

Nairn West & Suburban Community GROUP
Meeting: Mon 27th November 2023, Nairn Community & Arts Centre

Attendees:

Alastair Noble (AN, Chair)
 Joan Noble (JN)
 Kevin Reid (KR)
 Graham Stuart (Minutes)

Ex-Officio:

Cllr Babs Jarvie (BJ)
 Cllr Paul Oldham (PO)

Members of Public:

Hamish Bain (HB)
 Mandy Lawson (ML)
 Brian Stewart (BS)

MINUTES

1. Apologies

- Apologies received from Michael Green, Phill Stuart.

2. Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items

- None

3. Minutes of Community Group Meeting, 30th October 2023 for Approval (link [here](#))

- Minutes approved by JN, seconded by GS.

4. Review of Actions Log from Last Community Council Meeting

(Date) Action	Status
(30Oct23) Team Hamish Funding Support – JN to draft letter in support of regeneration fund funding for Links Development	Completed - see Communications Section
(30Oct23) Common Good Charging - MG followed-up on the £25k project contribution being debited to Common Good expenditure. Action - Letter to be sent by Lewis Hannah explaining distinction.	Still outstanding. Action: JN/GS to draft reminder letter to Lewis Hannah.
(25Sep23) Developer Contributions Action Group - MG to follow-up with Developer Contribution Action Group representative to get more information on how the process for requesting and receiving proposals will work in practice.	Still outstanding. Action: JN to draft reminder letter to Ross Lindsay, Developer Obligations Officer.
(25Sep23) Developer Contributions - MG agreed to seek to re-purpose the DCs allocated to the dance studio to funding new toilets.	Still outstanding. To consider to be removed from list since a long-term goal.
(25Sep23) East Beach Signage - MG agreed to follow-up on the installation of signage at	Still outstanding. JN emphasized need for

the Maggot Car Park toward the East Beach.	roadside signs before maggot car park directing (particularly overflow) traffic to other beach car park and amenities.
(25Sep23) Spindrift Planning - MG agreed to follow up with Malcolm McLeod for response to the letter of 1 st December 2022 on Spindrift Planning.	Action: Still outstanding. GS to draft letter to CEO drawing attention to inaction from officials.
(25Sep23) Community Regeneration Funds Methodology - MG agreed to follow-up with Lewis Hannah for an explanation of the methodology used to allocate funds.	Still outstanding. Post meeting note – PO found meeting minutes indicating methodology for allocation, link here.

5. Action arising from Actions Log

- **Action:** GS to draft a letter to THC CEO drawing attention to the list of responses awaited and the effect of a lack of response on CC progress, morale and the ability to attract and recruit new members to the CC.

6. Accounts and Admin

- No change to accounts.

7. Planning Applications Submitted in Previous Month for Review

- None reported

8. Local Place Plan / Town Centre Regeneration / Community Asset Transfers

- AN reported updates on LPP. Support in place (Kenny, Becky, Tibor, Ian) and 15 January 2024 is ear-marked for the first PAS-led public session.
- Nairn CCs input is expected in next phase of the Reporter review of IMFLDP2.
- NICE is also involved in considering Community Asset Transfers and has declared an expression of interest in the old Italianate building, put up for sale by THC. A visit to the building is due on 1st December.

9. Common Good Engagement Group

- It was noted that the draft ToE of the group had not yet gone out for consultation and the councillors agreed to follow-up. There are no dates agreed yet for 2024 Nairnshire Committee Meetings. **Action:** PO/BJ to follow-up on the CGEG consultation opening.

10. Delnies Development Site

- Latest new planning submission [link](#)
- Note: Councillors made it clear that they were not able to express opinions to ensure the objectivity of the approval process at Council.
- A discussion took place on the likelihood of planning application being approved. BS drew attention again to the conflict between the prior approval and the current

IMFLDP, though it has not yet been approved. ML drew attention to an overview posted by Brodies ([link](#)) indicating NPF4 should taking precedence over prior Local Development Plans and should be taken into account by planning officials for all pending applications going forward. ML mentioned that some developers had already taken action at the Court of Session against councils refusing applications based on NPF4. Commented that the Delnies development was originally contingent on Sandown Development (no longer active) and should also fall foul of a number of NPF4 criteria.

- No clear timescale for a decision on the planning application(s). JN noted that there is a deadline in Jan 2024 to meet a number of specific conditions that will not be met in time.
- Agreed that no mobilization of the public was required to make further objections: NWSCC had already objected along with a number of 'heavy-weight' objectors.
- **Post-Meeting Note:** Agreed that since the latest submission was a new application, it would be prudent to re-submit the prior filed objection.

11. Parking Scheme

- JN informed the team that no response had been received to the '101' call. She had sought guidance from the Angela Reid at Scottish Legal Complaints who had advised on the process, i.e. raise with individual and request response in 28 days, if none forthcoming there are online forms to make either a service complaint (no response) or a subject matter complaint (based on conduct). JN to continue to pursue. Agreed that the original ignored letter would be included in GS letter to CEO.

12. New Community Council Members

- Timetable for interim elections has been published ([link](#)). Nominations to be received by 30 January. AN confident the minimum number of nominees will be achieved. All members to try to encourage new people to apply.

13. AOCB

- Fort Reay - Developer proposal for creating community woods (see [link](#))
 - Following a discussion, it was agreed that this proposal would not be supported. Action: AN to respond to developer.
- Garden Recycling – for information, recycling centre upgrade required (AN)
 - AN drew councillors' attention to the current situation for garden waste recycling at the recycle centre, where a skip set-up makes it difficult to dump waste and there is no machine to distribute the waste in the skip. The requirement to book appointments for trailers and use of a weigh-bridge was also non-optimum and commented upon.

For Reference - Communications from/to NWSCC in Past Month

- 20231108_Letter Supporting Team Hamish Funding ([link](#))

Next Meeting 29 January 2024