

## Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

### Minutes of meeting held on

Tuesday 6th January 2026

### At 7:30pm in the Nethy Bridge Hotel

**Present:** S.McCook (Chairman), H. Tucker (Secretary), L. Parker (Treasurer), E. Ibbertson, D. Black

**In Attendance:** 1 member of the public

**Welcome:** S. McCook welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting, wishing them a Happy New Year. Thanks given to the Hotel for their hospitality.

**Apologies:** Cllr B. Lobban, B. Jones (RSPB)

**Declaration of Interest:** D. Black re-proposed caravan site Croftronan.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Proposed : E. Ibbertson    Seconded : L. Parker

**Matters Arising:** Fraser Gilchrist was invited to join the committee. He accepted and was duly co-opted.  
Aultmore bridge hopefully completed by May.

**Police Report:** 1 theft, attempted phone scam, 8 road/traffic due to bad weather and 1 concern.

**Members of the Public:** Nothing

**Croftronan caravan Site:** The CC had been contacted by a resident, stating that they had received notification, that the depot site at Croftronan was being developed for use by up to 5 caravans. The Caledonia Touring Company had the power to approve sites up to this number without obtaining planning permission. The CC had contacted HC and CNPA but nothing can be done to prevent it going ahead from 22/12/25. Members thought this was quite unacceptable, especially as planning rules are so strict within the Park area. CNPA had asked for certain conditions to be met but there is no legal requirement to do so.

**Riverside Project:** The initial proposal for this project had been well received and could proceed to the full application, once written permission had been received from Seafeld Estate. This has now been received and passed on.

H. Tucker will contact contractors and try to arrange meetings for the end of February. Due to time constraint, best for the project to go forward for the 26/27 round of funding.

**House Fire Appeal:** This had been very successful and the full sum raised had been passed on to the family. Thanks to the Community for such a swift and generous response.

**Aultmore Bridge:** S. McCook had received an email from CNPA outlining hoped for timeline. Hope to be onsite by April with completion in May.

**Dorback Estate Meetings:** The Scottish Land Commission has arranged another meeting for interested parties on 21st January. This will be followed by meeting with Oxygen on the 29th January. Mention made that it was hoped ,there would be opportunities for young farmers to take on crofts on the estate.

**Planning:** Retrospective permission for residential caravan at Abernethy Trust. There were no objections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance is £3,766.32. All donations to the House fire fund had been passed on.

**Councillor's Report:** None

**CNPA Report:** None

**AOCB:** Thanks were given to committee members who had been out helping to clear snow in the village, both manually and using machinery. Mention made of a bus skidding into the field at Milton road end. This corner can be very icy at times.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th February at 7:30pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.