

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 13th February, 2017, at 7pm in Mike Sheridan Room

<p>Present: 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)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Peter Argyll (CPA) John Bolton (JB) Tony Cox (TC) Bill Cruickshank (BC) Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB)</p>	<p>Also present: PC Bill Reilly (WR) Police Scotland Alan Harrison (AH) BBA Jack Coull (JC) BRD</p>
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2. Matters Arising from Jan Meeting:

WM - PO counters. Co-op manager and area manager will be meeting with the post office. Francie Duguid would prefer to use his fgfd1@btinternet.com email address.
Minutes approved following the meeting.

3. Correspondence

A thank you card was received from Katrina Farquhar after flowers were sent to her from BCCC upon her resignation.

4. Emergency services:

WR reported that crime levels remain very low within the area.

For speeding problems within the area individuals should report through telephoning 101. The more people to call the better chance to get a 'Bertie box' survey done - mobile camera that records % of cars speeding. Evidence is required before any further action can be taken.
IL reported an abandoned car on Provost Craig Road - police aware and have requested uplift of vehicle.

WM reported the trailer on Queens Road - police aware, another officer was dealing with query.

5. Reports

Aberdeenshire Council (Report sent from CGB)

Land at Dee Street has been used for storage amongst other things, contractor is appointed and ready to start on barrier/fence once other works are completed. Landscaping services have proposed a further budget to enhance the area.

Deeside Way - CGB and SD meeting with officers from council and Sustran on Thursday to discuss progress in Aboyne area and Ballater west. - **AR action**

Royal Deeside Can Do Country - meeting next week through BBA with Braemar, Tarland, Lumphanan and Aboyne to discuss future partnership working - ABCo, Visit Scotland and CNPA will all be present. Update on the proposed augmented reality project will be discussed. Positive discussions with the Education service and Michael Coletta have been had and meeting pupils to further this aspect will be done.

A meeting is taking place on Wednesday with Clydesdale Bank officials to discuss the proposed closure - CGB, Stuart Donaldson and members of the community attending. N.B.

Aboyne post office is open 9-5 Mon-Fri with half day Sat whereas Ballater and Braemar have a Co-op with much later opening hours for withdrawing monies.

Meeting next Monday with Head of Roads about concerns re winter maintenance program.

Formal response from BCCC welcomed - **AR action**

First turf cutting at the station was held last week, the provost attended, a great positive for the village.

One of our local Indian restaurants 'India on the Green' won the best Chef award (Raj), another great positive for the village.

BRD (JC)

Jack Coull enquired about the defibrillators. FD reported that we are awaiting the electricians - Davidson brothers from Aboyne to carry out the work at the hall and a planning application has been sent for the unit at the toilet block in Church Square.

Dalmochie group still need to fill out their application to change ownership from Forestry Commission to the Forestry Group. BRD are 'middle man' in this matter.

BBA (AH)

BBA has a new committee with AH as liaison officer. They would like to have closer ties with the community and as such AH will report from BBA to BCCC and from BCCC to BBA. BBA will make a monthly report at BCCC meetings and will be added to agenda - **AR action**

BCE (AH)

The decision to insure static caravans has been overturned. 22 people were keen to take up the offer for static sites but 17 touring sites will be introduced instead and work will commence ASAP.

Ballater Resilience Plan (Report sent from JB)

A thorough review of the rest centre is being undertaken to identify how improvements can be made to reception and direction process. Tensile barriers will be considered (the type you see at airport check in areas).

Location of sandbag storage containers needs to be finalised. Prime location would be in the vicinity of caravan site and fire station. Council help would be required with this matter for obtaining and transporting containers and community council assistance also appreciated.

Plan underway to provide households in Ballater with suitable leaflet to help residents prepare for any future flooding. Radio equipment being sought after SSE grant received. FS has produced a drop down on her Community Council website. N.B. A stand alone website for community council needs to be addressed and access given to relevant groups to add and create updates. **AR action**

Volunteer insurance through community council does not cover mechanised equipment. Zurich may be able to provide this insurance at a cost. Using vehicles will require cover under individuals own motor insurance. There is a website which shows level of commitment from British insurers to volunteers - JB can email link.

Caravan park table top exercise will be held on 21st March to test the plan.

JB has resigned his position due to family commitments, Linda Drever has agreed to take over the role with immediate effect.

6. Planning Matters

None

7. Finance

None

8. AOCB

Letter of thanks to be sent to JB for his efforts in Resilience Plan - **AR action**

Letter of thanks to be sent to TC for his efforts in Flood Group - **AR action**

Letter to Paul Hendy to be sent to thank him for his efforts during Storm Frank - **AR action**

Flood group Final report to be printed off and taken to library - **AR action**

FD reported Tullich stones are to be returned to Tullich within a shelter

FP reported FP & JC met with RW? And Nick Mardell to discuss moving forward. A meeting is to be set up through BCCC. Possible funding from CNPA may be available - **FP action**

FD to email an electronic copy of the CAP to all BCCC members - **FD action**

AR reported the Brownies need to decide where they would like their bench go, planning permission possibly not required, depending on location - **AR action**

PD reported a phone number is required from ABCo for flood bund deterioration reporting as not everyone is on email - **AR action**

PD reported the toilet refurbishment in Monaltrie park is underway

PD reported an issue has arisen with congestion on Viewfield Road from residents who would wish the 2 way traffic reinstated. This has been looked into, it became a one way system

after a person was hit by a car leaving Viewfield Road onto Bridge Street. The double yellow lines have never been removed from one side of Viewfield Road.

JC has reported congestion will be worse when there is less parking available at the station.

JA reported she has spoken with CNPA re Geoparks, change of tactic required as photos only would be required and not physical effort at these locations - **JA action**

JC reported the deadline for the ward forum on constitution for community councils is 9th March - **AR action**

WM reported an initiative has been set up for youngsters with an interest into politics. It is school based to raise awareness with youngsters. Youngsters at Aboyne academy have made speeches and made presentations - **WM?**

FD has made apologies for March meeting

The meeting closed at 8.3pm

The next meeting will be 13th March, 2017, Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria & Albert Halls 7-9pm.