

NETHY BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2018

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

Apologies: Cllr Lobban

Welcome: S McCook welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved: A Young, Seconded: S McCook

MATTERS ARISING

Summerhouse: The refurbished summerhouse has been much admired and the invoice has been settled. We would like to thank Neil Traill for making the finial for the top. There was discussion around the fitting of a small gutter and perspex/polycarbonate windows. S. McCook to see about a price. John Watson would like to erect a plaque and will do this in consultation with the CC.

Community Council Redesign: Nothing further from Highland Council

CNPA: No communication

Calendars: We are in receipt of these and will distribute before the New Year.

Digital Towns Project: Nothing further on this.

Winter Watch: S McCook met with members of the production team and reports that there will hold an open event on Saturday 26 January in the village hall where the community can meet with the Winter Watch team.

They aim to leave the village as they found it and to cause minimal disruption while on location: e.g They will be utilising minibuses and car sharing to minimise excess traffic.

Broomhill Bridge: No further developments.

Armistice Day: We had our usual service at 1pm and an additional ceremony at 6am with 11 members of Badenoch & Strathspey Pipe Band.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of £8749. The cost of The changeover switch for the emergency generator is still to be deducted as is the calendar invoice and wreath money from Armistice day. Reidhaven Estate have again been very generous in donating £500 to the CC for the benefit of the community. We successfully applied for £500 of the Ward Discretionary Budget last year and intend to apply to them again for a community-related project. Ideas to be put forward as soon as possible - by end February 2019 at the latest.

Councillor's Report: None

Planning: SSE planning has gone to OFGEM re the VISTA project. S McCook has sent a supporting letter from the CC.

RiverTrack: S McCook met with Matt Smith from Highland Council, engineer Alistair Fraser and representatives from RiverTrack. Council engineers have spoken with affected owners on the riverside regarding maintenance that is required. There may be the possibility of building a low wall made to look like a dry stone wall from the site of Sheila's Shop to the old railway line and a general tidy up of the whole area.

We have lodged our application to be included as an area at risk (Potential Vulnerable Area) in SEPA's next flood risk management map.

Paul Laidlaw from the Scottish Flood Forum and Mike Cranston of RiverTrack looked at the bridges over the Nethy and have agreed to install a monitor under the Black Bridge. The monitor sends a low frequency radio signal to a building equipped with a receiver and at Highland Council. This will warn if the river is reaching a dangerous level. There will be no initial cost to the CC and after one year we will take on the maintenance (the cost of a replacement battery).

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

NEXT MEETING: 3 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL