

Our Community ... A Way Forward Action Plan – Nethy Bridge

THEME	AIM	ISSUES/OBSTACLES	
I. COMMUNITY CAFÉ, PUB & CRAFT OUTLET	To assess the viability of a sustainable café / social meeting place and possible trade outlet in Nethy Bridge for local people and visitors to enjoy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic viability. To make it work the venue will need to be open longer than 10 – 4pm • Who will operate it • Displacement activity: NB Golf Club is providing food to non-members, however it is not central to the village • Community Centre – upgrade could include a café. Opening times well need to cater for tourists - this may restrict or interfere with the other uses of the centre • Use of local hotel 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish need within village of such a facility and what it could/should include • Discuss possible options with interested community organisations incl. Community Centre directors • Assess economic and operational feasibility of options • Review Golf Club's season with regard to providing food to non-members • Set up a committee to take proposal forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Course • Community Centre • Nethy Bridge Hotel • Ross & Polly Cameron (ex Ord Ban) • Richard Eccles • David Carrott • Colin Kirkwood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VABS • Social Enterprise Academy • HISEZ 	

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2. IMPROVED BROADBAND	To improve business competitiveness To improve streaming video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low demand • BT exchange needs upgrading • Lack of available funding 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore situation with BT re exchange upgrade and effect on broadband speeds • Make contact with Laggan broadband group (Al Fleming) re possible benefits of WiFi system for Nethy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nethy Bridge Community Council • Nethy Bridge Community Development Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIE • BT • CNPA • HC • MPs & MSPs 	

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3. UPGRADE TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE	To improve the facilities of the Nethy Bridge Community Centre to better cater for the needs of the current and future users. To improve the energy efficiency and sustainability of the centre To investigate other possible income streams for the company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of available funding • Volunteer fatigue • Sustainability of the upgraded centre • Adoption of appropriate management structure • Provision of suitable heating source • Loss of revenue during upgrade • Loss of venue to groups during upgrade 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise design plans with user groups • Liaise with interested parties (See Action 1) re possible café space • Obtain any planning permissions • Recruit Project Manager • Identify & apply to funding sources • Advise community of timetable of works • Agree restriction of use with user groups • Link with other similar initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre Company • Explore Abernethy - tenant • User groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VABS • HC • Architect 	

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4. PROVIDE A SKATE PARK FACILITY	To investigate the possibility of setting up a skate park in the village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location • Insurance • Maintenance • Safety • Accessibility 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the listed issues/obstacles • Investigate the use of a B&S wide mobile skate park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council • Youth Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Council • B&S Youth Forum 	HC Youth Development Officer: Keith Bootle

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5. PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS THE DUACK BRIDGE	To build a foot bridge across the Duack to the side of the current Wade bridge and provide a better path connection with the adjoining sections of the Speyside Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction design • Construction costs • Best route for path • Ongoing maintenance • Replacement provision 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree ongoing maintenance roles between HC and CNPA • Scope best design for visual effect and ability to cope with boggy terrain • Agree best route to join up the Speyside Way including new bridge • Finalise construction costs • Source available funding • Advise community of plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Centre Woodland Project committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planning – TECS • CNPA • VABS 	Andrew McCracken Andrew McIver Bob Grant Karen Derrick

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6. VILLAGE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES including safer pedestrian access on the Nethy bridge	To assess speeding issues in various parts of the village with a view to reducing motorists' speeds through a variety of measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B970 – Tulloch road end • Crossroads & Tomintoul road - priority at junction – need for better markings / count down markings / consider changing priority • School road / heading down to school / The Neuk / 20 plenty sign • Top end has no speed restrictions • Every entrance to villages - road narrows – traffic calming • Nethy bridge – pedestrian safety / mirror to aid safe manoeuvring / sign for narrowing road • Duack bridge - narrowing sign required / survey of what work to be carried out / pricing • Speed sign – change to have the speed of driver • Have more of a police presence for speeding issues 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request meeting with HC and NC officers to agree problem areas and identify possible solutions • Identify location and funding source for another type of speed sign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Constabulary • Highland Council 	

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7. IMPROVE PLAY PARKS	To refurbish and improve the 3 play parks in the village to improve the play experience for users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of available funding • Cost of equipment • Health & Safety considerations • Vandalism 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassess the current equipment provision re type and condition over the 3 play parks • Organise site visit with HC officer to assess current situation, rationalise provision and agree upgrades • Source funding for additional equipment required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Council/TECS 	Ian Reid

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8. BETTER INTEGRATED BUS/TRANSPORT SERVICE WITH SUNDAY SERVICE	To investigate the possibility of an upgraded service in terms of better timetabling and improved integration with other transport providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetabling constraints • Sustainable & significant usage over time 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange meeting with HC to look into problem areas and possible solutions, in line with other initiatives going on in the strath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Council • Stagecoach 	Dave Fallows

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9. BETTER SNOW CLEARING	To reinforce the community's position with regard to the considered poor response to dealing with significant snowfall, especially in clearing snow out of the community and keeping the pavements accessible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidence of significant snowfall • Highland Council budgetary constraints • Focus on priority areas 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak with Sue Palmer re integrated service in strath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Council 	

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10. MORE DOG BINS AT START OF WOODLAND WALKS	To reduce the amount of dog fouling in the amenity woodland around Nethy Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation of dog owners • Regular emptying of bins 	
ACTION	COMMUNITY ORGANISATION	AGENCIES INVOLVED	INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with HC dog warden re possible service in area 	Community Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highland Council 	

HIGH PRIORITIES (in order of priority)	MEDIUM PRIORITIES	LOW PRIORITIES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community café, pub, craft outlet 2. Improve broadband speeds 3. Upgrade the community centre 4. Skateboard facility 5. Footpath across Duack bridge 6. Village traffic calming measures including safer pedestrian walkway over Nethy bridge 7. Improve the play parks 8. Better integrated bus/transport service with Sunday service 9. Better snow clearing 10. More dog bins at start of woodland walks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilet facility in the Old Kirk • Develop Castle Roy as a tourist attraction • Upgrade tracks around village to become all access ie for buggies and the disabled • Expand Explore Abernethy service • Cycle paths to Grantown and Aviemore • Better management of village woodland eg riverside walk, old nursery woodland, school wood • Safe cycle/walking paths to school • Footpath from Broomhill Court to Nethy bridge • Update the village website • Adopt a 'Tidy Nethy' policy to stop littering & improve specific unsightly areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countdown boards to advertise village events • Outdoor classroom at the school • Mountain biking track • After School Club • Improved public toilets • Camp site (tent pitches) with amenities