

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018, ROOM 4 BANCHORY ACADEMY

MINUTE

Present : M. Lennox (ML) D. Conroy (DC) L. McNab (LM) V. Kerridge (VK) D. Milner (DM) A. Murison (AM) H. McNab (HM) Z. Conroy (ZC) Annya Law (AL).

Cllr A. Ross (AR) Cllr. E. Durno (ED) and Cllr. R. Bruce (RB) were in attendance.

Also in attendance were Paul Evans, representing Men's Shed, and 3 members of the public.

Welcome and Apologies : ML reported apologies from T. Tullet and John Wills, and welcomed Annya Law and Zoe Conroy as a new Junior Members.

Police Report : PC Donald and PC Neil attended the meeting and updated the Community Council on main concerns of anti-social behaviour and fraud. Also reported that 5 (2 person) teams cover the upper Deeside area. They generally work in 3 shifts per day, with a 4 hour cross-over at Weekends. They rely on the public to identify incidents by dialling 101, which initiates the logging of the incident.

In discussion it was noted that the mobile speed cameras were currently at Strachan, but moves around the Marr Area. CC can ask for the camera to be located in Banchory once a problem site is identified. This had been previously done in Raemoir Road. Potential pedestrian crossings (at Morrisons and on High Street) were discussed, and AR reported that a survey was underway, and results awaited.

Councillors' Reports

ED reported the following actions :

- The right of way adjoining the Academy had now been re-opened.
- A lamp post at Oak Tree Road had been replaced in a traditional format.
- The BT exchange had been re-decorated.
- The Snow Wardens scheme had been initiated, and several people had signed up. Equipment will be provided.

ED is also checking several new streets which were still 'unadopted' by the Roads Team. It was also noted that the road at the entrance to Burnett Park was a private way and would not be maintained by the Council.

RB reported that the meeting on the Banchory Tree Preservation Orders would be held in 2 weeks' time.

She also noted that the period for commenting on the Glen Dye windfarm application had now closed.

AR reported that the electric car point at Bellfield was now operational.

AR also advised BPA that the planning application for the footpath improvements going towards the river from the Pantoch Area, had been approved, and they had also been given advice on potential funding sources.

She also reported on a meeting with Banchory Business Association(BBA) to discuss shop vacancies on the High Street. Issues such as rates, parking, and help for start-up businesses would be pursued with various agencies, including the Town Team.

AR also reported that the next stage for the LDP Review was under consideration by Infrastructure Services Committee.

A potential adjustment to Housing in the Countryside Policy would be suggested, to assist small businesses.

Approval of October Minutes

There were no amendments to the draft minutes.

On a motion by AM, seconded by DC, the minutes were approved.

There were no Matters arising.

Correspondence

LM reported a note to include a slot on future agendas for 'Youth Concerns' so that youth representatives could raise any issues.

ML Reported that the next Ward Forum would be held on Wednesday 21st November in the Macrobert Hall, Tarland.

LM reported on a request for better and faster electric car charge points. Action: AR to follow up.

LM reported that there had been a single objection to the Glen Dye windfarm, and she had responded to the letter, setting out the community council's view.

ML reported that the signage on Kinneskie Lane had been raised. AR was looking into it.

Marr Area Partnership had advised the Council that BCC insurance details should be available from more than 1 person. It was agreed that this should be at least, Chair and Secretary.

Treasurers Report : LM reported that all cheques issued had now been cashed. However 2 cheques had still to be issued in respect of the Community Resilience Fund, and payment to BDI the for Banchory Calendar advert.

Current balances were - A) Main Account £1843.08 B) Y 2000 Account £3002.81
C) Y 2000 Treasurers Account £429.50

Banchory Community Fund : LM reported that circa £29k was available for disbursement. Further reported that 'Deeside Dance for Parkinsons' had managed to ring-fence the potential grant monies which BCC had sanctioned. **Action: LM to arrange publicity for cheque hand-over.**

Midhill had agreed to a 'letter of intent' (outlining the grant) being sent to 'Men's Shed'
Action: LM to issue letter subject to agreed conditions, as set out in the last Minute.

After debate, it was agreed to award no grant to Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action in respect of their application for revenue funding for Magpie. LM to explain reasoning if asked.

BCAP

ML reported on Busy Banchory. Survey on Adult Education needs carried out on 23 October had been analysed, and would be discussed at the next meeting on 4th December.

HM reported that the group developing the Royal Deeside Heritage Hub was now proceeding with a feasibility study.

ML reported that the Town Team were now considering funding for further improvements to the Town Hall. They were also looking a 'Living Streets' report which could impact on BCAP issues such as parking, footpaths, pedestrian crossings and moving the taxi rank.

HM noted that he would be undertaking an Update Report on the BCAP for the January meeting of BCC.

Coat of Arms

ML reported that the working group had met to start setting out the rules for use, with a view to having rules available at the time when the CoA is awarded and presented. Janelle Clark has put ML in touch with Huntly CC who operate such rules. **Action: LM was asked to enquire whether windfarm money could be used to fund a celebration of the presentation. ML to contact Lyon Office for advice re presentation and use**

CC Representatives

- a) **Planning** : HM reported that the sub-committee on Glen Dye had met and decided that since there were no objections on the BCC Facebook page, BCC should not object to the application.

HM further reported that he had attended the public exhibition on the Fetteresso windfarm extension, and it appeared that there was very little additional impact on

Banchory. After discussion, it was agreed to make no representations.

HM also reported on an application to build 15 houses on Raemoir Road. Roads had noted the need for a safety audit. Other issues related to potential smells from the adjoining pumping station, safeguarding the watercourse which runs through the site, and any impact on footpath links.

After discussion it was agreed to object to the application.

The matter of the safety of the Upper Lochton junction was raised from the floor. DC reported that it had been looked at, and offered details post-meeting.

- b) Police Liaison and Community Safety Forum** : DM reported on the latest meeting at Aboyne, which Police and Fire Service had attended. Noted the service available for free fitting of smoke alarms, and agreed to publicise this on Facebook page.

Action: DM and DC

- c) Transport** : VK indicated that there was nothing to report from the latest Transport Forum. The feedback on Facebook to the revised bus timetables had been generally positive.
- d) BDI** : ML noted that the BDI AGM had been held but no invitation had been received by BCC.
- e) Town Team** : LM reported that the next meeting would be on 28th November. ML and HM would attend to discuss BCAP issues.

AOCB : AR suggested that the health of the High Street should be on next agenda, and that BBA should be invited. This was agreed. **Action: ML to contact BBA**

Date of Next Meeting : 10th December, Room 4, Banchory Academy.