

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTE OF MEETING ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017

Held at: Banchory Academy Library at 7.30pm.

Present: M. Lennox (Chair ML) L. McNab (Treasurer LM) J. Wills (Acting Secretary JW)
H.McNab (HM) D. Milner (DM) D. Conroy (DC) A. Murison (AM) A. Ross (AR) V. Kerridge (VK)
T. Tulett (TT)

Councillors: R. Bruce (Cllr. RB) E.Durno (Cllr. ED) A. Ross (Cllr.AR)

Members if the Public: Stephen Walsh (P&J Reporter)

- 1) ML Welcomed everybody and there were no apologies
- 2) T. Tulett was co-opted.
- 3) **Councillors' Reports :**
 - Bus Forum held in Bellfield was poorly attended, the aim of the meeting was to raise awareness. Highlighted were the timetable and prices: if these were amended, people may start to use the service more. A Council subsidy has been removed beyond Peterculter. AR said traffic lights at Milltimber are having an effect. These are temporary but will be replaced by permanent ones which will go live in mid November, a Transport Scotland spokesman said they would be controlled manually during busy periods to ease congestion. There is still no late night bus service, this was an issue raised by the community in The Community Action Plan.
 - Banchory Sports Village: no work has begun yet, Cllr AR stated that this is due to legal reasons and once these are dealt with, work should go ahead. A discussion ensued and the feeling of the members was that the Council should issue a statement to the public. Cllr ED will forward contact details of the Council officer she has been in touch with to ML. **Action: ML to contact Council officer**
 - There has been a survey on charges and fees to businesses but this is difficult to answer as a Community Council, better to answer as individuals.
 - Cllr RB intimated that the Marr Area Partnership meeting is to be held in Crathes Hall on Wednesday 15th November.
 - Christmas lights and bunting: the budget cuts are to be discussed at the Marr Area Committee. The view of those present was that this was penny pinching.

4) Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of 16th October were approved. Proposed; Alistair Murison, seconded; David Milner.

Matters arising

- New signs in The Burnett Park are now installed.
- The Scheme of Establishment: advice on implementation to be issued to community councils.
- Local Development Plan meeting for BCC was well attended and it was felt worthwhile to attendees.

5) Correspondence

- Due to the demise of the Banchory Lions Club, the over 70s outing is in doubt, HM suggested that the Rotary Club MIGHT take this on and even share it with the Round Table.
- Parking on High Street, ML had responded to the complainant advising that the police had given out parking tickets and informing him that Aberdeenshire Council had recently consulted on taking over responsibility. The outcome of this is not yet available.

6) Treasurers Report

LM informed the meeting that there was little change from last month, with the Youth 2000 Project standing at £3,000.69p the Classic Account at £1,764.54p and Treasurers Account at £ 429.51p

7) Banchory Community Fund

LM met Jean Henretty of BDI, who is asking for a grant to BDI to assist with rent for No 1. HM proposed a grant of £2,000. This was seconded by AM and carried. This will now be referred to Midhill for authorisation. Any further applications for the same purpose must be accompanied by a business plan. (AR volunteered to attend BDI meeting on behalf of BCC.)

LM indicated that she is expecting to receive applications from other organisations.

8) Community Action Plan (HR/ML)

HM to produce a report on progress for BCC at next meeting. **Action HM**

9) Community Resilience Plan

DC reported that the resilience plan is now in effect. There is some funding available for the resilience team to buy hi-vis vests – DM to investigate and make recommendations. The resilience team are planning to meet and review their current status, plus the communication of the plan to the community.

10) **Keith White Award**

This award will continue, JW and VK will meet to revamp the pro-forma for nominating candidates. **Action JW & VK**

11) **Coat of Arms**

This is progressing, ML has the documentation ready to be sent to the Lord Lyon.

12) **Community Council Representatives**

12.1 Planning (HM)

- HM informed the group that the BCC Local Development Plan meeting was well attended and there was a good exchange of views across the table.
- HM said there had been no progress with Duncan's the house furnishers move yet.
- A retail development site adjacent to Tesco was highlighted. There will be a public exhibition at the Banchory Business Centre on 14/12 from 1pm-7pm hosted by Zander Planning with Alex Mitchell in attendance to answer questions. It was agreed that ML should invite Alex Mitchell to attend our January meeting. **Action: ML**

12.2 Banchory 1st Responders (DM)

DM organised a demonstration prior to the meeting which was very interesting and helpful. He was thanked for this.

12.3 Police Liaison (DM)

Sergeant Garry Garrow (GG) is happy for any BCC rep to meet up for a monthly update. Violent crime, serious assault and common assault is up, housebreaking is down. GG will attend our meeting if there is anything serious to report.

12.4 Community Safety Forum (DM)

DM attended the Community Safety Forum in Aboyne. They seem to have money which BCC could perhaps access for the Resilience Plan.. DM will speak with Norma Makin to contact LM re funds on the grounds that the Plan is a safety issue. **Action: DM**

12.5 Marr Area Transport Forum (VK)

VK could not attend the Marr Area Transport Forum due to being on holiday; however, she did study the minutes and brought the relevant points along to the Stagecoach public consultation on the reduction in bus service on routes 201 and 202. As a group, we agreed this was an important topic and were not satisfied with how the consultation had taken place. VK to draft an objection to send to Stagecoach on behalf of BCC. DC noted that other communities had successfully fought a reduced timetable. **Action VK**

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m in Banchory Academy Library