

**Nairn West & Suburban Community Council**  
**Meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 7pm, Nairn Community & Arts Centre**

Present:

NWSCC Members: Kevin Reid (KR, Chair), Alastair Noble (AN, Vice-Chair), Alan Hampson, Joan Noble (JN, a.i. Treasurer), Graham Stuart (GS, Sec, Minutes)

*Ex-Officio*: Cllr Babs Jarvie

Member of the public – Malcolm Jones

Apologies: Cllrs Michael Green, Paul Oldham

**MINUTES**

- 1. Declaration of Interests on Agenda Items - none**
- 2. Minutes of Community Council Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026, for Approval ([link](#))**
  - Approval of minutes proposed by AN and seconded by KR, approved.
  - MJ from the floor mentioned the Riverside fly-tipping item in the minutes; when he returned to take a photograph for PO the materials had been removed.
- 3. Review of Actions Log from Last Community Council Meeting (See Appendix) (GS)**
  - GS reviewed the log, which shows most actions complete
- 4. Accounts and Admin (JN)**
  - JN reported that the latest transactions and reported a balance of £2122.68
- 5. Planning Applications Submitted Since Last Meeting for Review (GS)**
  - [26/01158/LBC](#) - Internal alterations - Works Willow Vale, Tradespark Rd
    - No comments
  - [26/01386/CLP](#) - Replacement of flat roof, erection of extension - Arkle, Glebe Rd
    - No comments
  - [26/01420/FUL](#) part change of use to STL unit - Westfield, 55 Seabank Rd
    - Comments submitted to planning portal overall neutral ([link](#))
  - [26/01736/CLP](#) Erection of two detached single storey buildings – Barn Cottage, Sandown Farm Lane, IV12 5NE
    - Application came in after agenda circulated, discussed by email, no issues
- 6. Scottish Water Update (AN)**
  - AN reported that SW have agreed to a meeting to be chaired by Cllr Green to address all the sewage and water issues in Nairn, date tbc. AN felt that there had been little discussion on the Lochloy Road works and it may be that it will dropped as being no longer needed following the Maggot pipes clear-out at the end of last year. JN mentioned that PO had pointed out at the last meeting that Amey had sent an objection to the Lochloy works application but she was unable to see it online.
- 7. Local Place Plan Update (AN)**
  - AN reported that the Links toilets options consultation was successful and there seems to be a desire to retain the existing building for community use. Architect drawing showed a

modular system on the other side of the path at the Links, this may be revised to be placed next to the existing building.

- A MOI was signed with the Common Good to formally enable the dunes project and marram grass planting to go ahead.

#### **8. Standing Item - Community Regeneration Funds Distribution (GS)**

- Original funding challenge letter 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 fyi ([link](#))
- No update, noted that MG had reported the next relevant E&I meeting was to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

#### **9. Standing Item - Nairn Common Good Charging and Leisure & Recreation Spend in Nairn (JN)**

- Original letter link fyi ([link](#)), letter of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 explaining charges ([link](#))
- JN has been in correspondence with Ali Garrow about the charges to Common Good for parks maintenance. This was due to be discussed at the next Common good Engagement Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May but this has been postponed at short notice. JN and AN expressed their disappointment that the reason given for the postponement was no agenda items but they were aware of four valid items submitted and there were a number of on-going matters requiring discussion. BJ was unaware of the items being referred to.

#### **10. Playparks – Achareidh Resident Approach – November 2024 Approved Works**

- GS reported that he met with the playparks team and Beech Ave resident David Clark who had made the proposal for an upgrade to the park. The process for community proposals for upgrading play parks was referred to ([link](#)) and it was agreed that Mick Haymer from the team and David would have a joint site visit to discuss the opportunities.
- Mick Haymer updated GS on the status of the works approved in 2024. The Links project is almost complete, there are still some steps to install next to the slide. The council is in discussion with the cricket club about the location of the slide, may require some fencing to be installed, club want slide moved. Equipment for Moss-side Road park is sitting in the Balmakeith yard awaiting installation. It is on the current list of installations and the items should be installed by the summer holidays. The Birch Road project to remove bark and replace with matting was advised to require 'patience' since the Playtech team are extremely stretched across the Highlands and it is not a high priority since not equipment and park is still functional.

#### **11. Albyn Court (AN)**

- NWSCC Letter to Albyn Housing on fly-tipping ([link](#)), response ([link](#))
- Highland Council Anti-Social Behaviour ([link](#)), Neighbourhood Watch Scotland ([link](#))
- On the subject of fly-tipping at communal bins at Albyn Court, the CC had not received a response to its online submission. GS referred to Albyn email which directed the CC to the 'bins expert' at the council. BJ was not aware who that might be, so **Action GS:** to follow-up with Lewis or councillors to try to identify someone at the council who can help switch communal bins to individual ones.
- BJ reported that the councillors had a meeting with the Police Scotland, Albyn Housing and Council Housing Department to discuss disruptive anti-social behaviour in parts of Nairn. It was noted that certain disruptive individuals had left the area, which would likely improve matters. Nevertheless, the public is encouraged to report incidents which will lead to a process for issuing ASBOs. BJ also mentioned an initiative to bring

properties back into a rentable state. The council had organised a leaflet drop in one area of the town about dealing with anti-social behaviour and including Crimestopper contact details. JN suggested that similar leaflets could be distributed to Albyn Court residents, not the council's responsibility but considered that NWSCC could organise. BJ explained the council has an obligation to house tenants, even disruptive ones, so ultimatums on unruly tenants with the threat of eviction would not work. But she highlighted that non-disruptive tenants have also rights to live in their homes without fear. BJ would recommend private warden managed accommodation seen in Inverness to oversee some discipline to potentially disruptive tenants. AN again commented that moving disruptive persons across the region was not likely to lead to positive outcomes and he continues to advocate for Nairn housing and social services to deal with local people. JN lamented that not enough was being done to address the root of problems, drug dependency treatment, people not being seen by professionals, inadequate psychiatric staffing. AN referred to a partnership at Nairn practice with Highlands Psychoanalytic Collective to prioritise treatment for 15-20 year olds.

- On the subject of Neighbourhood Watch, JN felt the online materials weren't very helpful, GS thought there was some useful information to set up a Watch etc. It was decided to look into leafleting and consider providing information for holding a meeting to possibly set up Neighbourhood Watch. **Action: GS** to follow-up with councillors to get council contact for example leaflets and follow-up with colleagues on the content.

## 12. AOCB

- Lodgehill Cold Call Control Zone – GS confirmed the project was completed
- Parkdean Toilets Scheme – GS confirmed that a Courier article was due to highlight the scheme
- Tradespark Hall Trust – AN reported that he and JN had made informal contact with one of the trustees
- Rosebank School Toilets – KR acknowledged the terrible situation with the lack of toilet facilities as reported in the press. BJ commented that the councillors were not aware of the first issue with a condemned block from 2023 and were not immediately informed of the second block closure which resulted in children missing classes. BJ had been involved in multiple meetings and works will be undertaken to fix the block roof in June to be completed in time for new school year. BJ was told that portable toilets were not feasible since the school year would be practically ending when they could be installed.
- Nairn Academy Stakeholder Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April – GS summarised the meeting note that he had circulated. At the time of the meeting, the school opening was on track, now delayed to October. A schools-out community event is still planned for 27<sup>th</sup> June. On the question of whether the school would include solar panels, the estates team said that solar has never been proposed in all the plans. [AH questioned how this was aligned with environmental goals.] On the subject of the proposed grass pitch, Estates confirmed that the space is no longer needed for biodiversity net gain but the school does not require another pitch and has made the suggestion of allotments or a pump track. It was stated that the council was looking to alleviate astroturf booking pressure by directing non-Nairn users (eg Fores Mechanics) to Inverness facilities. It looks like the council will press ahead with trying to remove the s42 condition to build another pitch and NWSCC needs to be ready to send formal representations for pitch needs and a sports hub to the planning portal and to SportScotland.

- Nairnshire Newspaper AGM – GS attended the AGM, which was attended by about 15 members. There was a lot of discussion on the proposed shift to a quarterly publication going forward and the Trustees agreed to hold a workshop with volunteers to look at different options for publication going forward.

**13. Public Comments - none**

**Next Meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm**

**For Reference - Communications from/to NWSCC Since Last Meeting**

- 20260429\_NWSCC\_eplanning\_Haventus\_trees ([link](#))
- 20260505\_NWSCC\_planning\_Westfield\_STL\_application ([link](#))
- 20260505\_NWSCC\_Albyn\_Housing\_Fly-tipping ([link](#))
- 20260505\_NWSCC\_Albyn\_Housing\_ASB ([Link](#))
- 20260507\_Albyn\_AB\_Response ([link](#))
- 20260528\_NWSCC\_Parking\_Survey ([link](#))

**For Reference – Information of Interest**

- **Nairn Local Place Plan** – Finalised plan ([link](#)), executive summary ([link](#))

**Appendix – Actions Log**

<b>(Date) Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>(27Apr)</b> – Parking Regulations Consultation – Action: JN to draft a response to the parking regulations consultation on behalf of NWSCC.	<b>Completed</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> )
<b>(27Apr26)</b> – Albyn Court – Action: GS to write to Highland Council and Albyn Housing to raise the issue of misuse of communal bins and the opportunity for individual bins, a more regular emptying cycle or more flexible approach to dealing with incorrect materials.	<b>Completed</b> ( <a href="#">link</a> )
<b>(27Apr26)</b> – Albyn Court – Action: GS to explore online guidance on setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme	<b>Completed</b> Highland Council Anti-Social Behaviour ( <a href="#">link</a> ) Neighbourhood Watch Scotland ( <a href="#">link</a> )
<b>(27Apr26)</b> – Albyn Court – Action: Action: GS to draft letter to Albyn Housing to make them aware that NWSCC is taking an interest in supporting residents and to request a meeting or some background information.	<b>Completed</b> ( <a href="#">Link</a> )
<b>(26May25)</b> – Scheme of Establishment Phase 1 <b>Outcomes - Action:</b> GS to create a social media posts outlining the work of the CC, asking for feedback on what the public wants the CC to do and encouraging new membership.	<b>Ongoing</b> – Article seeking members published in April edition of Nairnshire Newspaper and Substack ( <a href="#">link</a> ), together with an article on CRF Funding Levelling ( <a href="#">link</a> )