

Cairngorms Capercaillie Project

Carrbridge Capercaillie Community Working Group | Meeting notes

Date & time: Wed 10 July, 6.30pm – 8pm

Venue: Carrbridge Village Hall

Attendees: Carrbridge Capercaillie Community Working Group; Alice Buttress, Anna Ronayne, Becky Badger, Charlie Miller, Issie Inglis, Justin Prigmore. Observer; Fiona Angela. Cairngorms Capercaillie Project staff; Carolyn Robertson, Emma Rawling.

Apologies: Carrbridge Capercaillie Community Working Group; Bob Kemp, Ewan Archer, Frank Law, Martyn O'Reilly, Sarah Kemp. Cairngorms Capercaillie Project; Molly Doubleday. CNPA; Andy Ford.

- The group agreed that Alice Buttress would attend the next Project Board meeting on Wednesday 7 August. The Project Board meets quarterly to support the project and review its progress. The Board includes representatives from the Carrbridge Capercaillie Community Working Group, Seafeld Estate, the RSPB, Cairngorms National Park Authority, Scottish Forestry / Forest and Land Scotland and SNH. Notes from the Project Board's latest meeting are available to read on cairngormscapercaillie.scot
- The group discussed the distribution of Carrbridge Capercaillie News and agreed that the opportunity to deliver the newsletter and be paid for doing so should be extended to other young people in the village. The group agreed to make contact with Landmark who've offered to help advertise the opportunity to the young people they employ.
- The group discussed the applications received to the tender for an external facilitator to enable Carrbridge residents to create their own community-led action plan to help capercaillie around the village. The tender was advertised on the Public Contracts Scotland website and the tender documents are still available to read on the project website (cairngormscapercaillie.scot). The group scored all the applications, drafted the interview questions and discussed which members of the group would sit on the interview panel alongside Carolyn as the Project Manager and Debbie Greene (Operations Manager, SNH) as a member of the Project Board. Interviews are scheduled to take place on Wed 17 July. The National Lottery Heritage Fund have been and are continuing to observe the procurement process and advise accordingly.
- Emma shared some of the artwork that local school children have created in response to the capercaillie related activities she's been delivering. Emma also updated the group re her attendance at the events below where she'll be on hand with an information stall about capercaillie and the Cairngorms Capercaillie Project;
 - 28 July: Top Dogs Day Out, Glenmore
 - 8 August: Grantown Show, Grantown-on-Spey
 - 10 August: Abernethy Highland Games, Nethy Bridge
- Emma raised the idea of delivering a summer programme of guided woodland walks around Carrbridge for residents and visitors interested in learning more about local wildlife. The group agreed this was a good idea and that the walks could take place on weekends and early evenings in the week. Emma agreed to advertise the walks to accommodation providers and via posters on the village noticeboards.
- The next working group meeting is Wednesday 24 July, 6.30pm - 8pm. Please contact any member of the working group if you'd like to join the meeting or contact Carolyn on 07967 762015 or carolynrobertson@cairngorms.co.uk