

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 12th December, 2016, at 7pm in Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria & Albert Hall

<p>Present: James Anderson (WJ) - Chair Jane Angus (JA) Joanne Croll (JC) Pat Downie (PD) Iain Latta (IL) Fiona Presslie (FP) Francie Duguid (FD)</p> <p>Apologies John Bolton - Flood Resilience Plan (JB) Cllr Katrina Farquhar(KF) Bill Cruickshank (BC) Cllr Geva Blackett (GB) Anne Reid (AR)</p>	<p>Also present: PC Donald Mcleod - Police Scotland (DM) Tony Cox - Ballater Flood Group (TC) David Horne - BRD (DH)</p>
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Disappointment expressed on attendance. All agreed preference for at least one Aberdeenshire councillor to attend.

2. Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

Action Tracker:

Defib units, FD still working on it, need to rethink power supply for Hall location. Need to finalise location at toilet block.

DM will follow up on car on trailer

TC has had an email relating to his complaint on the location of the Post Office indicating that it is being followed up by the Chief Executive.

3. Correspondence - None

4. Emergency services:

In the last month, there has been a drink driving incident, a number of bogus work offers and some incidents in the Post Office. It is thought that the latter is likely to be a form of distraction thefts and could be linked to Braemar & Alford incidents.

The annual drink driving campaign has commenced and a reminder that the Police offer a crime prevention service.

5. Reports

BRD (DH)

Request to issue minutes to BRD (Gillian Sinclair) ACTION AR

AGM was on the 24th November, TC elected as a director. Plans for 2017 Walking Week underway, dates are May 17th to 26th.

Power supply to church green progressing, funding received.

Aberdeenshire Council (GB)

Email from GB:

- Royal Deeside Video launched.
- Request to change Visit Aberdeenshire to BBA in Nov Minutes. ACTION AR

Ballater Flood Group (TC)

Flood Group will close down on anniversary. Objectives of workgroup have been met. Decision has been made to not hold a public meeting, instead a report will be issued to all households. ACTION: TC to issue additional reports for BCC to distribute out with the village. ACTION : AR Electronic copy to be put on BCCC website.

Group has a positive meeting with AC:

- Agreement on weak points at 13th/14th to be monitored.
- Heskey barriers have been purchased and will be installed if concerns on the integrity of the bund arise.
- Agreement that the Red Brae collapse is unlikely to occur again

SEPA is still following up on the delay to Polhollick reading. SEPA will be issuing a matrix to help provide early warning.

The Ballater Bridge webcam is installed, go to

www.farsondigitalwatercams.com/scotland/ to access. An annual subscription of £18.50 is required for a live view, this will include all webcams including webcam in Braemar.

Ballater Resilience Plan

Email from JB:

- Revision 2 of plan and contacts list will be issued by year end. Contact numbers to be provided to AC, police etc.
- Volunteer training and familiarisation of V&A halls to take place in new year.

7. Planning Matters

NTR

9. Finance

Annual Accounts shared. WJ proposed approval of annual accounts, FD seconded. Motion passed.

10. AOCB

FW: raised request for BCCC to coordinate a collaboration meeting between In principle BCCC supports such a meeting. CNPA has issued questionnaire to all groups. ACTION: FP to follow up with BBA.

PD: Xmas Lights - some issues arose during installation, change required for next year. Working on finding location for remaining interior lights

IL: Hogmanay fireworks to be set off by Bridge, BCE should be contacted if caravan park to be used for spectators. ACTION: IL to follow up with Belle.

JA: Developers forum/Hutton institute raised. JA raised the news of Chinese visitors from a Geo park and the need for information to be available.

Old School sold to Grampian Housing Association

Dates for the Developers Forum are Feb 15 and June 17th

Next meeting will be 9th Jan, 2017, Mike Sheridan Room, 7-9pm.