

NETHY BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 JANUARY 2018

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

In Attendance: Cllr Bill Lobban

Apologies: None

Welcome: S McCook welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

MATTERS ARISING

Summerhouse: S McCook spoke with Alan re perspex windows and guttering for the summerhouse. Awaiting a price for same.

CNPA: No Report

Calendars: These have been delivered. S McCook thanked Eric and helpers for distributing them.

Winter Watch: There will be an open function for local people in the village hall with the BBC team on 26 January.

Broomhill Bridge: Nothing further reported.

SSE PLAN: Nothing further.

RiverTrack: Nothing since last meeting. We are still to hear back from Matt Smith of Highland Council.

Treasurer's Report: As per email report. Balance of £8433.89

D Carrott explained that the grant we receive from Highland Council is for administrative purposes and the amount has been reduced. Although we have a healthy balance today, we are overspending and this is not sustainable. While we would like to continue to donate to local causes when we are able to, we will not be able to guarantee future donations to events we have contributed to in the past.

Councillor's Report:

Cairngorm Mountain

Cllr Lobban updated us on the latest situation regarding Cairngorm and the Funicular Railway. HIE have taken over the new Cairngorm Mountain Scotland Ltd and existing staff have kept their jobs. The new snow making machine is working well, with 50 - 75 beginners using this at one time. Lack of cold weather and snow have hindered skiing elsewhere.

The report on the Funicular Railway has been delayed and is now expected some time this month. With any repairs required having to be made in summer this will impact tourism for the entire year.

Those present felt that HIE and Highland Council were to be commended for how they have dealt with how they have acted in the circumstances. The issuing of free tickets to local school children is a most welcome gesture. This may be a chance to improve facilities at Cairngorm, but, it will take money.

Highland Council Budget

There will be a budget announcement in early January. The new scheme for Community Councils must be agreed at a special meeting of the full Council.

Planning:

Clachaig - Change or use to land west of Tighsithe. Those present had no objection to the application for 4 holiday pods.

Aldersyde - The CC have not offered a response to planning.

AOCB

Community Council Liability

The chairman has contacted Liz Cowie, Area ward Manager for guidance following a recent decision by the courts that a community council in Argyll can be sued by the family of a man who died several years after falling on paving installed by the community council in Connel.

Highland Council's legal advisor is looking into the matter.

Playground at Lynstock

It was noted that this had been boarded up for some time. Cllr Lobban to establish if repairs have been ordered.

Roads Affected by Ice

Cllr Lobban had received a report about a bus becoming stuck on ice. While those present had not heard about any incident they were concerned about ice on the main road through the village and outside the Spar shop.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL