

Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on

Thursday 5th March 2026

At 7:30pm in the Community Centre

Present: S.McCook (Chairman), H. Tucker (Secretary), L. Parker (Treasurer), E. Ibbertson, D. Black, F. Cormack, J. Grant, F. Gilchrist

In Attendance: Cllr B. Lobban, B. Jones (RSPB), A.Davidson Knight (SLC)

Welcome: S. McCook welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

Apologies: E. Curley (Dorback)

Declaration of Interest: None

Minutes of last meeting: Proposed: E. Ibbertson Seconded: J. Grant

Matters Arising: Decision taken to postpone the application to fund Riverside Project until the next round, later in the year. Application to help fund village sign refurbishment, will be taken forward with Cairngorms Trust. All paperwork for the new Aultmore Bridge has been submitted and contract should be awarded next week.

H. Tucker had contacted A. Thom about removing the fallen tree. S. McCook had received email from Tulloch Homes, stating that date to start the community garden project would be announced very soon.

Police Report: None

Members of the Public: None

Dorback Estate: The first draft of Oxygen Conservation Community Payback had been circulated and was due for discussion tonight, with Ed Curley and members of the working group. A. Davidson Knight had attended in support but due to Ed not being able to attend and no other members of the working group being present, the decision was taken to postpone the discussion until the April meeting.

Planning: Extension at Aspen Lodge and Porch at Sonas. There were no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is £3,517.40

Councillor's Report: Cllr Lobban mentioned that the annual CC grant from HC would increase by £100. The Community Centre would also receive an increase to the comfort grant for the toilets.

Community charge would be raised by 5% + 2% towards capital projects. An extra £500,000 would be spent on roads, bringing the total to 21 million. Mention made that new 40mph speed limit into Aviemore at Granish would be enforced by the Police.

CNPA Report: None

AOCB: Question asked if there could be a bin for dog mess, positioned at the entrance to Speyside Way by the butchers, H. Tucker will take this forward. Mention made of a cover missing from the road on Balnagowan Brae. Cllr Lobban asked to be sent a photograph and would look into the matter. There was a great deal of concern about the removal of the early bus, this is used by the proprietors of the shop and could impact the opening hours. Also it is not now possible to catch a bus to Aviemore Station in time for the early trains. H. Tucker will contact Stagecoach.

B. Jones mentioned that there had been several large groups of people driving up to Forest Lodge, in the hope of seeing the Capercaillie that has been aggressive. This has been causing a great deal of disruption to the wildlife. Signs stating No Unauthorised Vehicles allowed, would be erected on the road to the lodge.

Funding was in place for three seasonal Rangers. The Northumberland Fire Brigade had provided excellent wildfire training to all RSPB staff recently. The tree thinning at Craigmore was now complete.

The problems with so much litter on the roads and motor homes dumping effluent was discussed. Question asked why CNPA don't undertake litter picking within the Park.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2nd April at 7:30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.