

Minutes of Meeting
Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Council
Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm
At Cawdor Community Centre

Item	Details	Action
Present	CC Stevie Webster, CC Marion Mackay, CC Lizzy Rose, CC Mike Ogden , Kirsty Rose , Beryll Cabrelli, Carlo Cabrelli, CC Robin Pope, CC Alastair McGregor, Joanna McGregor, Julie McIntosh, Jennifer Nalder, Sue Saunders, Cllr Michael Green, CC Lucy Craigie, Donald McInnes, Halde Pottinger, Cllr Laurie Fraser, Cllr Barbara Jarvie, Jenifer Walker	
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Dougie Fraser, James Cook, Meg Robertson, Philip Arkell, Alec Rose, Alex Rennison</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (15/4/24) and Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes agreed, Lizzy Rose proposed and seconded by Marion Mackay</p> <p>a. <u>Local Place Plan update</u> LR – we have been working with other community councils on the local place plan for Nairn and Nairnshire. During May there were Workshops on various topics – green issues, town and village planning, which various members of the CC participated in. The next stage is that the information will be pulled together and a draft summary will be ready for the 20th June when there will be another steering group meeting. This will be an opportunity to make sure our views are included in this draft plan. In the summer the draft plan will be available for people to view at community events such as the Nairn Show. Final draft in September.</p> <p>b. <u>Abandoned car near Inchyettle</u> Abandoned car at Inchyettle is now removed - Lucy arranged for it to be removed.</p>	

	<p>c. <u>Roads issues and traffic safety in Cawdor</u> RP - update after the A96 public meeting. Dougie has written to the Scottish Government Transport minister Fiona Hyslop with the information from the traffic speed monitor survey arranged by the CC. Robin has requested that someone from Highland Council Road Safety Team come to speak to the CC regarding the road from A96 at Gollanfield right round to Auldearn in anticipation of the time the A96 may get dualled. RP has also contacted the Transport Scotland director Lawrence Shackman. Trying to get Traffic Scotland to put some money on the table, though they may say this should come out of HRC road safety budget.</p>	
3	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Lizzy Rose read out the Treasurer's report of financial activity since the April meeting. The report is attached to these minutes at Annex A</p>	
4	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>a) <u>Major Variation Application of Premises License - Cawdor Deli</u> - request to extend evening opening hours and have a table licence. PA had represented the views of Cawdor Estate and he was dealing with that. CWNCC put views forward and the only concern was unaccompanied children in the Deli whilst people were consuming alcohol. This had been dealt with before this meeting to meet deadlines for the planning application but we could still put forward any further objections/comments if required.</p> <p>b) <u>Tom Na Clach Wind Farm Extension Decision</u> - A further seven turbines had been applied for and approved.</p> <p>c) <u>Alteration and Extension to Balintore Croft Cottage, Cawdor</u> – no objections</p>	LR + CC

Guest Speaker from Nairn Golf Club – Mr Donald McInnes

Thanks to CC for letting him speak in relation to the upcoming Delnies house building application. He has been speaking to the Cawdor Maintenance Trust and Barratts and had hoped that they could develop. The outline planning approval shows approximately 70 acres of land to the south of the golf course, reserved for future expansion of the Golf Club. The latest Barratts application shows that some of this land would now be used for a SUDS basin. The Moray Firth boundary is encroaching onto the golf course more rapidly now. The idea of a buffer zone on this land was suggested in the planning back in the 1990s. The Golf Club is spending around half a million pounds a year on slowing coastal erosion. It is estimated that by the end of this century the golf club would lose seven holes. Golf Club had tried to find a resolution to this issue but this had not happened and now they have to object.

This area of land was first identified in the Cawdor application - when they had applied for planning permission this area was reserved for the golf course as a condition of the outline planning permission.

Questions were then invited –

SW stated that having seen the planning application it was not made clear that that land was being taken for SUDS basin

RP asked how big the Suds Basin would be – DM advised it was estimated they would lose 10 acres of the land set aside

JN - How many houses were proposed ? Would they be mixed low cost housing ?

They estimated 330 houses with the minimum of low cost housing ratio to comply with planning. These would go on a smaller portion of land now that they want to build the SUDS on the previously allocated golf club land. The rest of the land that this would free up, it was anticipated, would be used to build higher end housing in the future.

Councillors were unable to comment on this proposal at the moment as it was an ongoing application.

	<p>It seemed from the planning that the house building would begin building as soon as they received permission</p> <p>JN – Asked about the traffic implication on the already busy A96</p> <p>This was an issue for Transport Scotland to resolve</p> <p>JM – Asked if they were planning to build a school there ?</p> <p>Barratts have identified some space for a school to be built</p> <p>JN – Raised the question about issues for walkers and visitors to the beach</p> <p>LR pointed out that these applications are so complicated for laymen to look through with many pages of information.</p> <p>Golf club had wanted to stick with the original suggestion of the golf club securing the land, rather than getting caught up in other issues with planning, infrastructure etc.</p> <p>JM – any option for the town to sell some of the common good ground? Golf club could then build on the original area reserved for them and Barratts could use the common good ground.</p> <p>This was thought unlikely.</p> <p>The Community Council thanked the speaker for the information provided and will consider their position.</p>	
5	<p>Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Benefit Organisation (SCIO)</p> <p>RP - update from Winds of Change. Trustees met on the 16th April and looked at three large grant applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cawdor Community Centre Association – were awarded £3000 for Cawdor’s Way to Wellbeing ● Cawdor Community Centre Association - were awarded £2500 to assist with the internal space improvements in the Community Centre. ● Cawdor Clay Pigeon Shooting Club – were awarded £5000 to help prepare the access road to the clubhouse. This work has been completed. 	

	<p>Trustees also discussed an offer from Foundation Scotland to undertake an 'MOT' for Winds of Change. A review of what has been done to date, how things are progressing and recommendations for the future. Meeting of Trustees was held on the 12th May and they agreed to proceed with this. They will be contacting people in the community and conducting a survey which will produce a report at the end of the summer. The only problem it has at the moment is a lack of applicants for the money available</p> <p>Three small applications were considered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nairn County Fire Kids - £300 ● Cawdor WI - £500 received ● Cawdor and West Nairnshire Community Council - £350 for fencing at the Jubilee Wood <p>Next meeting for Winds of Change is on the 16th July and they currently have a large application from Cawdor Play Park ongoing. Small applications from Geddes WI for £500 and from the Bee Keepers Association. Also small application from Cawdor Community Centre Association for £400 for the Healthy Highland Library Resource.</p>	
6	<p>Port of Ardersier Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>JW - Cawdor hosted the recent Port of Ardersier steering group meeting on the 8th May – Lizzy stepped in as Robin and Mike had previous engagements. Chaired by Debbie Heron from Foundation Scotland the group worked through the final draft of the Fund Strategy. Haventus has committed £100k index linked for the next ten years. Trustees will be drawn from the four Communities benefiting, one representative being a Community Councillor, the only stipulation being that the community should host a meeting. Further info and details on how to become a trustee for Cawdor should contact JW The final working group meeting is being hosted by Croy on 12th June.</p> <p>LR – When are names needed for the representatives of each community ?</p> <p>JW – Will have a better idea of that after the 12th June meeting.</p>	

7	<p>CWN representation at Local Community Meetings</p> <p>a) <u>Nairn & Nairnshire Community Partnership</u></p> <p>MM – The meeting was very well attended and feedback from a workshop held in February was presented to the group. Emerging priorities were Mental Health and Wellbeing, Employability, Accessible Community Spaces for All, Welfare and Support Advice, Information Sharing and Awareness Raising, and Community and Public Transport including Improving the Active Travel Infrastructure and Digital Poverty (improving Wifi and Broadband). The Local Place Plan priorities will be merged with the Nairn and Nairnshire Community Partnership Priorities and it was felt that they would highlight broadly the same issues. It was strongly agreed that the overarching priority within the Nairn and Nairnshire Community Action Plan should be Health and Wellbeing and that more people in the community should be trained in Mental Health First Aid. The Whole Family Wellbeing Programme is to be hopefully launched by September and it will offer a holistic approach to families when they are in need of support and for as long as they need it.</p> <p>Police Scotland gave a presentation on the Emergency Liaison Group and within this group Care for People aims to meet people’s emotional or practical needs after an incident or an emergency. Police also stated that 75% of calls that police receive and deal with concern vulnerable individuals, young people and those who are in crisis due to mental health issues and this was a huge drain on their resources.</p> <p>LR – Did MM ask about the police report ?</p> <p>MM – Yes and they said to request a report from our contact. LR stated that emails were not responded to. Cllr Jarvie has the contact details for new rep.</p>	Cllr J
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b) Community Liaison Group Port of Ardersier

LR attended this meeting. Update on progress:

- Development of the replacement of the quay wall has commenced
- Planning permission issued for the first phase of the development at the port entrance.
- Council consent issued for the new roundabout at the port entrance to begin in December 2024 until June 2025. During this time the Nairn – Ardersier road would remain open.
- Decision to remove the heritage centre concept from the plans and instead construct a publicly accessible memorial and / or commemorative feature dedicated to the energy history of the site and marking the tragic loss of life during the days of the McDermott’s yard. This project is being led by former McDermott’s staff.
- The CLG agreed support for the alternative, which is the community benefit fund for the four CC areas surrounding the port.
- Focus on the environmental and ecological issues, restoring the areas of the spit on the channel side, repairing the historic damage to the salt marsh.
- Dredged sand and its disposal. Some to be brought onshore to the site and there is an application in process with the Marine Directorate of the Scottish Government to dispose of the majority of the dredged material to the sea. It was asked if the dredged material could be used to aid with coastal erosion but this was deemed not appropriate.
- Focus on creating career opportunities is one of key objectives.
- Haventus hosted a one year celebration of taking over the site, attended by community members.

c) Nairn Bypass Event (see point 2.c.)

LR - DF had been in touch with the Scottish Government and had his question read out and also then corresponded with Fiona Hyslop with the data from the traffic speed monitor trial in Cawdor village.

8	<p>Broadband</p> <p>BT were very difficult to get information from on this. Telecom vans had been in Culcharry and Regoul and SW had been told it would be 2025/26 before they get broadband at Culcharry. Work had been started at Regoul and then stopped abruptly – the estimate was 2024/25 for Regoul. RP stated that we should get someone from BT to come and speak to the Community Council about this. MM informed that she will lose her landline within a year and there is no signal at Clunas. Community Council will continue to work on this to try to get information as to a schedule from BT</p>	RP + SW
9	<p>Cawdor Bonfire</p> <p>There had recently been a meeting to discuss this. LR – it had been agreed that next year was more feasible. Site at Little Budgate Corner had been looked at however there is concern over public safety for those walking from Cawdor – but these issues would be covered when Health and Safety for the event was considered.</p> <p>Wendy Smith is contacting Mark Copland of Fireworks Scotland regarding availability and cost estimates</p> <p>Both organising groups were looking at their public liability and events insurance. Feedback had been received from Highland Council. There is a public entertainments licence in place for Cawdor Community Association but they recommended that we start afresh with a new application. There was an issue with nobody wanting to have overall responsibility for the event but after the meeting Cawdor Estate came up with an idea for this which is currently under discussion. This would allow us to host with Cawdor Estate, Cawdor Community Centre Association and the Community Council. The date will be the 7th November 2025.</p>	LR
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr M Green to get contact for RP for roads issues</p> <p>Cllr M Green – Nairnshire Community Newspaper have secured premises on the High Street and were now entering the recruitment phase. They would be looking to hire an Editor and a Reporter. All are invited along on Games Day – they have booked the bandstand to provide information on this new venture.</p>	RP

	<p>Cllr B Jarvie – abandoned van at the old Whitebridge has been reported to the Council. Cllr Jarvie to find out and explanation as to why it is there</p> <p>Cllr B Jarvie – was at the AGM of Encom, who are looking for suggestions to spend money in the community. Perhaps there needs to be a joint open event to advertise this and try to get ideas.</p> <p>JN – Mentioned about the danger of the B9090 road coming out of the junction at the top of Hedges Brae from Nairn. The issue is made worse by the height of the grass. LR to contact the Police - Craig Johnston - to see about this being dealt with.</p> <p>LR – We were approached about an issue of food poverty during the summer holidays for children from Cawdor school. This is being looked into to see what we can do to support the School Headmaster on this.</p> <p>LR – SEPA consultation to identify areas at risk of flooding. We have until the 24th of June to send this information to them. AM to help with this.</p> <p>LR – Update from Alex Rennison about river bank path. He is working with Cawdor Estate to try to find a solution to the river bank erosion near their property. It was noted that SEPA are adverse to some of the solutions presented but those were really only temporary measures.</p> <p>LR – Jenny Rose Miller opened her garden to the public and she raised £800 for Leukemia Research UK, £800 to Marie Curie Nurses and £800 to Nairn Museum.</p> <p>LR - The CC would like to welcome the arrival of Cawdor’s newest resident, baby Austin Arkell.</p> <p>RP had been in contact with Nairn Academy to see if they had any pupils who would be interested in becoming a young member of the CC as this was one of the aims of the council. This would be for durations of 12 months, good for the pupils CV. We have space for two but will try to at least try to get one as quickly as possible.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>LR</p>
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	RP - Nairnshire Community Council Forum – talking to other Nairn Community Council there is a positive move to re-establish this forum. This would be once or twice a year to share ideas and keep up with other areas' news.	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date of next meeting Monday 12th August at 7.30 pm in Cawdor Community Centre</p>	
	Meeting closed at 8.50pm	

Annex A

C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for Meeting 10/06/2024 – No. 14

Bank reconciled at last meeting 15/04/2024	=£3,380.03
Income	=£Nil
Expenditure	=£93.85
Since the last meeting the following has happened:	
Expenditure for ICO ZA344452 Annual Payment	=£35.00
Expenditure for Minutes Secretary	=£40.00
Expenditure for Food/Beverage	=£18.85
Bank reconciled to 10/06/2024	=£3,286.18

There are no further outstanding transactions.

D Fraser

C&WNCC Treasurer