

Minutes of Meeting

Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Group

Monday 11th December 2023 at 7.30pm

At Cawdor Community Centre

Present: Alastair McGregor (AM), Lizzy Rose (LR), Joanna McGregor, Jenifer Walker, Meg Robertson (MR), Hugh Robertson, Alec Rose, Philip Arkell (PA), Cllr Barbara Jarvie, Stevie Webster (SW)

1. Apologies

Vanessa McGregor, James Cook, Robin Pope, Dougie Fraser, Carlo Cabrelli, Beryl Cabrelli, Pat Clifton, Graham Griffith.

2. Call for New Community Council Members

Residents are encouraged to consider joining the CWNCC next year when the opportunity arises to self nominate. It is a vital link between the local community and the Highland Council. The key dates are as follows:

- Monday 15th January to Tuesday 30th January - Submission of CC Nominations
- Wednesday 31st January - Publication of CC Nomination Results
- Tuesday 6th February - Latest date for withdrawal of CC nomination

Details of how to self nominate are on the CWNCC website with a link to the relevant Highland Council page, and nominees simply require their **voters roll number**, which is easily obtained from the Highland Council. CC Members can be aged from 16 years and junior members can use this experience as part of their personal development or towards their Saltire volunteer award.

3. Snow Plough and Gritter update

At the last CC meeting, it was agreed that an application should be made to the Winds of Change for a gritter and snow plough to assist with clearing the pavement from the Cawdor Shop to the school. As the Community Council were unable to conduct business, the West Nairnshire Safer Paths group submitted the application and took ownership of the equipment last week. The ownership will transfer over to CWNCC at the earliest opportunity next year. Cawdor Estate agreed to operate and maintain the equipment, during term time, for the first winter season.

4. Coronation Tree for Cawdor

A ceremony took place on Tuesday 28th November at the Jubilee Wood with the Lord Lieutenant, who selected Cawdor as the site for the Nairn County tree in respect of the community effort with the Big Cawdor Picnic. Lord Cawdor chose a Horse Chestnut tree as a symbol of endurance and the planting was assisted by local volunteers and pupils from Cawdor Primary School.

5. Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Benefit Organisation

Since the last meeting, items provided include:

- Spare Defibrillator pads

- New bench outside the Mound
- Outside storage for Cawdor Primary, following the recent inspection - £5,000
- Community Gritter and Snow Plough - £4,812
- Defibrillator for Clephanton - £3,140
- Readers to aid literacy for Cawdor School - £430
- Guides trip to Edinburgh - £500
- Rainbows Elf Academy - £500

The AGM will be held on 6th February 2024 in the Cawdor Tavern.

The Trustees will next meet on 16th January 2024.

6. Highland Council - Cllr Babs Jarvie

Cllr Babs Jarvie gave an update of relevant Highland Council items:

- The Howford Bridge road improvements are complete. Thanks were given to Joanna McGregor for raising the issue of the steep drop to the river. There is now a barrier giving protection on that side of the road.
- Auldearn new traffic calming measures - interesting to see the impact on traffic
- Abandoned caravan removed from entrance to Dallaschyle Wood
- Pothole at Scottish Water drain cover in Clephanton repaired
- Speed signs at Clephanton, which are not clear, have been reported
- Dava Bridge repairs - just gone out to tender
- Haventus, Port of Ardersier, meeting - scope for potential job opportunities for local school leavers
- Nairn Academy - planning application just submitted. Next stakeholder meeting in February 2024
- Climate Cafe run by Green Hive - Funding available for Active Travel routes, linking paths from Forres to Nairnshire/Cawdor
- Wheels In Nairnshire - looking for volunteer drivers - mini bus or own transport
- Team Hamish Phase 2 - new seating and improved paths at the putting green in Nairn - starting March 2024
- New waste bins to improve household recycling coming next year
- Consultation for Scheme of Establishment of Community Council - January 2024
- 20 mph rollout - Comments to be submitted to the Highland Council via website
- The Brae in Nairn - public consultation re pedestrianising the brae
- Local Place Plan - there is now a coordinator, Kenny Spink, overseeing the public consultation
- Nairn & Nairnshire Community Partnership - new Police representative in charge, focusing on key local representatives, which should see improved communication.

8. AOB

- **CCCA AGM** - The Cawdor Community Centre Association held their AGM on Wednesday 25th October with some new committee members joining. An EGM was held on 6th December to make changes to the constitution, but the changes were not specified. Further details to be requested.
- **Cawdor Deli** - successful opening weekend with a Christmas Market. Complication with transferring newspaper account from Audrey to Nyomi, but hope to resolve. LR asked for help to get the Christmas tree lights put up - Jenifer

Walker will liaise with Rob Craigie, and Philip Arkell and SW offered to assist on Friday afternoon.

- **Calendar dates** - see below for details of meetings in 2024
- **Thank you to volunteers** - A big thank you to all our local volunteers, but especially Sandy and Jean Ford for their work on the floral displays throughout Cawdor village
- **Whitebridge Christmas Lights** - Please support Archie MacLeod's amazing Christmas Lights display, to raise funds for the Fire Service Mental Health charity
- **Beauly to Blackhillock Powerline** - The route looks likely to follow close to the existing powerline at Clunas
- **Cawdor Bowling Club** - Planning application for the new pavilion about to be submitted
- **River Nairn path** - damage at Rosefield, Tony's Pool, caused by the recent storms and also a section at Geddes. Warning of danger to the public
- **Boat at Culbin Sands** - A large section of well preserved boat has been revealed by receding dunes at Culbin Sands, on the border between Moray and Highland regions, near the RSPB hut.
- **Thanks to CC members** - Joanna McGregor wished to thank the CWNCC for all their work and projects carried out this year.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm and was followed by coffee & mince pies.

The date of the next meeting is **Monday 12th February 2024**.

CWNCC Meetings - 2024

Monday 12th **February** at 7.30pm in Cawdor Community Centre

Monday 8th **April** at 7.30pm in Cawdor Community Centre

Monday 10th **June** at 7.30pm in Cawdor Community Centre

Monday 12th **August** at 7.30pm in Cawdor Community Centre

Monday 14th **October** at 7.30pm in Cawdor Community Centre

Monday 9th **December** at 7.30pm in Cawdor Community Centre