

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 8th May, 2017, at 7pm in Crathie Hall

<p>Present: James Anderson (WJ) - Chair Jane Angus (JA) Joanne Croll (JC) Pat Downie (PD) Iain Latta (IL) Fiona Presslie (FP) Frances Duguid (FD) Anne Reid (AR)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB) Police Scotland</p>	<p>Also present: David Horne (DH) Jack Coull (JC) Tony Cox (TC)</p>
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2. Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

- Minutes approved
- Action Tracker: Updated.

3. Reports:

Aberdeenshire Council -

- CGB has asked that community council agree in principal the support for a new bridge at Gairnshiel to run alongside the existing one. A vote was taken and the majority agreed.

BRD (JC) -

- Work at station now on schedule after a short delay due to steel delivery. Steelwork to be completed by 10th May, concrete flooring to be poured thereafter. Viewing windows will be cut in hoarding to view progress. Architect, builders and Marr Area will have a stand in hall on Sat 13th May to explain developments and answer questions.
- Meeting at Tullich on 10th May with Council Heritage department and Architect.

- Legal process of obtaining a SCIO is almost complete for Dalmochie after which transfer of ownership from BRD to the forestry group can be finalized.
- Discussions to be held regarding the remaining area at the caravan park to be developed.
- Consideration has been made to the future of the community bus. Leasing rather than purchase may be a preferable choice.
- Monaltrie Park toilet block has been given a further £1000 from the Oil Fund (John Burrows).
- BRD thanked community council for their help processing a planning application for power on the church green.

Ballater Resilience Group (LD) -

- Preparation of a leaflet for all households is underway.
- Table top exercise with the wardens at the Caravan Park has been carried out. Another to follow when the other 2 wardens arrive in early June. Caravan park will also make up leaflets in several languages to accommodate visitors. These will be handed out by wardens in the event of a SEPA alert. In the event of a warning people will be asked to park in Invercauld and Queens Road. BRD will provide a sub account as a constituted body calls for their own insurance - ACTION AR letter to BRD.
- The container at the school contains 250m approx. of 1m cube Jack boxes (concertina), modern day sandbag. TC to ACTION for flood meeting in June LD invite.

Flood Funds (TC) -

- Rotary money has been diverted from direct flood victims to a standby generator at the halls to be used in the case of further emergencies. AR ACTION what Rotary fund stated in Jan 2016. There are still approx. 40 homes to be reinstated, some homes are being ripped out for a second time due to poor workmanship. Rotary and Chiels still have funds available. At this time we have still not had response to the letter sent to the Chiels in February with regards to flood funds.
An email from Janelle Clark states that because of the Civil Contingency Act ABCo should have been paying out more.

Polhollick Bridge (TC) -

- A feasibility study has been carried out and the repair costs are £712 000. Actual repair of the bridge is less than 10% of this cost. A partnership has been offered to ABCo, they have declined saying they cannot do a joint venture and we are not on a list of preferred contractors. Community Ownership is a possibility. TC would like to steer a small committee to carry our own engineering, design and feasibility for getting a more reasonable quote for bridge repair.

Community Action Plan (FP) -

- An agenda is ready for the forthcoming CAP meeting on 10th May 6.30-8.30, Mike Sheridan Room. Susan McGregor will facilitate the meeting and also explain what the action plan will do for the community. A brief presentation will be made. CNPA will also address the meeting. A session for questions and answers/ discussions and solutions for Ballater. It is hoped a diverse set of people will back this project for the good of the community.

5. Planning Matters - NTR

6. Correspondence - NTR

7. Finance - NTR

8. AOCB

- FD - Toilet block defibulator has had planning permission granted.
- FP - Bike Trails on Craig Coillich have been removed by Forestry Commission as no permissions were sought. There are further trails at other locations, again no permissions have been sought. Land was offered by Invercauld some 5 years ago, nobody came forward to bring this forward.
- JA - signage required to put off visitors going on walks that incorporate both Cambus O'May bridge and Polhollick bridge. CGB ACTION
- JC - Scheme of Establishment for community councils needs to be discussed further. A meeting will take Place on Wed 17th May at the bowling club, ownership of defibs will also be discussed.
- PD - Pathway beside St Nathalans RC Church is owned by the council, it requires work done on it. CGB ACTION
- PD - Solar panels on council homes have never been connected. Residents have not been told how they will work when connected. CGB ACTION
- PD - Fence to go up on Richmond Place between a private residence and a council home, there is a tree blocking the way. CGB ACTION

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meeting will be 12th June, 2017, Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria and Albert Halls, 7-9pm.