

CWNCC AGM 26/06/23 - Chairman's report

On behalf of the committee and myself, thank you all for attending our AGM tonight.

It's been a fairly busy year in and around Cawdor as follows:

- Feral Cats - continued collaboration with the Cats Protection to reduce the feral cat population in Cawdor village. This is still an ongoing situation which is being closely monitored
- Cawdor Queen's Jubilee Wood tree planting at Ballichnockan - November 16th 2022 in collaboration with Cawdor Estate, Cawdor Forestry, Cawdor Primary and Nairn & District Beekeepers Association
- Anti dog fouling posters for Piperhill/Culcharry Woods - posters created by Cawdor Primary pupils with the winning design chosen by Lord Cawdor. This is being made into all weather signs by Macsigns in Inverness.
- Cawdor Christmas Market - December 10th, CWNCC had a successful tombola stall organised by Dougie Fraser.
- Information sharing presentations were given by:
 - West Nairnshire Safer Paths
 - Lewis Gell - website development
 - Cawdor Bowling Club
 - Port of Ardersier representatives
- The Big Cawdor Picnic on May 7th - we helped support and organise this event in a joint effort with community groups, Cawdor Estate, Cawdor Primary, Cawdor Church and Cawdor Castle
- Defibrillator training was held on June 19th with Peter and Kerry White of Lucky2BHere.

Yearly funding was received by Sandy and Jean Ford from Winds of Change to supply plants for round the village area. Thank you again to Sandy and Jean for the continuous hard work in keeping these plants looking well over the summer.

On the subject of gardens, Jenny and John Rose Miller had another successful Open Garden event, raising money for Team Hamish, Nairn Museum and the British Heart Foundation. Very well done to Jenny and John, with £1500 raised.

I would just like to say that the Wind Farm money is available through an application procedure, which can be accessed through the Winds of Change website. Please, if you have any good ideas or projects that you would like to see around the area, get your applications in. The money is there to support the Cawdor and West Nairnshire community.

There were few planning applications from the Cawdor and West Nairnshire area, however once again can I just remind people that if they need a voice to please write to the Secretary or come forward to the Community Council meeting to view their concerns.

Another change was the announcement that Sunday services in Cawdor church would be coming to an end. This news came as a shock to the community.

I would like to thank the local Councillors, attending our meetings and always willing to assist with any matters, which is very much appreciated. I would like to thank Lizzy, Dougie, Alastair, Rowie and Scott for their continued support and help in keeping the CWNCC active, and to everyone who has supported the Cawdor and West Nairnshire community throughout the year.

Before I finish, I would like to say how saddened and shocked the community was on hearing of the passing of the late Gordon Robertson. Gordon was Chair of the Winds of Change and was always willing to help others. Our condolences to his family.