

**BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Banchory Academy Library**

**7.30pm**

Present: Mary Lennox (Chair); Rebecca Glansbeek (Treasurer); Eileen Durno; Corinne Ogilvie; PC Ian McNab; PC Williamson

Speakers: Brian Menzies; Jean Henretty; Isla Elliot

Apologies: Louise Cameron; Cllr Linda Clark; Cllr Karen Clark; Cllr Jill Webster;

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Mary Lennox opened the meeting and noted the apologies.

**2. Police Report**

No incidents of note since last meeting. Festive patrols undertaken with an increased police presence throughout the festive period. Storms in the surrounding area resulted in very busy period for police. Operation TAMBO, a nationwide campaign to deal with online attempts to extort favours or videos online is ongoing. More information available on Police Scotland website.

2.1 Raemoir Road is next on the list for the mobile speed camera which is used throughout Aberdeenshire.

2.2 Police are aware of issues surrounding noise and speed on Raemoir Road and are monitoring the situation.

2.3 Some interference with road signs has been noticed around Hill of Banchory West and Hill of Banchory South. Noted by police.

**3. Councillors' Reports**

**No Councillors were present at the meeting, Cllr Linda Clark provided a written update to BCC on the following issues.**

**3.1 BT issues.**

Local Councillors are continuing to pursue this for local residents and will report back on progress. Eileen had also written to the Piper and the letter had been published.

**3.2 Emergency Planning.**

See community safety.

### 3.3 Platties

Concerns raised by a resident over the condition of paths and walls at 'Platties' has been pursued by Mary Lennox. Gavin Penman of Aberdeenshire Council responded that it will be dealt with as part of the flood recovery programme.

### 3.4 Potholes

This matter is ongoing.

## 4. **Guest Speakers: Brian Menzies of Recycle Aboyne and Jean Henretty of KGV2000.**

4.1 Recycle Aboyne is a project run by Aberdeenshire Council's Social Work Dept. for people who may require training and support to access employment. An outline of the project involving collection, assessment and reuse of electronic equipment was given. BCC agreed to promote the project on their Facebook page.

4.2 Jean Henretty gave a brief outline of the history of KGV2000. Plans are now being finalised to provide a facility in the town centre which will provide a social enterprise community café and youth group activities. Meeting space, training facilities and temporary retail display space for local arts and crafts will be available. Suitable premises have been identified and it is hoped a press release will be made to the wider community soon. BCC wished Jean every success with the project.

## 5. **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were proposed by Rebecca Glansbeek and seconded by Corinne Ogilvie.

### 5.1 Litter

Further information on ALLY initiative received. Aberdeenshire Council will offer support but individuals would have to be responsible for taking on individual areas. Banchory Spring Clean will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1 Sports Award**

BCC wished to support Alisha Reece for a sports award. Mary had confirmed that Alisha had already been nominated and that there was no further action required by BCC to submit any further application.

### **6.2 Music Award**

No nomination made.

6.3 Ward forum dates have been circulated to members. Mary and Eileen to attend next meeting on funding in Ballater.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer reported a bank balance of £2,860.92, of which £450 is ring fenced for the Banchory Community Action Plan expenses. Expenses of £35 for data protection registration still to be deducted.

The current bank balances for Youth 2000 accounts are £4,225.96 and £545.82 respectively.

## **8. Banchory Community Action Plan (BCAP)**

Mary Lennox reported that good progress was being made and discussions on the next stage of the process relating to survey content and collecting data for analysis was being worked on.

## **9. Keith White Award**

There will be a presentation at the Farmers Market on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## **10. Community Council Representatives**

### **10.1 Planning**

#### **a. Braehead**

A pre determination meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> February. BCC will make a request to speak at the hearing. Mary and Corinne to meet to discuss.

#### **b. Hill of Banchory Neighbourhood Centre**

Nothing new to report.

#### **c. Dungeith Avenue, Banchory**

A planning application for two houses has been submitted to Aberdeenshire Council and a request made for BCC to consider proposals by resident. BCC have submitted comments on concerns relating to traffic and access following consideration of the application. It was not the view of members that the size and siting of the two proposed houses were out of line with adjacent properties.

d. Development at Park Quarry, Drumoak.

Since the last meeting information relating to an application for 1500 dwellinghouses at Drumoak had been circulated to members. A number of concerns had been expressed by members particularly relating to the plans not being in accordance with Local Development Plans. A list of the objections from BCC has been submitted by Corinne Ogilvie.

**10.2 Community Learning and Development**

Rebecca advised that Banchory Academy Parent Council had compiled a report on building issues at the Academy and submitted this to the Council. The outcome was that the MUGGA area is to be refurbished and that flood damaged areas will be repaired. BCC wished to offer any support or assistance it could to the Parent Council.

**10.3 B.D.I**

The River Festival will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016. In the community village the emphasis will be 'making connections'. The farmers market has been operating from Bellfield Park on a temporary basis, a consultation will be done to review whether it is to remain in this location.

**10.4 Banchory Sports Village (BSV)**

Rebecca reported that £580,000 has been achieved with a remainder of £120,000 still to be raised. Events are continuing to be planned for this year to reach the total required amount of £700,000. This year the Banchory Ball will be fundraising for the Banchory Sports Village. In the next few months the project will progress to the Marr Area committee and then to P&R with tenders to be issued shortly after. A stakeholder meeting is also being planned to update all interested individuals and clubs.

More details can be found at [www.banchorysportsvillage.co.uk](http://www.banchorysportsvillage.co.uk)

### **10.5 Defibrillators**

The meeting of 14 January 2016 was cancelled. Rob Sadler and Rebecca Glansbeek to attend the meeting scheduled for 11 February 2016.

### **10.6 Aberdeenshire Special Landscape Areas**

BCC had been advised of the area to be included in the new Aberdeenshire Special Landscape Areas following the consultation. BCC were happy with the boundaries included in the proposed 'Dee Valley'.

ACTION-CORINNE TO CONFIRM APPROVAL TO ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL.

### **10.7 Community Safety Forum**

A new light will be installed between Hillcroft and Bellswood to improve safety.

## **11. Date / Time of Next Meeting**

Monday 14<sup>TH</sup> March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Banchory Academy Library.

Further information about many of the projects and events mentioned above can be found online at:

[www.visitbanchory.com](http://www.visitbanchory.com)

[www.facebook.com/pages/Banchory-Community-Council/606634609388296](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Banchory-Community-Council/606634609388296)