



## 5. **Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Benefit Organisation**

GR gave a report. The CWNCBO held their AGM on the 8th February in the Cawdor Tavern, followed by a finger buffet and drinks. As well as Members, the second part of the event included a number of beneficiaries, who were able to share their experiences and offer thanks for the support they received. In total there were 50 attendees.

The thrust of the AGM was to continue to encourage applications from the Community. The Trustees meet formally 4 times a year, but it was stressed that they are always there to assist and guide applicants through the process of making a request. To this end we are upgrading our website to provide more information and to promote the CBO's objectives. Early feedback is encouraging.

Following the AGM, James Cook, the Headmaster of Cawdor Primary School, spoke to the event. As well as thanking the CWNCBO for the support that they have and continue to give, he highlighted the pressures that are increasing with the education world. The school now has 155 pupils, within the Primary and Nursery schools. This number is likely to rise as the Highland Council rationalise elsewhere. Large numbers of families are struggling in the current financial conditions. We all felt that his grasp of the situation and sensitive handling of events was excellent, and we wish him and the school well.

Margaret Robertson, the CWNCBO Treasurer gave an update on the finances.

Several awards have been made since the last CC meeting:

- Cawdor Brownies & Guides - £500
- Football training for 2 boys - £300
- Cawdor Rainbows - £500
- CCA for use of Community centre - £22.50
- Website update (ongoing expense) - £280
- Annual grant to Cawdor School (trial for 1 year, subject to quarterly reports) - £10,000

Current balance £134,079.17

There are a number of possible large grant applications in the pipeline.

AM raised the issue of the website being difficult to navigate, from an applicant's point of view. The website had been updated today, so this may no longer be the case.

## 6. **King Charles III Coronation Event**

DF outlined plans to celebrate the Coronation with a community event. A small committee of representatives from local groups were putting together a large grant application to the CWNCBO for funding. The idea being put forward is to have an outdoor village fete/street party style event in the afternoon on May 6th. A discussion followed. SW expressed concern at using the CC as the main event organiser, before this had been agreed. He had sought advice from the Ward Manager about using the CC bank account to hold the funding for the event. A subcommittee would need to be formed. The CC public liability insurance would cover the event. AR mentioned the Croy community event for the Jubilee in 2022, which was a great success, stressing how rare these opportunities are to have such community events. MR asked for an indicative idea of costs, but this was not given.

**Action: LR/DF**

## 7. **AOB**

- **Manhole covers on Newton Road** - Vanessa McGregor asked who to contact regarding broken manhole covers. SW said that they belong to Scottish Water and he'll have a look before reporting them. **Action: SW**
- **Howford Bridge road** - JM expressed concern at the dangerous, narrow approach road to Howford Bridge, where timber lorries are forcing cars over to the side of the road, with a potential sheer drop down to the river Nairn. Cllr Oldham asked her to email him and he will follow it up. **Action: Cllr Oldham**
- **Highland Council phone lines** - JM said that the phone lines at the Highland Council are not being answered, you cannot get through to them. Cllr Oldham said that the HC are aware of the problem, but try contacting the local Councillors to help get a response. **Action: Cllr Oldham**
- **Daless to Drynachan road** - PA highlighted the appalling state of the Daless to Drynachan road, which is in need of repair. He has reported the issue on the HC website, but would like this Minuted.
- **Website development** - Rob Clarke asked if there had been any progress on the CC website. The CCCA has no date yet for improving their website, but recommended that we go ahead with our own website. SW was concerned about costs, but hosting a website is approx. £10 per month and the design stage is a one off payment. Quotes to be requested from Lewis Gell and one other, before a decision is made. **Action: SW**
- **Port of Ardersier access road** - LR received a request for delisting the road linking the A96 with the B9092, known as the U2218 McDermotts Road. It is owned by the Port of Ardersier, but maintained by the Highland Council. SW urged caution, as the area around the Port has been fenced off. More information is needed before a decision can be made. **Action: LR**
- **Update on padlocked gate in Cawdor village** - DF heard back from Stewart Easthaugh, HC Access Officer, regarding the padlocked gate. He had recommended to HC Planning that any consent be accompanied by a condition that the gate be unlocked. Bowlts have emailed their strong opposition to this condition and requested a site meeting with HC to discuss the matter.
- **Street lamps and SID not working** - DF has reported a number of street lamps and the flashing SID needing new LED bulbs. HC will fix them as soon as possible.
- **Cawdor Heritage Group** - Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Cawdor Community Centre, the Cawdor Heritage Group are starting up their season for this year. All are welcome.

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.40pm.

**Please note:** The date of the next meeting has been changed to **Monday 17th April 2023**

#### **Reference item 5.**

Following the meeting, the CC members agreed to allow the submission of a large grant application to the CWNCBO for the community Coronation event using the CWNCC as the main organiser. However, this application was not successful. The Trustees gave constructive feedback to the proposals, but the organising committee were unable to agree a way forward with the plans. Unfortunately, none of the other local groups represented on the committee were in a position to consider organising a similar event. This event will therefore not be going ahead.

## Annex A - Police Scotland Report

**OFFICIAL**

Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council Meeting

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 1930hrs



### **POLICE REPORT**

Summary of incidents reported to police in the Cawdor area since last meeting:

1. December 2022 - Self -contained incident, within Cawdor area whereby male was arrested following threats being made.
2. January 2023 - Self contained incident, within the Inchnacaorach whereby a vulnerable female was taken to hospital following calls to Police.

Officers have been asked to continue with patrols in Cawdor Village due to ongoing issues regarding speeding. This unfortunately can only be done calls permitting.

Kind Regards

PS Craig Mcghee

Nairn/Aviemore Police Stations

## Annex B - Treasurer's Report

### C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for Meeting 13/02/2023 – No.7

Bank reconciled at last meeting 12/12/2022	= £4089.64
Income	=£Nil
Expenditure	=£210.87

Since the last meeting the following has happened:

Expenditure for Secretarial Expenses	=£86.88
Expenditure for Replacement Xmas Tree Lights	=£69.99
Expenditure for Watermill Foundation Donation	=£30.00
Expenditure for HNM Courier Advert	=£24.00

Bank reconciled to 13/02/2023	=£3878.77
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There are no further outstanding transactions.

D J Fraser 13/02/2023