Minutes of Meeting

Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council

Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.30pm

At Cawdor Community Centre

Present: CC Alastair McGregor (AM), CC Dougie Fraser (DF), CC Lizzy Rose (LR), CC Stevie Webster (SW), CC Rowie MacWilliam (RM), Carlo Cabrelli (CCab), Philip Arkell (PA), Derek Hamilton (DH), Bob Ferenth (BF), Jenifer Walker (JW), Alec Rose (AR), Meg Robertson (MR), Rob Clarke (RC), Cllr Paul Oldham, Cllr Laurie Fraser

1. Apologies

CC Scott Heron, James Cook, Vanessa McGregor, Cllr Barbara Jarvie, Cllr Michael Green, Joanna McGregor.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2022 and Matters arising

Proposed by Alastair McGregor Seconded by Dougie Fraser

a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Tree Planting

LR reported that the planting took place on 16th November in the field next to Ballichknockan Farm, offered to the CC for this project by Cawdor Estate. Hazel Cowan of Cawdor Forestry advised on the layout of the trees and helped on the day with the planting alongside volunteers from Nairn & District Beekeepers Association and CC members. Julia Jerrett brought along pupils from P3/4 in the morning to put in the support canes and the Sustainability Squad from P5/6/7 to plant the trees in the afternoon. The exemplary behaviour and genuine interest of the Cawdor pupils was highlighted by those who took part.

b. Neighbourhood Watch Signage

Scott Heron was giving a copy of the proposed sign to the Estate office for approval. This is to be followed up.

Action: SH

c. Dog Fouling in Piperhill/Culcharry Woods

The Cawdor pupils designed new anti dog fouling posters and Lord Cawdor chose a winner - Leila P6. The CC will arrange for this to be made into signs for the Piperhill woods. The new bin is not yet in place, but Cllr Jarvie will send a reminder. **Action:SW**

d. Smiddy Brae, Cawdor

John Reid of Highland Council Waste Management department has responded to this issue. The HC are looking into costs for repairing the road, but it is not just the Council lorries accessing the recycle bins, as it is a community service used by members of the public, and budgets at the moment are extremely tight. He had also suggested finding an alternative location for the recycle bins, but this was quickly dismissed.

SW had suggested a meeting of all parties, including Alastair Davidson of Bowlts, John Reid of Highland Council (Waste Department), Richard Porteous of Roads Department and Cawdor Estate, to discuss the matter. LR will set this up when John Reid comes back with a quote for the works.

Action:LR

e. Traffic Speeds on B9090

Lisa Mackellaich of Highland Council Road Safety has agreed to set up a trial of the traffic speed monitor strips in Cawdor village. She just requires a map of where we

suggest the strips should be located. This has been backed up by Richard Porteous (HC Roads operations manager) who had spoken to Cllr Jarvie about the issue and has offered to set up a Road Safety Team meeting in Cawdor. Cllr Oldham added that the plan is for a 20mph speed limit throughout Cawdor village next year.

Action: LR

f. Nairn Councillors attendance at CC meetings

LR did write to the Ward Manager about this and the CC was pleased to see two of our Council representatives here, with apologies from the other two Councillors.

g. Horse riders at Piperhill

Cllr. Jarvie had reported that there were some new horse signs at Piperhill, but the lady who put them up had not been in touch with her about the issue.

3. Police Report

LR read out the Police Report from PC Michelle Milne, a copy of which is shown in Annex A. Her contact details are included in the report for anyone with an issue to report/discuss.

4. Treasurer's Report

DF gave the Treasurer's report a copy of which is shown at Annex B. Bank reconciled to 12/12/22 at £4089.64

5. Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Benefit Organisation

MR reported:

Current balance is £144,881

Some small grants (£500 or less) have been issued:

- Cawdor School Theatrical production, Nairn Book & Arts Festival outreach programme, a Science & Technology scheme, and badminton/multi-sports activity.
- Charlie Flett World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023
- Two individuals to attend the International Football training in England in 2023

Talks are ongoing with Cawdor Bowling Club regarding its future development.

Next meeting of Trustees is on 11th January and the AGM, open to all members and residents in the area wishing to apply for membership, will be on 8th February, venue tbc.

6. West Nairnshire Safer Paths presentation

Rob Clarke and Alec Rose gave a presentation on the now completed network of foot/cycle paths around Clephanton and connecting to existing safer routes to Cawdor. Details of the presentation are attached with the Minutes. A question and answer session followed.

7. AOB

- Cawdor Bowling Club presentation Bob Ferenth gave an overview of plans for the future development of the clubhouse, details of which are attached with the Minutes. A question and answer session followed. The Bowling Club will be engaging with the various local community groups to hear their views.
- Website development Lewis Gell gave a brief overview of the current CC webpage on the Community Association website, explaining the reasons why it would need to be completely overhauled. He suggested that the CC either

continue with a page on the Community Association website, when that website is redeveloped, or set up its own website. DF mentioned that Dave Clafton is looking at redeveloping the Cawdor Community Association website at the moment. It was agreed that the options should be discussed further with the CCA before any decision is made.

- Cawdor village signs PA asked if there was anything being done to clean the village signs. SW confirmed that this had been raised with the Highland Council.
- SSE New pylons from Peterhead to Inverness Cawdor Estate had a visit from the SSE manager to discuss their views on the siting of the new pylons. PA encouraged local residents to visit the SSE website and to register any comments. The plan is for SSE to give a presentation to the whole community in Nairn next year.
- Apologies for Planning Meeting comments Cllr Fraser offered his apologies for any offence caused by his comments about "Nimbys" at a Planning Committee meeting. This was accepted by SW.
- Retrospective planning for padlocked gate in Cawdor village MR asked if
 the CC was going to respond to this. DF said that the matter has been raised
 with the Highland Council Access Officer, who will make representations to the
 planning department with regards to the "right to roam". A discussion took place.
 The CC will wait to hear back from the Access Officer.

 Action: DF
- New salt barn for gritting Cllr Jarvie had reported that a new large salt barn is going in at the depot, making gritting easier, more accessible and more efficient.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9.20pm, and was followed by coffee and mince pies.

The date of the next meeting is 13th February 2023

Dates of CWNCC meetings in 2023

Monday, 13th February, 7.30pm Monday, 12th June (AGM), 7.30pm Monday, 9th October, 7.30pm Monday, 10th April, 7.30pm Monday, 14th August, 7.30pm Monday 11th December, 7.30pm

Annex A - Police Scotland Report

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Monday, 12[™] December 2022

Date of last meeting: 10th October 2022



POLICE REPORT

- There has been no criminal offences reported to police in the Cawdor and West Nairnshire
 area since the date of the last meeting. The break in at Cawdor Church between 28/08/22
 and 02/09/22 unfortunately remains undetected at this stage however this incident is still
 with a local officer and has not been closed off.
- Vehicles speeding on the B9090 at Cawdor Village remains on police list of areas to conduct speed checks. This includes local officers and also officers from Road Policing unit.

Being this time of year unfortunately there will be a rise in scams/frauds and with the cost of living people will be more vulnerable in looking for and accepting what they think will be a bargain. I am currently trying to get my hands on some leaflets which I would like to pass on to yourselves, it's all about highlighting these issues as a reminder to be cautious and hopefully locally we can protect our community from being victims of this. Please let me know if leaflets/posters on such issues is something you would like.

My sincere apologies I will not be able to attend at this meeting however I will try again to make it to the next one and introduce myself in person. I'm looking forward to having a role in your community meetings working together for a safe and neighbourly community. Any issues at all please do not hesitate to get on touch and I will do my best for you.

My email address is michelle.milne@scotland.police.uk

PC N0554 Michelle Milne

Nairn Police Station

Annex B - Treasurer's Report

C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for Meeting 12/12/2022 - No.6

Bank Reconciled at last meeting 10/10/2022 =£3,888.64

Income =£260.00

Expenditure =£59.00

Since the last meeting on 10/10/2022 the following has happened:

Income from Cawdor Castle Xmas Market Tombola =£260.00

Expenditure for C&WNCC Poppy Wreath =£35.00

Expenditure for HNM – Courier Advert =£24.00

Bank Reconciled to 12/12/2022 =£4089.64

There are no further outstanding transactions.

D J Fraser 12/12/2022