

PRESENT

Rosemary Macdonald, Seona Fraser, Jim Stewart, James Campbell, Frances Mackenzie,

Associate Members

Joan Campbell, Tony Boyland

Councillors

Cllr Jean Davies,

Public

Evelyn Hewett, Helen Sproston, Anthony Gould.

Apologies

Cllr Helen Carmichael

Minutes of Meeting 29 January 2016

Approved by Jim Stewart and seconded by Seona Fraser

Police Report

No major events

Report submitted separately

Visitors

[Nick Barker](#), Ness & Beauly Fisheries

Mr Barker gave an overview of the severely degraded state of Cnoc Burn. Various problem including Culvert, weed problems and American mink are continuing to stop fish getting further up the burn. He told us of the various ways that this could be improved with weirs, engaging the local community and local fishing club. He is going to give us a plan of the first steps to start improving the burn. This will be linked to our ongoing project to tidy up Cnoc.

Matters from last Meeting.

- a. Fountain – [James Campbell](#) is still chasing but to be ready for Spring this year – next month
- b. Road crossing at Co-op – this has been completed and appears to be correct. New Bus shelter still to be installed.
- c. Maple Vale Playpark – fence still to be erected but [Cllr Davies](#) said that a new price has been given of £1500.
- d. Wood Carving Tree at old Priory – [Joan Campbell](#) spoke to Iain Chalmers who has agreed to complete this year. He will carry out £1000 of work first and if we require more we can have another discussion around this.
- e. Crests on planters – on going but [Jim Stewart](#) chasing.

Correspondence

No correspondence for this meeting all to be addressed at next meeting.

Planning

No planning applications affecting meeting.

Matters arising from meeting

As [Cllr Helen Carmichael](#) was not present we were unable to cover off

New School plans

Layby at South end of Village along with Sawmill

Flooding on Road from Village to Toll corner

Toilets

Evelyn Hewett wished to discuss the entrance to Priory Way and Bridgend filling Station and whether it was possible to have an IN and an OUT. We are to write Duncan Fraser and enquire. She also mentioned the large pools of water gathering opposite the Co-op entrance as it looks like the drain have not been emptied or are blocked. Jim Stewart said he would speak to Tech Services.

Lighting in the Square.

Seona Fraser spoke to John Allan about the poor lighting down one side of the main Street from Lovat Estate office to Indian Restaurant. He advised that he cannot install lighting down that side of the street for various reasons. He said he will try putting in brighter bulbs on the other side to see what difference this makes.

Croyard Road.

The traffic on Croyard Road has again become a problem. The school traffic has again increased and it appears that safe ways to school is being ignored as it was agreed to use Braeview park to drop of the children not Croyard Road. There has also been increased traffic just now from the Wood Lorries using Croyard Road at this time. We are to write the school to get their assistance to remind Staff and Parents to use Braeview Park to lessen the traffic on Croyard road.

Fund Raising

Frances Mackenzie has managed to organise a Fashion Show on Tuesday 26 April at M&co's store in Dingwall at 7pm. Tickets £5.00. We all agreed to try and sell tickets for this event.

Other Business

Christmas lights – catalogue being obtained.

Simpson signs – contact being made to remove.

Lovat Estates – contact to enquire if they are finished removed trees from Cnoc.

Mr Gould enquired about erecting a fence along side payment from Aird Road to Railway station as the pavement is very narrow with a steep drop. This was previously discussed but rejected due to lack of funds.

Helen Sproston was voted onto committee by Jim Stewart and seconded by James Campbell

Next Meeting

Monday April 4th at 7pm

(date changed as 28th March is Easter Weekend this year).