

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 13th Nov 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) Anne Reid (AR) Francis Duguid (FD) Wendy Miller (WM) Fiona Presslie (FP) Cllr Peter Argyle (CPA) Cllr Paul Gibb (CPG)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB)</p>	<p>Also present: Allan Harrison (AH) PC Stuart Archer Police Scotland Stewart Archibald (SA) Tony Cox</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:

- No change, usual parking issues on Golf Road. Bonfire night went off with no problems. Darker nights however do bring crime, remain vigilant.

4. Reports:

BBA (AH) -

- Discussions ongoing with Cruise Aberdeen wrt an upper Deeside package.
- Interpretation Board to be provided outside Old Station directing people to places of interest in the village
- AGM in the halls on 7th Feb 2018. All members welcome.

Bridges Steering Group (AH) -

- Polhollick bridge - cheaper repair option has been identified, funding identified and questions being sought for carrying out the work. Timescales being sought from ABCo by CNPA.
- Paths/Leaflets - draft to be circulated for comment soon. They would be free this time and ready for start of 2018 season.
- Path signage - CNPA aiming for Spring/Summer 2018 launch.
- Golf Course Path - no work will be carried out until flood defenses studies identifies a solution. In the meantime BGC to maintain the path.
- 7 Bridges South Deeside Road

BRD (AH) -

- Table at halls on 4th Nov found 5 new members and one application of funding.
- Power on the green still waiting on information from ABCo.
- Johnston Oil Fund currently at £4.4k. 3 applications considered - Winter Festival for reindeer and skating rink £500, Nativity on green £100, Glenmuick Church for disabled access £2000.
- AGM to be held on 23rd Nov at BRD offices. All members welcome.

AbCo (CPG) - As per email report. FP enquired about bus costs for teenagers, additional routes. FP to email CPG FP action. JA mentioned Angus council had a system for cheaper fares. CPG to enquire.

(CPA) Scottish Government are changing cheap bus fares laws for under 18's and over 60's, suggested the over 60's is changed to pensionable age. Information all available on Scottish Government website. There is no budget to move the bus stop from Golf Road, but CPA is pushing for it. WM asked if the issue contravened the Equality Act (items 7 & 8) as the pavement is virtually impassable for people with mobility issues. CPG awaiting a response from Mark Skilling. ABCo are not closing the Ballater visitor centre, one of the few remaining open. PD enquired as to whether with the Station square being closed for over 100 days will Dee Valley Confectioners have access for deliveries. PD enquired about Christmas lights on Bridge Street. Permission granted to put them up but not to light them on Nov 24th. CPA to look at policy wrt lighting.

TC enquired about the 30 mph speed limit. CPG raised the issue at the bus Forum. CPG to take forward. WJ noted the slates on the Station roof do not match. CPG will bring the matter up at stakeholders meeting. TC reported that CNPA have minuted that the Golf Course is to maintain the path around it. This agreement has lapsed and it should revert back to CNPA. CPA Action.

BCE (AH) -

- End of year profit estimated at £60k, monies to be ploughed back into the park to fund phase 2 refurbishment of 10 additional seasonal touring pitches.
- Duke of Rothesay's architect to start work on layout for remainder of site.

CNPA (CPA) -

- Local development plan is now starting Nov 17th - Mar 2018. The board met in Ballater on Fri 17th. Tourist Information Office moving back to Station quite soon. No plans as yet as to what the Visit Scotland office will be used for. WJ suggested it to be an office for the Halls with a paid person to collaborate all village activities. This was a CAP item. CPA Action. WM suggested a co-ordinator based in Ballater for the snow road as Ballater is central.

Resilience Group (SA) -

- Liaising with members for planning application for aerial. Checks will be made every 6 months for the emergency portable heating and lighting.

CAP (FP) -

- Big conversation went well. 15 boards with responses on them. Highlighted points were housing, parking, transport and activities could be improved upon. A steering group will be put in place to build a more coherent plan. Advertising? Facebook? Hawthorn Place notice board? Who owns it. AR Action. AH commended FP and JC for the work done for CAP.

Halls (IL) -

- Application for climate change and heating/insulation was supported by BCCC. Successful film night - sold out. Tickets available for Hogmanay dance.

5. Planning Matters - Old School outcome will be end Nov/early Dec for CNPA decision.

6. Correspondence - NTR

7. Finance - NTR

8. AOCB

- JA did not attend the CBG meeting. The 250 group do not keep BCCC informed with information.
- JC the electric point for battery charging has not been concluded. A vote was taken and the site decided as Provost Craig Road car park. AR Action.
- TC suggested looking ahead for the future for charging point locations as 2032 will be the end of diesel and petrol vehicles. CPA will get clarification on this.
- FD HRH to be involved in Tullich stones. Dry stone dyke is under construction. A stone shed is to be built for the stones.
- WM reported that the area manager for the post office has now left. Complaints to be sent to WM via AR. AR Action.
- FP reported that Braemar have interim meetings to decide agenda and we could possibly follow suit. Scheme of Establishment to be started by 1st April 2018. All AGM's to be held in June.
- PD reported an issue with the Post office having no staff when an urgent recorded delivery package was due to be picked up.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

Next meeting will be 11th Dec, 2017, Mike Sheridan Room, Victoria and Albert Halls, 7-9pm.