

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Council**  
**Monday 12th August 2024 at 7.30pm**  
**At Cawdor Community Centre**

**Present:** CC Stevie Webster (SW), CC Dougie Fraser (DF), CC Marion Mackay (MM), CC Lizzy Rose (LR), CC Mike Ogden( MO), CC Robin Pope (RP), CC Alastair McGregor (AM), Jennifer Nalder (JN), Sue Saunders (SS), Alex Rennison (AR), CC Lucy Craigie (LC), Abi Fernie (AF), Jenifer Walker (JW), Kirsty Rose (KR), Cllr Laurie Fraser (Cllr F), Cllr Barbara Jarvie (Cllr J)

**1. Apologies**

James Cook, Cllr Michael Green, Philip Arkell, Meg Robertson, Vanessa McGregor, Alec Rose, Joanna McGregor, Ann Rennison, Julie McIntosh

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on 10th June and Matters Arising:**

Proposed by Marion Mackay, Seconded by Alastair McGregor

**a. Junction of B9090 at Hedges Brae**

Overgrown grass was cut, but not well. Issue was raised with the Police, who reported back quickly and will ask the Highland Council to cut more frequently during the growing season.

RP - can we report the road from Regoul to B9090 to the HC - new contractor does not cut close enough to fenceline, remaining vegetation still blocks view.

MM - same problem along the road at Pineneuk, near Urchany - Billy Mac used a strimmer to make it safe

RP - ask the HC to review their cutting splays

**Action: LR**

**b. Food poverty issue during summer holidays**

LR - Issue was discussed with the school, CCCA and Winds of Change. More of an ongoing cost of living issue. Better ways for CWNCC to help the school by sharing grant funding sources and letters of support. James Cook appreciated the issue being raised.

KR - Revisit it after the holidays and let us know.

**c. Van at Whitebridge**

Van moved on after it was painted.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

A copy of the Treasurer's report is at Annex A. The Bank reconciled to £3,246.18 on 12/08/24.

**4. Planning Applications**

**a. Development at Delnies - update on decision**

LR - CWNCC sent letter to support the Nairn Golf Club concerns, but planning was approved. There will be further opportunities to appeal.

Cllr F - Permission given for 300 houses and can build up to 100 before asking for more. Tried to get it stopped. Amendments are being considered next week - can be commented on.

Cllr J - Keep monitoring plans on the Portal and submit comments.

## 5. Cawdor & West Nairnshire Community Benefit Organisation (SCIO)

JW - Trustees met on 16th July.

Small awards for the period are:

Jean & Sandy - Village planting for the winter

Geddes WRI - Anniversary

CCCA - Resource library

Two applications rejected for not meeting criteria

Large grant being considered for play park redevelopment - approx £30,000 - fully supported by Cawdor Estate, hope to be installed by end of 2024 - Anna Klein is the lead on this project.

## 6. Port of Ardersier Community Benefit Fund

JW - Fund is due to go live this week and Debbie Heron, Foundation Scotland, will be in Cawdor. Recruitment process for Trustees and RP is the CWNCC representative.

## 7. Road Issues and Traffic Safety

RP - B9090 from Gollanfield thru to Grantown Road - write again to the HC requesting the Road Safety team attend a meeting, which would tie in with DF's letter with traffic speed data to the Scottish Government.

DF - Reply from Scot Gov saying that roads thru Cawdor are local and therefore responsibility of the Highland Council - improvements down to available budgets.

LR to draft letter to head of service at HC, Tracy Urie.

20mph consultation with no mention of Cawdor - respond with DF's letter to Scot Gov

DF - reducing speed won't help in Cawdor - must consider traffic calming cushions across road to slow but not stop traffic.

JN - or similar measures as under the railway bridge in Nairn?

KR - Roger Milton (Auldearn CC) put success of Auldearn traffic calming measures to having all parties discussing together incl. Police, Council and CC

AF - road from Broomhill Farm into Piperhill - despite 20mph, traffic still speeding into village where children play

AR - could speed cameras be used?

SW - Cawdor main road has priority at traffic lights, so always green for B9090 traffic

KR - raise at Parent Council to get support

RP - HC review of 20 mph in Clephanton, as should only be B9091, not B9090 to Cawdor which should have stayed at 30 mph. **Action: LR**

## 8. Local Place Plan for Nairn & Nairnshire

LR - Draft Local Place Plan available to view and feedback comments on website up to 19th August:

<https://ournairnshire.org/>

Incorporates input from all Nairnshire CCs, local groups, organisations, businesses and individuals.

Cllr J - final plan will last at least 10 years and will be considered alongside planning - part of community empowerment. After HC approval, it will be included in development plans for the area and will come through the Nairn & Nairnshire Community Partnership.

## 9. Broadband

JN - Openreach are now not doing the Regoul section - Cert or KN (contractor for BT)  
Problem when analogue is switched off, as very poor signal

LR - analogue switch off will also affect Community Alarm users

SS - told by BT that alarm company must provide solution

RP - this is adding to delays - only solution for alarm would be a battery, but expensive. -  
write letter to our MP as it's a UK issue

MO - met BT contact and asked for advice - LR had twice emailed the contact but no  
reply **Action: LR**

## 10. CWNCC Facebook

MO has set up a CWNCC Facebook page for sharing information - check it out and  
follow for updates.

## 11. AOB

- **Cllr J - New Nairn Academy** - Project is underway. Caution: New layout in car park - check school website for details
- **Cllr J - Nairn Games Day** on 17th August and **Nairn Book & Arts Festival** starts 31st August
- **Cllr J - Flower Shop Scam** - and other scams - be careful, especially when being asked for money, and report to Police, who have team to follow up.  
LC - recent scam to her business using invoices from suppliers, but Police located scammer.
- **AF - Playpark for Piperhill** - area was set aside for a playpark but never happened - contacted Philip at Cawdor Estate, who are open to suggestions - will apply to Winds of Change and seek other match funding.  
DF - Lewis Stirling willing to get involved
- **KR - CCCA update** - Delivered Cawdor's Way to Wellbeing for adults. Secured £6,000 Children's Wellbeing funding to start a Youth Hub for children within the Cawdor Primary catchment and will seek match funding - run by the CCCA with support from the school - looking for volunteers, especially with a skill to share, to get the kids involved with their community.
- **MO - CCCA works** - Building was closed for 3 weeks for works - painting, sprinklers checked.
- **LC - Van parked at Clephanton** - Van parked at corner house blocks view of approaching traffic - dangerous. Could owner swap over his van with his car, so drivers can see traffic through car window? SW will ask owner. **Action: SW**
- **AR - Riverpath realigned** - River path, Cawdor to Nairn, realigned and some trees removed - no signs yet, so take care.
- **SS - Overgrown path** - Riverpath needs to be cut back - brambles growing across path, beyond the damaged bank and before the Meikle Geddes chicken farm - who owns this? LR - Highland Council is responsible for the path, but will confirm. **Action: LR**
- **DF - Road Signs** - HC has replaced road signs - 30 mph at Brackla and brown tourist sign for Cawdor Castle on village green - Cawdor Castle sign is in wrong place, blocking view exiting Newton Road - reported to HC by DF  
SID west of traffic lights is working again - new HC contact for lighting is Neil Fraser

- **ER - Police Report** - See Annex B - AM added if anyone has any information regarding break-in at Holme Rose on Saturday 10th August, please contact Nairn Police
- **ER - Drynachan to Daless Road** - Grateful for repairs by the HC, but much now washed away leaving road treacherous - report via Portal **Action: LR**
- **ER - Cawdor Church** - Cawdor Estate have been contacted by Church of Scotland to arrange meeting.
- **ER - Rev Robert Brookes** - Robert is preaching as sole nominee at Kingussie, Laggan & Newtonmore on Sunday 18th August and will be leaving Strathnairn & Strathdearn Parish - CWNCC wish him the very best.
- **ER - Christmas tree lights, Cawdor** - New lights needed and team to put lights up and take down  
 LC - volunteered Robert Craigie  
 KR - make an event of it with Cawdor pupils, as we used to  
 JW - invest in robust outdoor lights to last  
 CWNCC to apply for funding for both village and school trees  
 RP - the HC could buy lights for us? **Action: LR**
- **RP - Lyme Disease** - Lyme Research Centre provides signs to put on fence posts, set back from entrance to woods - Discuss with Philip. **Action: RP**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

The date of the next meeting is **Monday 14th October 2024**

## Annex A - Treasurer's Report

### C&WNCC Treasurer's Report for Meeting 12/08/2024 – No. 15

Bank reconciled at last meeting 10/06/2024	=£3,286.18
Income	= £Nil
Expenditure	=£40.00

Since the last meeting the following has happened:

Expenditure for Minutes Secretary	=£40.00
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Bank reconciled to 12/08/2024	=£3,246.18
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There are no further outstanding transactions.

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C&WNCC Treasurer

## Annex B - Police Report

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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### POLICE REPORT

Summary of incidents reported to police in the Cawdor area:

1. June 2023 – A disturbance within the Cawdor area resulted in 1 person being charged with assault.
2. July 2023 – Road traffic offences within the Cawdor area were detected including speeding offence on the B9090 excess of 30mph. A further driver was charged in relation to an insurance offence. A driver using a mobile phone was also charged and another driver with no MOT.

The success of the Road Policing Unit in both detection and deterrence will hopefully see them return regularly for assistance in road traffic issues in the area

Kind regards

PC Michelle Milne

Nairn Police Station