

**Banchory Community Council**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Banchory Academy Library**  
**7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mary Lennox (Chair); David Conroy (Vice Chair); Lynn McNab (Treasurer); John Wills (Minute Secretary); Harry McNab; Vivika Kerridge; David Milner; Alistair Murison; Tony Tulett

Councillors: Cllr Rosemary Bruce; Cllr Eileen Durno; Cllr Ann Ross

Member of the Public: Duncan Hart

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Mary Lennox welcomed everyone to the first meeting of a new Community Council year. She reminded everyone of the fire drill procedures. There were no apologies.

**2. Results of Recent Recruitment Process**

1. The recent recruitment exercise had allowed us to welcome Tony Tullet as a fully elected member. He had previously been co-opted.
2. The Chair regretted that Louise Cameron had decided not to seek re-election at the end of her four-year term on the community council. Alasdair Ross, who had been a co-opted member, had also unfortunately decided that pressure of work meant he could not devote time to BCC.
3. A discussion took place about both the need to recruit new members and the Secretary's role. The latter will continue to be covered by office bearers: minutes – John Wills; the Hotmail account, posting of minutes and notices – Lynn McNab; Facebook and visitbanchory – David Conroy; membership list and publicity – Mary Lennox.
4. It was agreed that we should seek to recruit a paid Minute Secretary. The Area Office would be consulted about how this could be done legally. **Action: Lynn McNab/Mary Lennox**

**3. Councillors' Reports**

**1. Playing Fields**

Cllr Eileen Durno updated the group on the football field at Forestside Road. It requires drainage work to prevent flooding in wet weather. It would cost in the region of £21K for Aberdeenshire Council to do the work, but a community group could get it done for less. In these circumstances, Aberdeenshire Council would then maintain the field. Mary Lennox asked Cllr Durno to send this information to BCC's Hotmail account in order for it to be forwarded to those who had raised the issue with BCC. Cllr Durno agreed to this. **Action: Cllr E. Durno**

The meeting was also informed that drainage works had recently been carried out at the Silverbank playing field.

**2. Speed Awareness Campaign**

Cllr Durno stated that she hoped to arrange a speed awareness and safe driving campaign in the near future. The Community Safety Group is supportive and she has meetings planned with the Police. She hoped that BCC would be supportive perhaps in the shape of providing stickers.

3. Signage in High Street

Cllr Ann Ross informed BCC that the overlarge signage erected in the High Street had been replaced.

4. Parking near Banchory Primary

Signs to restrict parking to residents and delivery vans had been installed in the lane beside Banchory Primary.

5. Burrito Van in Bellfield Park.

This has been checked and is legal.

6. The result of a consultation on car parking across Aberdeenshire is that car parks have to be self-financing.

**4. Approval of May Minutes and Matters Arising**

1. Approval

The May minutes were proposed by Vivika Kerridge, seconded by David Conroy and approved unanimously.

2. Matters Arising

There was further discussion of the overgrown hedges at Upper Lochton. The hedge owner has been informed of the need to cut the hedge back. Some of the signs in this area are no longer required. Cllr Bruce will inquire about a LED sign.

**Action: Cllr R Bruce**

**5. Correspondence**

The Chair reminded members about the Marr Area Forum on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. There is a meeting re the Western peripheral route on 26<sup>th</sup> June in Woodhill House BCC had been informed about the Town Team Developer Obligation Fund for which applications are being sought. This had been placed on Facebook.

Lynn McNab had replied to the concerns raised about the Local Development Plan Bids. She was thanked for undertaking this task.

The Marr Area Committee had agreed to adopt BCC's suggestions for naming two new Banchory streets. Subsequently a member of the public had suggested a name which BCC might consider in the future. After discussion it was agreed that BCC should consider what criteria should be used to choose names on the rare occasions when we are asked to do so. This was agreed and office bearers will look at drawing up a protocol and bring it back to a future BCC meeting. **Action: Office Bearers**

**6. Treasurer's Report (Lynn McNab)**

1. Main Account: £1828.66

2. Y2000 Project Business Account: £3001.55

3. Y2000 Project Treasurer's Account: £429.51

**7. Banchory Community Fund (Lynn McNab)**

The fund is currently standing at £13,353 with approx. £4500 due to be paid in over the summer. No recent applications have been received. It was agreed that the fund should be advertised at our stall at Banchory Show.

#### **8. Banchory Community Action Plan (Harry McNab/Mary Lennox)**

Harry McNab circulated the second monitoring report (attached) on the progress of the Action Plan. He highlighted the following:

- Busy Banchory continued to meet.
- A meeting about the possibility of improving cinema in Banchory had been arranged for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Alasdair Ross will continue to lead the group lobbying for a new Academy until a successor is identified. Tony Tulett is to meet with Alasdair with a view to taking over. **Action: Tony Tulett**

#### **9. Keith White Award (Vivika Kerridge/John Wills)**

The application form will be issued this week to as many groups as possible. It will also be on Facebook.

The awards will be presented at the Banchory Show. The stall will be manned by a rota of members during the day. It is hoped to have a banner and items advertising BCC to give away. A sub group of Viv Kerridge, John Wills, Lynn and Harry McNab has been formed to organise this. **Action: Sub Group**

#### **10. Coat of Arms (Mary Lennox)**

Mary Lennox has returned the application for £1000 to part fund the Coat of Arms to the Area Office. She is to address the Marr Area Charitable Trust on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June and will let BCC members know the result of the application as soon as possible. This may take a couple of weeks. **Action: Mary Lennox**

#### **11. CC Representatives**

##### **1. Planning**

- a. The Chair, with the support of Lynn McNab, had represented BCC at the seminar on the next Local Development Plan. The concerns of the community as relayed to us though the email account had been strongly conveyed to the seminar. It will be early next year before the next stage of the process with the publication of the Main Issues Report.
- b. Harry McNab informed the meeting that the Bike Trails Group had amended their application to take our concerns into consideration. It was agreed that BCC would withdraw its objections.
- c. There had been no other significant planning applications.

##### **2. Police Liaison**

David Milner had met with the Police and discussed potential drugs problems in Banchory. The Police stressed that it was important for members of the public to report concerns using the 101 number. David Milner will continue to meet with the Police during the summer.

##### **3. Community Safety Forum**

David Milner had attended the AGM of the Community Safety Forum. 20s  
Plenty signs may be made available to put on wheelie bins.

4. Transport

1. Tony Tulett will represent BCC on the group working to make Banchory a Coach Friendly Town.
2. Viv Kerridge had received no feedback from Stagecoach.
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5. Banchory District Initiative (BDI)

Nothing to report

6. Glen Dye Windfarm

Meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Progress now appears to be being made on resolving various issues. Next meeting is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> September.

7. Fetteresso Windfarm

No update.

**12. AOB**

**13. Date/Place of Next Meeting**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.**

**Banchory Academy Library (Please note that this will now be in what was Drama Studio 2)**