

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 10th April, 2017, 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) France Duguid (FD)</p> <p>Apologies Bill Cruickshank (BC) Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB) PC Jeff Hall Wendy Miller (WM) Anne Reid (AR)</p>	<p>Also present: Lee Haxton Alan Harrison Linda Drever Lucy Styles Nicole MacDonald</p>
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes from last AGM:

- Brief summary delivered by WJ
- PD discussed accounts. Discussed requirement to set up bank account for Resilience group. Balance £2,469.16
- Minutes Approved

3. Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

- Minutes approved
- Action Tracker: Updates from AR/CGB required.

4. Reports:

Lucy Styles Community Planning Officer introduced Nicole MacDonald as Community Support and Safety Officer, based at Ballater/Braemar Fire Station, Nicole is developing a role and keen to work with BCCC.

Discussion on tourist driving issues. LH suggested approach to Snow Road Coordinator. Request for community councilors to attend Community Planning Meetings, generally held in Alford during day.

ACTION: Lucy Styles to send contact details

BRD (AH) Walking festival - 101 applications highest ever. Awards for funds given to Hut renovation and Eagle.

Local group set up to finalise Tullich Stones design etc. BRD to coordinate. Request for rep from Community Council.

Caravan Park Phase 2 complete, all 17 complete and rented out to ex static owners on a seasonal basis. Recognition to the high number of volunteers who helped. Project to be discussed for remaining land.

ACTION: PD requested contact telephone no. of caravan park to be checked

BBA (AH) Shared details of new committee. Well attended meeting last Wednesday.

Progressing article for BA magazine, discussions ongoing with Clarence House.

Consultant introduced to Bridge St business owners re. image advice. Grants of £1000 available from Aberdeenshire council. Progressing augmented reality advert.

Development of Ballater Business Plan to identify gaps in retail offer in the village.

Possible subject for CAP meeting.

CNPA (LH) - CGB elected as Board member for this area. Discussed Deeside Way - Peter Krane unwell, David Clyne covering, **ACTION: LH to arrange for his attendance at a BCCC Meeting.** LH also suggested Snow Road Coordinator attends a meeting once appointment made. Discussion on Snow Road as alternative route to A9 and whether route could be made a loop.

Ballater Resilience Group (LD) - House to house registration ongoing, discussion on how to identify those requiring extra help. Progressing leaflet for households, PD suggested approach to Marr Area Partnership for funding. Finalising signage for halls. Suggested LD to speak to AH re. bank account.

Community Action Plan (JC) - Mtg on 10th May. Invites sent out to most community groups, major employers, and Estates. Consider using next Halls Open Day for additional access, timing may not work. LH suggested using Annie Mackee from James Hutton Institute to remind people of event. Meeting prep session on 20th April with Nick Mardall & facilitator, any input welcome. **ACTION: JC to check Mike Sheridan room for numbers.**

Flood Group (IL) - Container to be held at School for sand bags & Heskey Bastions

5. Planning Matters - NTR

6. Correspondence -

- Tullich Stones: WJ/FD/JA to represent BCCC

- Bill Cruickshank has resigned.
- Issue with heather being eaten by rabbits at Crathie, raise with CGB at next meeting.

7. Finance - See above

8. AOCB

PD -

- First meeting held with David Robban (BBA) & Ian Welsh (AC Landscaping services) re. village enhancements
- Toilets progressing in the park.
- Insurance for BCCC could be changed. **ACTION PD to check that Resilience volunteers covered under policy**

FD -

- Defib update. **ACTION: FD to follow up with CGB on who will maintain, test etc,**
- Queried whether funding for Deeside Way could be made available to repair bridges.

IL -

- Raised issue of containers/building materials in car park at rear of station. **ACTION CGB to consider.**
- General discussion on lack of car parking facilities in the village; concern if church area becomes unavailable.

LD - Raised the harnessing of flood memories.

Next meeting will be 8th May, 2017, Crathie, 7-9pm.