

Minutes of Meeting

Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council

Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.15pm (Following AGM)

At Cawdor Community Centre

Present: CC Stevie Webster (SW), CC Alastair McGregor (AM), CC Dougie Fraser (DF), CC Lizzy Rose (LR), CC Rowena Macwilliam (RM), CC Scott Heron (SH), Cllr Barbara Jarvie, Cllr Paul Oldham, Meg Robertson, Graham Griffith, Carlo Cabrelli, Alec Rose, Vanessa Mcgregor

1. Apologies

Cllr Laurie Fraser, James Cook, Sgt Graeme Erskine, Donald Wilson

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022 and Matters arising

Meg Robertson asked for item 6 to be changed to remove the implication that she said no decisions would be made without consultations, which she didn't. LR would amend this.

Proposed by RW

Seconded by AM

a. Defibrillator signage at Brackla Distillery Road End.

DF said that there was now a sign 100m from the road end which could be seen from the B9090.

b. Feral Cats Update.

LR said there was a successful round of trapping, 12 adult cats and 3 kittens taken away. There are now assurances from the couple keen to feed the cats reducing what and how much they are feeding them. They are helping with the trapping and are working with a volunteer from Tain, who is staying with traps overnight, ensuring no domestic cats are trapped. Any small kittens can be removed immediately by contacting the SSPCA or Cats Protection.

LR added that Keri Langridge had asked if anyone knows of any farms willing to take cats, and ensure their wellbeing, to please get in touch.

DF said that Keri is still looking for a volunteer from Cawdor to be trained and become a local trained Cats Protection Volunteer. This would mean that the trapping could continue more regularly, without having to bring in a volunteer from elsewhere.

c. Planning Applications.

LR said that she was too late to put in the objections regarding the properties at Nairnside and planning permission was granted shortly after the last meeting. She did submit an objection to the planning application at Wester Galcantray concerning drainage and domestic chemicals seeping into the roadside ditch, which flows down the field into the River Nairn.

PO said that he and Cllr Jarvie were on the planning committee and could not comment at the meeting. He also said that the next Highland Council planning meeting was on 28 June.

LR said that there had been 3 objections by the CC to the Glamping Pods at Mill of Cantray relating to the flood risk, regarding the narrow access being unsuitable. AM said that the position of the soakaways had not been confirmed up until now. SW said that the 3 objections would all be taken into account at the planning meeting. SW said that we would have to leave it at that. LR added that we need to be even handed about the number of objections made.

d. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- (1) The Chairman said that the position regarding the Jubilee Bonfire would be subject to the Community Association Meeting on 27th June. He added that Bibi of Cawdor Estate Office was assisting with the compliance application. He said the date would be Saturday 29th October, which would allow for another event to possibly be incorporated into the day. He said that we now need additional volunteers to assist. He reckoned based on the last event which attracted 1200 attendees, that the forthcoming event would be well attended. There will need to be full security arranged to manage the numbers.
- (2) LR said that a site for planting trees had been agreed by Lord Cawdor at a site , 250m west of Cawdor Primary School close to Ballichnockan Farmhouse. LR said that this could potentially be developed into a community green space, with fruit trees in the future. This would be a nice project for the school children. In order for permission to be granted by Cawdor Estate, it had been agreed that the CC would maintain the site with support from local volunteers. Cllr Jarvie suggested that this might be a project for Farmer Jones to be involved with.
Action: SW/LR

3. Police Report

LR read out the Police Report from Sgt Erskine, a copy of which is shown at Annex A below..

4. Treasurer's Report

DF gave the Treasurer's report a copy of which is shown at Annex B. He reported that the Balance on 13th June 2022 was £3428.82.

5. Cawdor and West Nairnshire Benefit Organisation

Meg Robertson said that the next Trustee meeting is on 20th July. They currently have just over £83,000 and applications are being sought. Cllr Jarvie asked whether funds were lost if not spent during the financial year. The Chairman confirmed that money could be rolled forward. LR reminded the meeting of a suggestion by Gordon Robertson to do another survey for ideas from local residents about what improvements they would like to see. This would be a guide only, as ideas are not taken forward by Trustees.

6. Website and social Media Communications.

The Chairman asked where the CWNCC page was. LR said that it is on the Cawdor Community Association website, where all the local community groups have a page. The CCA website is being re-done at the moment by Lewis Gell, making it easier to manage. SW will email us with an update to let us know how it is getting on.

RW is able to send out Facebook posts on the CCA Facebook page and this could be used to direct people to the website, where more information will be uploaded.

Action: SW

7. Neighborhood watch signage

SH is hoping to apply to the Wind Farm SCIO for funding to support new Neighbourhood Watch signs for Cawdor village. Rachel Bromby had indicated that there might be an issue with having too many signs hanging on lamp posts. SW offered to speak to the Estate Office for their advice. Signs cost £20 each designed for lamp posts. There are also stickers for waste bins.

Action: SW/SH

8. AOB

- a. **Traffic speeds on B9090** - Meg Robertson expressed concern about traffic speeds through the village with particular concern for exiting Newton Road to turn right, as well as crossing the B9090 on foot from Newton Road. The exit from the path along Burn onto the B9090 is exceptionally dangerous. She asked whether the Council would look into traffic calming in the village. LR said the Police did a speed trap in that area before, but it was agreed that this was only effective for a short time. A general discussion followed regarding traffic speeds in Cawdor, Brackla and Clephanton. AR said that the traffic calming measure in Clephanton has been effective and DF agreed that the precedent had been set there, so why not in Cawdor. Cllr Jarvie said that it needed someone to come out from the HC to look at it.
- b. **Inner Moray Firth Development Plan** - Cllr Jarvie mentioned the public consultation, with closing date for comments on Friday 17th June. She stressed that planning issues are now meant to be led by the community, so any comments should be valued.
- c. **Cawdor Community Association AGM** - This is taking place on Monday 27th June at 7.30pm and all user groups are encouraged to attend.
- d. **Litter near Cawdor school** - James Cook is getting the school 'Sustainability Squad' to look at ways of improving litter near the school, which was raised following the Spring Clean. It was agreed that this was not just the responsibility of the primary pupils, but also those using the football and play parks.
- e. **Paid facilitator for Community Council** - Would the CC consider applying for funding to pay for a facilitator? This person would then point out all the things we should be doing, but don't have the time and take them on. They could work in conjunction with the landowners and help to deliver projects like the bonfire, or safe paths. SW said that the SCIO constitution may not allow for that, but would check.
- f. **Dog fouling in Piperhill/Culcharry woods** - The paths are covered in dog mess. Jenny Urquhart will put in an application to fund signs, like the ones in Cawdor. SW will check whether there is a bin in the area.

- g. Smiddy Brae, Cawdor** - The Smiddy Brae up to the recycling bins is needing to be resurfaced. The road ownership and who should maintain it was discussed. Could this be paid for with a Wind Farm application? SW will check ownership of the road with Alastair at Bowlts. **Action: SW**

The meeting was brought to a close at 8.40pm

The date of the next meeting is 8th August 2022

Annex A to Minutes of CWNCC Meeting dated 13 Jun 22 - Police Report

OFFICIAL

Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council Meeting

Monday, 13TH June 2022

Date of last meeting: 11th April 2022



POLICE REPORT

Update on previous incidents:

1. Theft at Milton of Kilravock on 6th March 2022, where £31 worth of produce was stolen, has now been detected. Female from Inverness in her 60s has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Reported crimes since April meeting:

1. Repeat theft from Milton of Kilravock on 8th May 2022, involving £28 worth of stolen farm produce. The same female from Inverness identified and reported to Procurator Fiscal.

Other incidents of note:

1. 24th April: Report of potentially suspicious males in a van on Rosefield Road, Cawdor. Area patrolled, no trace of men or vehicles. Increased patrols carried out throughout night shifts.
2. 4th May: Minor Road Traffic Collision at Brackla
3. 4th June: Report of suspicious males on the road at Brackla, stopping vehicles and requesting money for apparent family crisis. Area patrolled with no trace of males. Similar reports in the Forres area, enquiries ongoing to identify the males involved.
4. 4th June: Report of potentially suspicious male on a motorcycle taking photographs of house and farm land at Balloan of Cawdor.

Cawdor and surrounding areas remain on the community patrol plan with a focus on evening/night time patrols to deter and detect criminal activity, with a focus on potentially suspicious persons and vehicles as reported in the above incidents.

PC N0174 Caroline Gray

Nairn Police Station

Annex B to Minutes of CWNCC Meeting dated 13 Jun 22 - Treasurer's Report

C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for Meeting 13/06/2022

Bank Reconciled at last meeting 11/04/2022	=£3578.62
Income	=£Nil
Expenditure	=£158.49

Since the last meeting on 11/04/2022 the following has happened:

Income	=£Nil
Expenditure for ICO ZA Insurance (Privacy)	=£35.00
Expenditure for Zurich Insurance (General)	=£86.00
Expenditure for HNM – Courier Advert	=£28.80
Total	=£158.49

Bank Reconciled to 13/06/2022 =£3428.82

There are no further outstanding transactions.

D J Fraser 13/06/2022