



## BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 10th October 2016, at 7pm in Crathie Kirk Hall

<p><b>Present:</b> James Anderson (WJ) - Chair Francis Duguid (FD) - Vice Chair Jane Angus (JA) Joanne Croll (JC) Pat Downie (PD) Iain Latta (IL) Fiona Presslie (FP) Anne Reid (AR) Wendy Miller (WM) Cllr Geva Blackett</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Bill Cruickshank (BC) John Bolton (JB) Cllr Katrina Farquhar(KF)</p>	<p><b>Also present:</b> David Horne - BRD (DH)</p>
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### 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

### 2. Matters Arising from Sept Meeting:

Support to Halls funding application - Letter being drafted **AR**

Proposal to purchase lap top for council business. **AR** looking into laptops

Royal Mail. **Action** - **KF** to contact Union rep & Royal mail and request follow up meeting.

Post Office. **Action** - **KF** to raise concerns regarding Post Office.

Minutes approved following the meeting.

### 3. Correspondence: None

### 4. Emergency services:

No representatives present.

Email from Police Scotland confirmed a few incidents including unsecure vehicles being entered and searched along with the theft of a motorcycle. Also, one theft, stolen items from a local shop and vandalism reported - damage caused to two parked cars.

## **5. Reports**

### **BRD (DH)**

There are ongoing investigations into the power supply on the church green. David Ritchie from Banchory AC suggests power supply above ground. John Burrows also involved with respect to an electrician.

BRD AGM will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, venue TBC.

### **Aberdeenshire Council (GB)**

The police have attended a feasibility study with respect to moving the bus stop outside the Co-op. There is a cost implication especially the computerised information showing bus times but an investigation is underway. The temporary road that was built after Storm Frank is remaining, it has been suggested that lines are painted and the removal of the speed limit sign (40). Planting at Crathie school has been noted. Species selection and the realignment of the road i.e. poor ground conditions. GB will enquire into this. Made in Marr Strategy was very positive. Banchory have set up a co-operative for the crafters. Marr could do similar. Tourism has been down since Storm Frank. BBA has raised £14000 to be spent on positive marketing for the area. There is more to Aberdeenshire than the oil industry. A You Tube channel will be set up promoting Aberdeenshire. Also to be put up on Facebook and Twitter.

### **Ballater Flood Group (TC)**

No Representative was present.

Sandbags have been removed from perimeter of golf course and re-instatement work has been done. A vote was taken for the webcam at the Royal Bridge - motion was passed.

### **Ballater Resilience Plan (JB)**

No representative was present.

There are two new members for volunteers.

Funding has been gained by SSE of £2600 for radio equipment. Discussions have been made with Faye Swan with respect to a community website page, a Face Book page will also be considered.

## **7. Planning Matters**

None

## **9. Finance**

## **10. AOCB**

SSE has granted the halls committee £20000 to help with the upgrade. (IL)

Stuart Archibald has enquired as to why AC won't approve applications for Highland Games more than a year in advance. ACTION - (CGB)

BCCC website - all BCCC should be admin. Posts should be official CC only. It was set up previously, current member unaware of system. ACTION - FD  
Squirrel bridges. The rangers wish to remove the bridges from their current location. BCCC did not support this motion.

New Eco Structures at the Lecht. BCCC supports them.

BBA may stop funding events. BBA to report to BCCC monthly.

Community fund from Co-op will fund Winter Festival. ACTION - AR

VW - Monaltrie Park being used by the Orienteering event at the same time as Ballater

Victoria Week - potential clash? - ACTION - FP

Outdoor store have agreed to hold dog waste bags subject to space. CGB suggested setting up the scheme in conjunction with the primary school. ACTION - JC/CGB

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm**

The next meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria & Albert Halls 7-9pm.