

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2019**

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr B Lobban

**Apologies:** S George

**Welcome:** S McCook welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Community Council Scheme:** S McCook reported that there were no material differences for us as a Community Council. Some clauses have been simplified and there are some proposed changes that will make little difference to us.

**Aviemore Hospital:** The Secretary has discussed the need to keep our CC informed with Andy Devlin (NHS Highland Communications Team).

**Coulnakyle Road:** Overgrown trees at the roadside and the road falling away to one side still an issue. Awaiting action from Highland Council.

**Deer:** Our Chairman has written to the Chairman of SNH (copied to The Secretary for the Environment) following concerns of deer being shot out of season as reported at April's meeting. Awaiting response.

**Barrel Planting:** the Chairman thanked those involved with this.

**Templeton Bridge:** The Chairman has received an email confirming that contractors are about to be appointed for repairs.

**Treasurer's Report:** The annual report has been distributed via email. Balance: £6000.14. The changeover switch has been installed at the hall and paid for. The treasurer will email Pamela Harvey of SSE to inform her that this has been completed. The Treasurer will now order the blankets and torches agreed upon. Following the moor fires near Aberlour, it was noted that the fire service were assisted by well organised provision of food and rest facilities and we want to look at this in the review of our Emergency Plan in October..

#### **Councillor's Report:**

**AVIEMORE HOSPITAL:** There have been rumours of a delay to the build of the new Hospital in Aviemore due to difficulties with the planned hospital at Portree but Cllr Lobban has been assured by NHS Highland Chief Executive that both hospitals will go ahead on time.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** As was made public last year, Highland Council will no longer be funding provision of Christmas lights. The cost for lights in Nethy seemed very high compared to other

villages in the area and Cllr Lobban was asked to check the figures were accurate and to find out if the community undertook to do their own lighting, whether Highland Council would store the lights free of charge. Cllr Lobban will have more information when the Area Committee have met.

**PLANNING:** The planning application from Malcolm Reynolds for a house on the Torniscar road had been recommended for refusal.

**CAIRNGORM MOUNTAIN:** Following a Financial Response Group meeting, the cost of repairing the Funicular Railway has still not been revealed. A restaurant/café bar will be reintroduced at the base of the Funicular and the upstairs restaurant will undergo a revamp.

**CNPA:** John Kirk was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Planning:**

#### **COULNAKYLE ENTRANCE**

Reconfiguration of driveway. No objection.

#### **CASTLE ROY**

Retrospective planning permission had been sought for a shed, entrance road and pond.

#### **OLD BAKE HOUSE, CULVARDIE**

Permission sought to knock through the wall to make 2 current properties into one. No objection.

#### **HOUSING IN NETHY BRIDGE**

The housing mentioned in last month's Strathspey and Badenoch Herald had listed Nethy Bridge in error.

### **AOCB**

**SPRING GATHERING:** Members were reminded of the event and those who are able will attend. Secretary will donate baking.

**AGM:** This will precede the meeting on 6 June 2019.

**ANNUAL TEXAS FOURSOME:** will be held on Saturday 1 June 2019 and the CC will form a team.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

**NEXT MEETING: AGM & COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY 2 MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM**