue the matter on the Hall's behalf and S McCook will contact the school to assist them as the application must be in to SSE by 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**Defibrillators:** The third defibrillator has now been installed at Tommy's Corner at Lynstock. The others are situated at the Golf Club and at the Village Hall, with the Outdoor Centre also considering installing one. With Grantown's defibrillator already having saved two lives, these are well worth the money. A further training session has taken place and it was felt that with people still requesting training, it would be beneficial to have a local person qualified to carry out future sessions. D Carrott, on behalf of the Hall/Nethy Magazine has ordered replacement pads for the equipment.

**Public Toilets:** D Carrott thanked Cllr Lobban for arranging a meeting regarding the decreased financial provision for these facilities. Highland Council have agreed to inspect what we have in place and review the situation.

**Community Council Forum:** S McCook attended this meeting. Matters discussed included the A9 Dualling project with nothing new to report. This year's insurance for CCs will now

be handled, as in the past, by Highland Council. We will need to ensure we get a full breakdown of the cover provided for when we arrange our own next year. S McCook thanked Cllr Lobban for pushing for CCs to get their share of the Discretionary Fund to use as they saw fit.

**AGM:** This will take place on 7 June 2018. Secretary to place a notice in the Strathspey Herald ahead of the meeting.

**Spring Gathering:** This will take place this Sunday 6th May. The CC will take bin stickers for distribution. J Grant agreed to provide baking for the tea stall and E Secker very kindly volunteered to provide baking from the Nethy Bridge Hotel.

**Treasurer's Approach:** As circulated via email

**Councillor's Report:**

**Broomhill Bridge:** Following our March meeting, Cllr Lobban had noted the poor state of the road surface on Broomhill Bridge. This bridge was then inspected by Highland Council who agreed that it needs completely resurfaced. However, they are extremely concerned about the structure of the bridge under the water. It was felt that continual passage of heavy traffic over the bridge has contributed significantly to its poor condition. HC will survey it carefully at low water but it may well be that the bridge will have its weight limit decreased, restricting it to cars only with measures in place to enforce this: narrowing of the approach to the bridge and improved signage warning of restrictions on the trunk road above and the road exiting Nethy at the other side. While the CC were saddened to hear of the poor condition of Broomhill Bridge, we would support Highland Council in any decision that saves the bridge from complete closure.

**Village Speed Limits:** A private members bill, with extensive cross-party support has proposed the reduction of speed limits in villages to 20mph. The CC supported the measure in the village.

**CNPA:** No representative present

**Planning:** None

**AOCB: Data Protection:** D Carrott attended a meeting held in Carr Bridge regarding new legislation. It was felt that Highland Council needed to provide CCs with a common approach and we await their guidance on the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**Next Meeting and AGM THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM**