

Minutes of Meeting

Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council

Monday 14th August 2023 at 7.30pm

At Cawdor Community Centre

Present: CC Stevie Webster (SW), CC Alastair McGregor (AM), CC Dougie Fraser (DF), CC Lizzy Rose (LR), Robin Pope (RP), Cllr Paul Oldham, Alec Rose, Jenifer Walker, Meg Robertson, Liz Peck, Andy Peck, Federica Stefani, Graham Griffith, Cllr Barbara Jarvie

1. Apologies

CC Rowena MacWilliam (RM), Cllr Michael Green, Vanessa Mcgregor, James Cook, Joanna McGregor

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2023 and Matters arising

Proposed by Alastair McGregor Seconded by Dougie Fraser

a. Dog Fouling signs for Piperhill/Culcharry Woods

SW is collecting the finished signs this week from MacBride Signs. **Action:SW**

b. Smiddy Brae, Cawdor

Due to the impending diversion of traffic from the A96 via the B9090 from Gollanfield to Nairn, Amey has been asked to consider resurfacing the Smiddy Brae as a gesture of community goodwill. The road works will include a full weekend closure of the A96 during the weekend of 25th to 28th August (English Bank Holiday). Cllr Oldham reported that Highland Council officers had objected to this disruption. RP added that traffic light timings will have to be modified to avoid a build-up of traffic and some areas of road surface would not cope with the HGVs. SW had received the quote from Ventures for resurfacing and for just repairing the potholes. LR will share the quote for the interested parties to consider.

Liz Peck asked about any measures to stop vehicles diverted from the A96 from turning left at Clephanton onto the B9091 towards Nairn. Cllr Oldham will check.

Action:SW/LR/Cllrs

c. Road Safety issues following report from the Highland Council

Cllr Green was to raise the issue of road safety measures on the B9090 with the Police Inspector at their meeting on Tuesday 15th August to see if there are any Police recommendations. The Police report also mentions traffic incidents on the B9090, so they have been monitoring the situation. SW asked why Cawdor is not a 20mph when some roads, like at Broadley past Firhall, are 20mph. This is because Transport Scotland's budget is for the urban areas problems first, then they look at the rural 30 mph zones. It was agreed the A96 diversion for the Amey roadworks will only add to the speeding issues and lack of safety for pedestrians crossing the B9090. **Action: Cllrs**

d. Website development

The website has been created and is now live. It has minutes of meetings and latest agenda, news items, links to local community organisations and charities. What is needed now to support the website is a Facebook page, which would alert people to any updates to the website. LR will discuss this with Rowie. **Action: LR**

3. **Police Report**

The report covering the last meeting and this one was received from PC Michelle Milne, a copy of which is shown at Annex A.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

DF gave the Treasurer's report a copy of which is shown at Annex B.
Bank reconciled to 14/08/23 at **£3,043.97**

5. **Co-option of new member - Robin Pope**

Proposed by Lizzy Rose Seconded by Alastair McGregor
SW duly declared that Robin Pope is now a co-opted member of the Community Council and welcomed him up to join the others.

6. **Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Benefit Organisation**

Meg Robertson gave an update. Since the last meeting:

- Small grant for Defibrillator pads
- One large grant anticipated
- Quarterly report from the Cawdor Primary - funding used for:
 1. Transportation
 2. Scientific calculators
 3. Drama workshops
 4. Sports Day support
- Robin Pope has been welcomed as a new Trustee.
- Winds of Change had to pull out of hosting a stand at the Nairn Show due to unforeseen circumstances.

Current balance is £126,820. The Trustees are looking for new applications from members of the public for suitable projects.

7. **AOB**

- **B9091 in Clephanton - new 20mph limit** - Andy Peck highlighted the new 20mph speed limit on the B9091 in Clephanton. He asked whether the derestriction signs could be moved further out of the village, as traffic from Croy continuing over the crossroads and out towards Nairn is focused on these and once across the junction, travel at excessive speed past the houses? He also pointed out that there is no sign saying Clephanton approaching along B9091 from Nairn, so traffic is not expecting a 20mph. The current road signs are in poor condition and difficult to read. The speed signs read 20mph from east to west on the B9091, but read 30 mph travelling north to south along B9090. CC to raise with HC. **Action: LR**
- **Broadley into Nairn - new 20mph limit** - MR raised the new speed limit of 20mph coming into Nairn past Broadley and Firhall as being very difficult to comply with. RP explained that all the 30mph signs in Nairn will have been automatically replaced with 20mph signs, but this may be reviewed by HC.
- **Roadworks on A96 with diversion along B9090** - Amey is undertaking resurfacing work on A96 near Delnies wood from Sunday 20th August to Saturday 9th September. There will be daytime traffic lights and overnight convoys, between 7.30pm and 6.30am and road closures, including a full weekend closure. Details are as follows:

1. **Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th August** - Overnight convoy plus daytime Temporary Traffic Lights on Weds 23rd, Thurs 24th and Fri 25th August
2. **Friday 25th at 7.30pm to Monday 28th at 6.30am** - Full weekend closure.
3. **Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th August**, 7.30pm to 6.30am - Two overnight closures.
4. **Wednesday 30th to Friday 8th September**, 7.30pm to 6.30am - Overnight convoy.

During closures, Southbound traffic should take the A939 at Nairn, turning right onto B9101 westbound and continuing on the B9090 through Brackla, Cawdor and Clephanton to re-join the A96 at Brackley. Northbound traffic can take the route in reverse. Add details to the website. **Action: LR**

- **Local Place Plan for Nairn & Nairnshire** - Community groups are being invited to shape their future by preparing a Local Place Plan, which will feed into the Highland Local Development Plan. NICE and the Nairn Community Councils have put together a survey to allow all local residents to contribute their views to this and copies are available at the Cawdor Shop and online at www.nicenairn.org.uk/local-place-plan We encourage all residents to participate and share their views. The deadline for this initial community survey is now Friday 22nd September 2023. RP added that any resident of Nairnshire can become a member of NICE through an online process, giving access to information.
- **New 4G mast at Cawdor** - The new 4G mast at Cawdor is now activated, so residents should see an improvement in services through the mobile network EE.
- **Defibrillator pads** - The spare set on the Cawdor defibrillator is needing replaced, so the CC will apply to the Winds of Change for another set. **Action: LR**
- **Faded road markings** - RP highlighted a road safety issue that some road markings have faded or have not been reinstated, particularly at bends along the B9090 and B9091. He also added his congratulations to the team who recently completed the surface dressing in Nairnshire for the excellent job in both Ferness and the Geddes area.
- **Bush cutting by road contractor** - SW expressed concern at the messy job of bush cutting that has been done, with large pieces lying on the roads.
- **Commercial dumping at Cawdor bottle bank** - JW raised the issue of commercial dumping of bottles at the Cawdor recycle bank. This has now been cleared by Biffa, but it's an issue at other bottle banks too.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Monday 9th October 2023**

Annex A - Police Report

POLICE REPORT

Please accept my apologies for not submitting a police report for your last meeting, unfortunately I was absent due to an injury. I have compiled a report covering your June meeting and this meeting for your information.

Summary of incidents reported to police in the Cawdor area:

1. April 2023 – Contained incident in the Newton of Belivat area. A female was reported for disorder offences.
2. April 2023 – Report of an assault which is still being investigated.
3. May 2023 – Road Traffic Offences detected including Construction and Use offences and also positive roadside drug test.
4. July 2023 – Driver charged for Road Traffic Offences B9090 (not speeding offences)
5. July 2023 – Enquiries into an assault in Cawdor.

Officers from the Road Policing Unit have been in the Cawdor area assisting with road traffic issues and will continue to return to the area.

Kind regards

PC Michelle Milne

Nairn Police Station

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Annex B - Treasurer's Report

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C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for Meeting 14/08/2023 – No. 10

Bank reconciled at last meeting 26/06/2023	= £3,684.97
Income	= £Nil
Expenditure	=£641.00

Since the last meeting the following has happened:

Expenditure for gift to P White for Defib training.	=£25.00
Expenditure for 3 year WIX Website plan.	= £216.00
Expenditure for F Leiper to set up C&WNCC Website.	=£400.00

Bank reconciled to 14/08/2023	=£3,043.97
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There are no further outstanding transactions.

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C&WNCC Treasurer