

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Council**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm**  
**At Cawdor Community Centre**

Item	Details	Action
<b>Present</b>	CC Lizzy Rose(LR), CC Lucy Craigie, CC Stevie Webster(SW), Dougie Fraser(DF), CC Pat Clifton, CC Marion MacKay, CC Alastair McGregor, Jenifer Walker, CC Mike Ogden (MO) Meg Robertson(MR), Hugh Robertson, Alex Rennison(AR), Cllr Michael Green, Cllr Paul Oldham, Cllr Laurie Fraser, Cllr Barbara Jarvie (Cllr J), Phillip Arkell (PA), Graham Griffith (GG), Sarah Quirie, Kirsty Rose(KR), Julie McIntosh	
1.	<b>Apologies</b>  Vanessa McGregor, CC Robin Pope, Alec Rose, Carlo Cabrelli, Beryll Cabrelli, Sue Saunders, Joanna McGregor and James Cook	
2.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting (12/02/24) and Matters Arising</b>  <u>Haventus Port of Ardersier - Community Fund</u>  MO – Haventus have put up a £100,000 community fund for the next ten years index linked. They have brought in Foundation Scotland, who are a limited company and a charity, to help the community handle the fund. There are four community councils involved – Cawdor and West Nairnshire, Nairn West and Suburban, Ardersier and Petty and Croy and Culloden. They had a meeting last month and lots of ideas were put forward for the funding which Foundation Scotland collated. Each community council put forward 3 members to attend a working group – for Cawdor these members were Mike Ogden, Jenifer Walker and Robin Pope which will put together a fund handling strategy. A committee would be recruited further down the line. Application process is similar to the Winds of Change process. Another meeting in a couple of weeks to go over details and then hopefully up and running by July with first applicants by October.	

Local Place Plan

LR – there were a series of public consultation events throughout March including on 12th March in Cawdor Community Centre. For those who couldn't make it there was an online consultation as well, the closing date for comment on this was today (15th April). The next stage is there will be a data analysis of all comments and suggestions given – nearly 700 responses at the events and 90 online comments. The community groups will be invited to attend workshops throughout May to help form the local place plan for Nairn and Nairnshire taking into account everybody's views. The main group, NICE, were successful in securing £35,000 (from Community Regeneration Funding) additional to £12,000 already raised since January for the next phase of the local place plan. Should all be pulled together later in the summer. Link on website for information and also NICE has its own website

Cawdor / Nairn Riverside Path and Footbridge

PA advised that this had been repaired now after recently being washed away. LR has been in touch with Stewart Eastaugh, Access Manager for the Council for along the riverside. The river path is the responsibility of the Highland Council but is not a statutory duty so it would come down to funding and time. Meantime they have been and looked at the damage to the path and have tried to move the path away from the damaged parts of the riverbank and put up warning signs for walkers. No signs placed as yet from Cawdor direction down to the Howford bridge, but this was brought to Mr Eastaugh's attention and he would see to these being put in place. In the long term they will be looking at improvements to the river path with permission / agreements from landowners

Fallen Tree at Rosevalley

This was removed by landowner

Traffic Calming

RP had put forward the idea of a raised area at the crossroads / traffic lights to slow people down in the village – this however would not help for traffic coming into the

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	<p>village from Nairn direction. However, this is being worked on.</p> <p><b>*Please see amendment - further to the meeting:</b>  RP - a locational error has occurred in the meeting relating to the raised junction proposal. The location suggested was the Newton Road junction. Newton Road is the first natural barrier for west bound traffic and installing a raised junction would act as both a speed control aid for traffic from the Nairn direction and also offer the opportunity to include an improved uncontrolled crossing facility for pedestrians crossing the B9090. In addition some form of enhanced signing/lining would also be beneficial at the western end of the B9090.</p> <p><u>Jubilee Woods</u></p> <p>LR _ Following the great work of local volunteers preparing ground, Cawdor Primary School Sustainability Squad had assisted in the planting of 2 of the 3 hedgerows on the 14th March. Planted a year round colour mix which included rowan, hawthorn, wild cherry and dogwood. This will eventually provide shelter for birds and wildlife. Funding was received from Winds of Change for fencing materials to protect the trees and to cover some labour. Suggestion from Miss Randell (Primary School Teacher) who suggested a bug hotel for behind the hedge. May apply for funding again for bulbs for these areas. DF noted the children were very enthusiastic doing this work.</p>	
3	<p><b>Retirement of Minutes Secretary / Appointment of New Minutes Secretary</b></p> <p>Lizzy Rose to step down from Minutes Secretary Duties for the CC. SW thanked Lizzy for all her hard work while covering this post. Julie McIntosh was nominated (LR) and seconded (DF) to take over this post and was welcomed by the CC. Cllr J also thanked Lizzy for keeping councillors up to date.</p>	
4	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached (Annex A). The bank reconciled on 15/4/24 at £3380.03</p>	
5	<p><b>Police Report</b></p>	

	<p>No police report received. Abandoned car near Inchyettle GG - car owner cannot be traced due to damage to VIN so this has been passed for the council to deal with.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><u>North Kildrummie</u> - no objections received from any members</p> <p><u>Cawdor Castle License</u> – GG advised bringing Sunday licensing into line with the rest of the week for the Castle. Normal Operating Hours</p> <p><u>Two Houses at Curlew Cottage</u> – this has been approved. CCC has a detailed report on that. Main objection was the sewage system, but this had been dealt with. All objections were dealt with.</p> <p>Cllr O had done some investigation as two objections went in late – for future reference CCC should ask to be a Statutory Consultee in future to allow more time for objections. This has to be done for every application. Any objections from a Statutory consultee have to be answered. Cllr J advised you don't have to provide comment at this time, asking to be a Statutory Consultee will then allow time for a meeting on each matter.</p> <p><u>Update from Bowling Club</u> – Plans approved. Next stage is to get building warrant and to apply for grant funding.</p> <p><u>Scottish Water</u> – application for a new tank at the sewage works on the Newton Road and removal of old tank. No objections received.</p>	LR
8	<p><b>Broadband</b></p> <p>(SW) Open meeting is still to go ahead. Trying to contact OpenReach to come along to the meeting. Two weeks ago, Culcharry and Regoul were surveyed for Broadband- Culcharry is estimated to get superfast broadband in 2026 and Regoul in 2025 (this was engineer's estimate).</p>	SW/R P
9	<p><b>Cawdor Bonfire</b></p> <p>KR – CCCA are not able to be involved in this this year, perhaps next year they may be able to help but not to lead</p>	LR /SW

	<p>it. Perhaps we need a Bonfire Committee as it is a lot of work to organise. Noted that the bonfire has to be attended to regularly during and after the event for health and safety.</p> <p>SW – Last time the bonfire material was collected, and the bonfire built by a lot of the farmers in the surrounding area, giving up a whole day to do so.</p> <p>PA – Cawdor Estates happy to be involved but not to run it.</p> <p>SW – can't commit to organising this but will help with building the bonfire on the day.</p> <p>PA – Insurance is a consideration – only other way is for it to be a charity event – charity may be able to provide insurance for the event.</p> <p>SW – need to consider first aid, entertainment, stewards etc. Lots to consider.</p> <p>Cllr F – the last two organised in Nairn were cancelled because the necessary arrangements were left too late.</p> <p>Decided it was too late for this year but that we should look towards next year. Preparations need to start as soon as possible for this to happen next year. Meeting to be arranged as soon as possible to start getting organised for 2025 bonfire.</p>	
10	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><u>CCCA</u> – KR – update on Community Centre. KR is now the Chair of the CCCA. Thanks were given to the outgoing committee who had run the CCCA over covid times. Currently new committee is working to streamline the communications for bookings, update constitution etc, behind the scenes paperwork going on to bring things up to date. They are now called the Cawdor Hub – to get the community centre to be the heart of the community. Working towards wellbeing for all with the school – for parents as well as children. Hoping to develop a youth club. Applications for funding to go to Winds of Change. Hoping to make the building to be more inviting and homely for all to use.</p> <p><u>Water in Churchyard</u> – has been switched on but tap in old graveyard is broken.</p>	SW

	<p><u>Traffic in Village</u> – MR – council was to come out and look at the traffic coming through the village. Cllr J stated that this should go through Lisa Mckellaich at the HC but that no response had been received yet – RP to follow up. Noted that the road on the Nairn side of the village where the bridge is there is no footpath so very dangerous. It was discussed bringing down to 20 mph, but people still ignore the 30 mph signs.</p> <p><u>Riverbank</u> AR – raised the issue of the erosion of the riverbank. He had been in touch with Mr Davidson who represents the Dowager Countess regarding the flooding. Flooding occurs every time there is a spate. Maps showing the difference in the river flow were given to the CC. PA asked that the info be sent to him to look at. PA stated that SEPA and HC won't have anything to do with the river course so it would be up to Cawdor Estate.</p> <p><u>Nairn Academy</u> – Cllr J – This will not be at this planning meeting but will come to the next planning session. The plans are still coming along slowly. Another stakeholder meeting before the summer.</p> <p><u>80th Anniversary of VE Day</u> – Cllr J – advised the Legion is doing a ceremony at the commemorative stone at the Links if anyone wanted to attend. Anyone else wanting to do something could they plan along with the timing for the Legion.</p> <p><u>Village Gates into Big Wood</u> – GG advised the gates would be locked from Monday (22nd April)</p> <p><u>Nairnshire Community Newspaper</u> - Cllr Green updated that the Community Newspaper hopes to be up and running by the summer. An open meeting next Thursday (25th April) at the Community Centre in Nairn where there will be announcements about timescales and plans.</p> <p><u>Smiddy Brae</u> - LR – Thanks to Lewis Stirling and Apex Vehicles for repairing the Smiddy Brae</p> <p><u>Grit Bin</u> - LR – thanked Cllr J for grit bin she organised for Clephanton.</p> <p><u>Litter Bin / Dog Waste bin at Clephanton Path</u> – LR – could Cllr J organise for a litter / dog waste bin for the path at the</p>	<p>RP</p> <p>AR / PA</p> <p>Cllr J</p>
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	leafy bend, across from the new path as there is now a higher footfall in this area.  <u>SSE Network</u> - LR advised there is a support system called the Priority Services Register for people in many categories – medical issues, age, disability etc. Registration with this system would give support free of charge for vulnerable people during power cuts. Posters to be distributed by LR	LR
11	<b>Date of AGM and Next Meeting</b> Monday 10th June 7.30 pm	

Annex A - Treasurer's Report

**C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for Meeting 15/04/2024 – No. 13**

Bank reconciled at last meeting 12/02/2024	=£3,477.23
Income	=£350.00
Expenditure	=447.20

Since the last meeting the following has happened:

Income from C&WNCBO (Grant)	=£350.00
Expenditure for Zurich Insurance	=£97.20
Expenditure for Jubilee Wood, Hedge Fencing	=£350.00

Bank reconciled to 15/04/2024	=£3,380.03
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There are no further outstanding transactions.

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C&WNCC Treasurer