

# BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CCC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, 7pm in Mike Sheridan Room

<p><b>Present:</b> James Anderson (WJ) - Chair Jane Angus (JA) Joanne Croll (JC) Pat Downie (PD) Iain Latta (IL) Fiona Presslie (FP) Anne Reid (AR) Wendy Miller (WM) Bill Cruickshank (BC) Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB) Cllr Katrina Farquhar(CKF)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Peter Argyll (CPA)</p>	<p><b>Also present:</b> John Bolton (JB) Tony Cox (TC) Jack Coull (JC) BRD Alistair Cassie (AC) BCE Phillip McKay (PM) ABco</p>
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## 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

## 2. Matters Arising from Sept Meeting:

Revote on squirrel bridge webcam being moved - denied

CKF reported that the webcam is obsolete as the study has been concluded. Glyn from the study could be invited in to explain in more detail the reason for moving the camera.

Incorrect minuting by AR during CGB report

Minutes approved following the meeting.

## 3. Correspondence

None

## 4. Emergency services:

No representatives present.

Email from Police Scotland confirmed a break in on the outskirts of Ballater and items stolen. A report of damage to a vehicle within Ballater and a theft by shoplifting. Enquiries ongoing regarding all incidents.

## 5. Reports

BRD (JC)

Caravan park feedback good.

### **BCE (AC)**

Static Residents have expressed a wish for them to be reinstated. A meeting to be held with previous static owners approx. 20 stances available. Flootation units need to be installed for insurance purposes.

### **Aberdeenshire Council (PM)**

ABCo have completed the bund and are confident that it is on a par with what was there previously. Further assessments are being made. Monthly checks are to be carried out on bund for next few months. 4 or 5 extra studies are to be carried out. Home resilience to be carried out by home owners and business owners. Fast response materials to be stored locally in case of emergency, sites being looked at. They are monitoring river flow, bridge capacity, upstream diversion options. Involvement of river modellers and Hydrologists required. They have no control on the work on the bunds that were carried out by subcontractors.

Questions were raised by BCCC and answered by PM.

### **Aberdeenshire Council (CGB)**

Gairnshiel Bridge restrictions. New bridge options being looked into. Meeting held with regards to a new surface at Crathie school. BBA have set up a video for tourism, encompassing Aboyne to Braemar including Glenshee Ski Area.

Ian Welsh has been contacted to see if a running booking can be made for Ballater Highland Games.

Meeting with Ballater Primary School to kick off green dog waste scheme 15<sup>th</sup> Nov (JC also attending)

### **Aberdeenshire Council (CKF)**

Link for reported street light and road fault is: <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadfaults/>  
telephone: 0345 08 12 06

Link for Inspiring Aberdeenshire nomination is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IAbsh2017>  
nominations will stay open until end Jan

Work on renewing the toilets in Monaltrie Park has begun.

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

Further to a letter being written to First Minister, a response has been given agreeing full co-operation. Stuart Donaldson would like to meet. Archives have been located for the river. Presentation to be made 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Dec if halls available. Webcam successfully installed and running, monitoring water levels.

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

Crathie no longer have an involvement. Self inflating flood bags are a better replacement than sandbags, are easier to store and can be reused. Currently 11 volunteers. Police have

strict views on how a community can work with them. Training required. Table top exercise has been carried out.

Ballater Volunteers need liability insurance. **Action CKF**

Contact number for members of the public to report deterioration to the bund. **Action CKF**

## **7. Planning Matters**

None

## **9. Finance**

None

## **10. AOCB**

Co-op/Post Office Counters was raised

Julie Pirone of Royal Mail will be invited to January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting

Holes in football pitches at Monaltrie Park

Holes in roads/drainage problem/ surfacing water icing at Pass of Ballater B972, A93 end  
Flood funding and how much is left. Can it be used to help with defences if all individuals have been awarded monies.

Snow routes to be investigated. Use of gritters to be investigated (CGB) and (CKF) already independently emailed this query

Glyn from Squirrel bridge survey can be invited to explain the webcam requirements.

Action Tracker to be used to close out previous tasks.

**The meeting closed at 9.23pm**

The next meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria & Albert Halls 7-9pm.