

NETHY BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2018

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

In Attendance: Cllr B Lobban

Apologies: None

Welcome: S McCook welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved: E Ibbertson, Seconded: S George

MATTERS ARISING

Summer House: We received another cheque for £2500 from John Watson towards the refurbishment of the summer house in the churchyard (£5000 in total). As work on improvements to the Black Bridge have been completed, £500 earmarked for that project and a donation of £60 from the CC will go towards the cost of the summer house. D Carrott, S McCook and J Grant will also get together to discuss a ward discretionary fund application.

Community Council Redesign: S McCook has completed the questionnaire issued by Highland Council regarding the review of the constitution for Community Councils as discussed at the previous CC meeting. A decision will be made in November by Highland Council.

RIVER NETHY: S McCook has spoken with Liz Henderson of CNPA who asked us to scope a potential scheme for the riverbed. Those present agreed with S McCook in that this should be a job for engineers in collaboration with the CC advising them of what we require. S McCook has ensured that Nethy Bridge will be included in the next list of vulnerable areas for flooding.

CNPA: No one present

PLANTERS: These have arrived and will be stored over the winter.

A9 UPDATE: Planners have taken onboard our opinion regarding junctions.

EMERGENCY PLAN: S McCook and J Grant have finalised the plan. We will be inviting everyone who has had input into its development to our November meeting to see the final article. The cheque from SSE for the generator and other emergency equipment has been

banked and an order placed for the fitting of the changeover switch. The torches and space blankets will be ordered in due course.

There have been many positives connected with the making of the Plan: The school and the outdoor centre will use each other as their evacuation centre. The Fire Officer has arranged with the school to provide defibrillator training to P7 pupils as well as giving defibrillator training in the village. The RSPB is liaising with the Fire Officer with regard to what resources they can provide in case of moor/forest fire. Most of all it has brought the villages's various groups, hotels and facilities together and we have got to know each other better.

A copy of the final plan will be sent to Highland Council and the Plan itself will be reviewed and updated at the CC's October meeting each year.

CALENDARS: These will be delivered as in previous years prior to Christmas. E Ibbertson to establish how many are required and report back to D Carrott

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance is £10244.10 (less the summerhouse contribution and SSE's money to be used for the earmarked equipment and generator)

PLANNING: Mondhui application – nothing from the builder regarding this as yet.
Cawder Forestry: removal of timber at Spey Bridge/old railway line, planting at Congash/Balmenach: thinning out and encouraging native species: no objection from CC.
Lynbreck: change of use for byre: no objection from CC.

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Station Road to Broomhill Bridge:

Cllr Lobban has been unable as yet to get the Roads Engineer to look at the road from Station Road to Broomhill Bridge and has had no feedback regarding the report on the condition of the bridge under the water. The road surface of the bridge remains really bad. Cllr Lobban will take the Roads Engineer to show him the problems here including the need for clearer signage on the A95 as to the weight limit for the bridge and it being unsuitable buses.

Pellets: Cllr Lobban informed the CC that Highland Council will be keeping a supply of wood pellets so that in the unlikely event of a shortage as occurred last year, there will be a stock of pellets for people to buy.

Cairngorm Funicular Railway: Cllr Lobban reported that inspection of the Funicular Railway will take 4 – 6 weeks to complete. If the railway remains out of action for a length of time it will have a massive impact on the local economy.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL