



BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CCC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 8th Dec 2018, at 7pm in Crathie Kirk Hall, Crathie

<p>Present: James Anderson (WJ) - Chair Jane Angus (JA) Joanne Croll (JC) Pat Downie (PD) Iain Latta (IL) Anne Reid (AR) Wendy Miller (WM) Fiona Presslie (FP) Cllr Paul Gibb (CPG)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB) Francis Duguid (FD) Allan Harrison (AH) David Horne (DH)</p>	<p>Also present: Jack Coull (JC) Pat Fraser (PF)</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 report.

4. Reports:

AbCo (CPG) -

- Marr Area Bus Forum - Response from Heather Day [Senior Transport Officer, Passenger Transport Unit, Aberdeenshire Council] a summary of cheaper fares for young persons. Additional contact information for further follow up questions has also been provided.
AR reported a youngster being put off a bus in Aboyne as it terminated there. Youngster in question had announced he was going to Ballater. **AR action - parent to contact CPG. Post info on FB for comments and CPG email contact details**

- Tyres at back of chip shop; concern over growing hazard - Janelle Clark has advised that the Waste department and the Planning department are looking into this matter and will provide an update.
- Roads Issues - Extension of the 30mph on A93 eastwards from Ballater. The location is on the list for being reviewed. Angela Funk advised she is just filling all her vacancies and have enough manpower available start new year to speed things up hopefully. Balnacroft is a privately owned road. Resurfacing near East Lodge on Glen Muick Road and upgrade of Cocks Neck after road washed away sand bags set down. Angela provided some additional follow up after an update on the precise locations. She is not aware that they are planning any works at the U8M or at this specific location at the moment or for this financial year. There is a scheme 'U8M - Glen Muick' on the Reserve List of the agreed Road Maintenance Programme (RMP) 17-18. They have just started to prepare the RMP 18-19. Until they have an approved budget for next year they have no certainty what scheme from this year's reserve list will make it to the main list. It will be discussed with the Engineer responsible for the area.
- Tree Trunk in the River Dee - Iain Latta advised that there is a tree trunk that is wedged adjacent to the bridge. Linda Milne of Marr advised that the Council has no responsibility for this stretch of the River. The Council's Flood Risk & Coast Protection Officer does not think the tree is close enough to pose a risk to the bridge but do expect the tree will be washed downstream during the next spate of rain. **AR action - take photo of tree trunk to send to CPG and contact Invercauld Estate as they manage the river.**
- Trees on Pannanich Rd/ Lochnagar Way - Ron Davidson has been asked who has responsibility for managing the trees [cutting them back]. Ken Regan advised it was either Landscape services or Environmental Planning [if the issue was on the former Deeside Way railway line itself]. From a Landscape perspective, Bill Higham went out to check the paths and he couldn't see any issues. If Landscape Services have checked the wrong areas they are to be advised of the right areas.
- Planning for Power on the Green - Janelle Clark has advised this matter lies with Roads. Angela Funk has been contacted for an update.
- Bus stop on Tullich Rd at junction of Craigview Rd - Awaiting update from Martin Hall, Principal Officer [Information and Infrastructure] to advise if he has received feedback from colleagues in Road Safety, so he can then develop a definitive proposal for a revised location of the bus stop.
- Re-Location of Bus Stop in Ballater - The meeting will be in the New Year [2018], suggestions have been made [12th /19th Jan] but as yet no dates have been agreed. CPG agreed that BCCC should be invited to this meeting.

BRD (JC) -

- Power on the green is going ahead.
- Walking Festival is going ahead - this is the 20th year.
- There is no action on the Tullich Stones but the new wall at Tullich is underway.
- Dalmochie is still awaiting legal fees.
- Heritage Centre - the original study carried out in 1992 was abandoned. The 2014 study renewed interest with BRD when 2 sites were identified, tunnel mouth under Braemar Road and the roofed over area at the station. Access would be through the Visit Scotland area so no further security would be required. This came to a halt with the fire. In the re-build discussions, Marr Area appointed Campbell & Co. of Edinburgh to advise on the interior design and were given 2 themes - Royalty and the Railway. The 3rd, Heritage, was omitted but has been instated following objection. The allocated area is still unclear but a meeting is arranged between Ballater Historic Society (Alistair Cassie) and BRD (JC) with Campbell & Co. soon. A hub may be possible with funding for a full time person in situ.
- JA suggested a natural history area within heritage centre.
- IL suggested the halls were looking to site a heritage centre at current library location.

CNPA - NTR

CAP (FP) - NTR

Halls (IL) -

- Successful Hogmanay event sold out. Area in front of halls being redeveloped. Cracked sewage pipes, debate over ownership and liability. AGM will be held on 30th Jan at 7.30pm in the Beaton/Craigie Room. JC added that the halls will clear the area in winter outside the halls that currently has parking spaces.

4. Planning Matters -

- Email received from CNPA. Formal request for consultation on application for the Old School Redevelopment. **AR action - send residents notification of email and post on FB page for local comment. A pre Feb meeting will be arranged to discuss, collate comments for CNPA.**

5. Correspondence -

- AR emailed council to request numerous grit bins within area. Enquiry logged. Concern over visit from Inspector. CPG suggested contacting CPA if grit bins are not granted.

7. Finance (PD) - NTR

8. AOCB

- FP requested that as the Action tracker has old actions that CPG look into older Actions. **CPG action.**
- JC asked that we vote on Station Colours - overwhelming response for green on FB and unanimous BCCC vote.
- WJ requested snow gates for the Snow Road at Gairnside. If the Snow Road is being promoted it needs to be safe. WJ action - provide CPG with specific location.
- PD suggested to CPG that although Landscaping is a different department with a different budget to Roads, landscaping are no so busy this time of year and could potentially grit pavements.
- PF enquired about the circular route at Crathie from Main Road, past graveyard and back to Main Road. It is not gritted and the schoolchildren use this route to walk to school. The road has been treacherous for the children. WM has enquired who owns the road.
- PD enquired about the area next to Council sheds on Deebank Road. The area was to be kept clear. The contractors replacing the street lights have been dumping old equipment etc at this site. **CPG action.**
- WJ enquired as to why we were asked an opinion on the Station colour. FP reported that the Survey Monkey she posted on FB page was a 77% response for green. The FB page received over 17000 visits for this particular topic.
- AR enquired as to ownership of fence on Braemar Road and Provost Craig Road. 12 slats are missing and with the rejuvenation of the Station it currently looks unsightly. **AR action - email CPG photo of damage.**
- JA enquired as to whether there is still a Community Patient Representative. **JA action.**
- WM reported the Coop still does not have a new manager. BCCC will pursue the Post Office issues once a new manager has been appointed.
- JC enquired about wayfinding board and funding for the remainder of the cost. Brain Wood CNPA supports the idea. **JC action - funding from BRD.**
- FP enquired if there was an update on paths/bridges group. AR replied there was not and the next meeting will possibly be spring. She also asked about the end of the new path on South Deeside Road. Glen Muick end of path is dangerous. **AR action - email MS to find out if there was chicane and signage at end of path highlighting the danger of traffic.**
- JC suggested posting the CNPA consultation meetings on FB page. **AR action.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting will be 12th Feb, 2018, Mike Sheridan Room, Ballater. 7-9pm.