

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 13th March, 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) Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB)</p> <p>Apologies Francis Duguid (FD) Cllr Peter Argyll (CPA) Linda Drever (LD) Bill Cruickshank (BC) Allan Harrison (AH)</p>	<p>Also present: PC Stuart Archer (SA) Police Scotland Brian Tolson (BT) CCB Sarah Marshall (SM) BS Jo Smith (JS) CCB Gordon Riddler (GR) CNPA David Horne (DH) BRD Niall Allan (NA)</p>
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2. Matters Arising from Feb Meeting:

Minutes approved following the meeting.

3. Correspondence

An email was received from Ron Drever expressing concerns about the colour of the hoarding around the Old Station and also that benches have been cemented in on the green on the far side of Bridge Street, furthest away from the church. This green is used for events and interferes with the location of events. He also enquired as to who actually owns the greens, he is led to believe they are common ground. - **GB action**

4. Emergency services:

SA reported there has been a few instances of low level incidents. A small fire was reported and the fire brigade called. The car on Provost Craig Road has been dealt with. There have been the usual thefts and we are reminded to keep all belongings locked up and safe.

5. Reports

Cairngorms Community Broadband

15% of homes within CNP have no broadband - after BT rolled out their fibre optic technology, it equates to 1400 homes going without. CNPA are helping with this incentive and

CCB are looking for members - Community Project Directors. CCB is an Independent Service Provider. CCB have funding for first level/implementation but need funds once homes are with broadband. An income needs to be raised. Involvement from Community Councils is required to make this scheme work. An email to be sent to Ian Hay for deadline dates for Eagle - **AR action**

Aberdeenshire Council (CGB)

Snow Road - Funding now granted and project officer for 2 year contract being advertised for, to be based in Ballater

Winter Maintenance - an acknowledgement received that there have been in-service communication issue, they are working with Newcastle University to provide moveable temperature gauges, the A939 and the Pass of Ballater will be treated as Priority A for gritting/clearing - have asked for snow gates but no response yet

Community Safety Officer - Nicolle MacDonald has started. She is a retained fire-fighter who can go out with Ballater, Crathie or Braemar crews, role will include lifting non injured persons following falls. I have asked what the protocol is to be for calling her out and await a response

Royal Deeside Can Do Country - meeting on Tuesday 15th: Michael Coletta (BBA), Ruth Fisher (VA), John Harding (AC) and Iain Wood (CreativeCore) to discuss next steps with Augmented Reality project.

BRD (DH)

2 groups have asked for money. Money has been for rewiring the hut on the green and also design costs for the Eagle were granted. Walking festival looks to be a success - 5 walks have been oversubscribed. Funding is in place for power to the green. Planning permission is now required for the post to be put in. Previously permission was not required. Money has been promised for this venture.

BBA (AH)

No report - a report will be made on Allans return from his holiday.

BCE (AH)

No report

Ballater Resilience Plan (Report sent from LD)

Group Structure has changed :

Linda Drever - Primary Co-ordinator

Stewart Archibald - Deputy Co-ordinator

John Bolton - deputy Co-ordinator

A leaflet has been composed that will go to every household. Reception Centre - plans are underway to design the most effective way of utilising the halls as a rest centre. House to house visits are being made within the village to offer support to those still out of their homes. Their website is now part of the Ballater and Crathie Community Website, we have been thanked for facilitating this.

CNPA (GR)

The Deeside Way is part of a new partnership plan. The Scottish Government have given a grant - application needs to be sought. The Big 9 results are out. There were 400 responses. The National Park Plan is going to the Scottish Government. Estates gave positive feedback to Affordable Housing. Peter Crane to be invited to next meeting. **GB action**

General - Paths around Ballater (NA)

The track on the Old line needs work. COAT will organise volunteers to infill the puddles on 13th May. Neil has offered to pay for the aggregate himself to get the project going hoping that he will receive contributions from the public and local groups. Restoration of the Golf Course Walk also requires funds as does the missing part of the bridge on 7 Bridges Walk (Posties Leap) - cost £11000.

6. Planning Matters

None

7. Finance

None

8. AOCB

Kistine Birse has requested a letter be sent to Chris' dad regarding defribullators. **AR action**

Geva to contact a first responder wrt ownership of debribulators **GB action**

Geva to contact Steve Archer wrt repairing of Polhollick & Cambus bridges. **GB action**

Skips have been removed from Church Square. **GB action**

IL asked why benches have been cemented in on church green. **PD action**

Station hoarding has been repainted, receiving adverse comment within village. **GB action**

Further problems with bund at golf course. Telephone number required for reporting deterioration. **AR action**

FP reported CAP meeting on 10th May 6.30-7.00 for 1.5 hours, working on agenda. **FP action**

IL reported that some of the Tullich stones are to go to the station after refurbishment and a proper shelter is to be made at Tullich for the rest of them

The meeting closed at 8.3pm

The next meeting will be 10th April, 2017, Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria & Albert Halls 7-9pm.