

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 12th June, 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)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB) Police Scotland Cllr Paul Gibb (CPG) Francis Duguid (FD) Cordelia Menmuir (CM) SEPA</p>	<p>Also present: Allan Harrison (AH) Tony Cox (TC) Linda Drever (LD)</p> <p>SEPA Steve McFarland Alasdair Matheson Jamie Smith Elliot Robertson ABC_o Gavin Penman Lee Watson CNPA Will Boyd-Wallis</p>
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2. Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

- Minutes approved
- Action Tracker: Updated.

3. Emergency services:

- Crime levels remain low although some vandalism was carried out on the new toilet block in Monaltrie Park. There have been 2 mountain rescue incidents.

4. Reports:

BRD (AH) -

- Caravan Park going well, bookings up 20% on 2016. Site is now a 4 star.

Ballater Resilience Group (LD) -

- Training proved useful for co-ordinators. 18 people to be trained. Leaflet almost ready to be distributed, funded by ABC_o.

- It has been agreed that Ballater Resilience Group will become a sub group of BCCC. There was a full show of hands. Co-option to be discussed at July's meeting.

SEPA/ABC/CNPA - Very informative presentation from all. SEPA's role is flood risk management, monitoring, collecting data to improve their mapping and models. Provide advice and authorization for engineering activities in watercourses, bank protection and repairs. Sediment and flooding. Due to the height of the watercourse ie after Invercauld bridge the course is steep therefore the water gathers momentum. The waterway from the valley to the golf course is the narrowest, the breach was caused due to this, Red Brae being washed away with the force. Ultimate problem is above Ballater Golf Course. New gauges have been installed. Model is being developed. The Ballater bridge causes an obstruction. Keyholders sought for sandbags at container in Ballater Primary School. Yellow markers are placed in the river for monitoring, some have been removed already, ongoing monitoring once a month. Study area to be Dee/Gairn/Muick. Flood study ongoing until March 2018. Q4 of 2019 outputs delivered and detail design awarded. Scottish Government funding given. Natural Flood management, reduce flood risk by surface run off upstream, increase water storage capacity upstream, sediment traps on agricultural land, willow barriers lower the energy on the river, natural expansion of woodlands.

5. Planning Matters - NTR

6. Correspondence - NTR

7. Finance - NTR

8. AOCB

- WJ - Lack of councillors at meetings.
- WM - First response in Braemar have ownership of Defib units, awaiting info from them.
- FP - there are no bike racks in the village.
- Monaltrie Park toilets, If BCCC are to take ownership we will require funding. AR to email BRD for specific form.
- JA - Victoria Week need volunteers for Box Office
- PD - Electric pillar on the green to be replaced. BRD to pay for Christmas lights.
- WJ - Gairnshiel bridge damaged again
- PD - Council tenants have had wrong rewiring done, resulting in huge electric bills. AR action
- JC - Brownies looking at bench options
- JC - CAP. After duck festival it was noted the severe lack of parking for village events. All event organisers to consider parking for visitors.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Next meeting will be 10th July, 2017, Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria and Albert Halls, 7-9pm.