

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday 14 March 2016

Banchory Academy Library

7.30pm

Present: Mary Lennox (Chair); Rebecca Glansbeek (Treasurer); Louise Cameron (Minute Secretary); Eileen Durno;

Officials: Cllr Jill Webster; PC McNab; PC Williamson

Speakers: Judy Dack and David and Ann Wakefield of Peterculter Community Council

Apologies: Corinne Ogilvie; Nicola Kenyon; Cllr Karen Clark; Cllr Linda Clark;

Members of the Public: Julia Davies of Feughdee West Community Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mary Lennox opened the meeting and noted the apologies.

2. Police Report

2.1 Camera Installation at Raemoir Road

This has temporarily been installed just north of the entrance to Banchory Academy on the southbound carriageway.

2.2 Road Signs at Hill of Banchory

In order to deter tampering with road signs, there will be increased police patrols of the area during the hours before and after the school day. Rebecca Glansbeek has contacted Aberdeenshire Roads Department to request the tampered road signs be corrected but has received no response. Cllr Webster offered to pursue this matter.

ACTION: REBECCA GLANSBEEK TO FORWARD PREVIOUS CORRESPONDANCE TO CLLR WEBSTER

2.3 Other

In the Banchory area there have been a number of thefts and attempted thefts through housebreaking. Residents are urged to be vigilant and keep property and vehicles secure at all times. Operation Quarterlight, a national campaign to tackle car crime; Operation TAMBO, a national campaign to deal with online attempts to extort favours or videos online; Operation CEDAR, a road traffic initiative, are all ongoing. More information is available on Police Scotland website, Facebook and twitter.

www.scotland.police.uk

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3. Councillors' Reports

3.1 BT Issues

There has been no further update. Deeside Piper has yet to publish an article on the issue.

3.2 Planning

Planning permission for flats aimed at those over 55 years on the site of Moraig, 103 Station Road, was approved unanimously by the Marr Area Committee at its most recent meeting.

3.3 205 Bus Service

Cllr Webster raised the issue of changes to the 205 Bus Service. There is a reduction in available funding and the afternoon services will be dropped as not financially viable (utilisation is an average of 2 passengers per journey). A positive change will be the inclusion on the route of Glebe Park.

3.4 Aberdeenshire Council Budget Meeting

Cllr Webster reported that £28 million of savings must be found from the revenue budget but the capital budget remains as before. The capital budget still includes the Banchory Sports Village but the timescale has slipped by a few months.

3.5 Banchory Academy: Building Repairs

Banchory Academy has been allocated a budget of £185,000 for roof repairs. Cllr K Clark suggested quarterly reports be made on the progress and the committee agreed. Cllr Webster requested a report on all the maintenance required by Banchory Academy and details of where the funds are to be found to undertake the work. This too was agreed. It was noted that Aberdeenshire Council places Peterhead ahead of Banchory in the priority list for a replacement school. Consequently it is important that the required maintenance issues are addressed.

3.6 Scheme of Establishment

The latest draft proposal has been withdrawn for further consideration before being taken to Full Aberdeenshire Council at a later date.

3.7 Resilience Planning

Cllr Webster commented that funding for the formation of local Flood Action Plans is available from Foundation Scotland and advised the BCC to visit the organisation's website or contact Marr Area staff directly.

3.8 Infrastructure Services Committee

The Committee is due to consider, and if appropriate approve, the next stage of the Special Landscape Areas guidance. After which there will be a six week discussion period for the draft.

Cllr Webster noted that a recent government press release indicated that the Scottish Housing Minister will be given the authority to call in appeals for applications of more than 100 houses. Details of this new measure are yet to be established.

3.9 Burnett Park Road Junction

Cllr Webster explained that she had been on a site visit with Ralph Singleton of Aberdeenshire Roads Department and concerned residents on how safety at this junction can be improved. The intention is to lower walls and thin vegetation to improve visibility but the current priority for the Roads Department is to remedy the flood damage in the Aberdeenshire area.

4. Guest Speaker: Emergency Planning – Peterculter Community Council

Members of the Peterculter Community Council spoke to the meeting about their 'Community Resilience Plan'. The plan is designed to complement work undertaken by the emergency services in the event of a major event, whether that is flooding; adverse weather; major traffic incident etc. It was an informative talk outlining the background to the plan; how it was formulated; how it has worked in real situations and how it is maintained. BCC to consider how this could be taken forward for Banchory.

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

After noting the amendments the minutes of 8 February 2016 were proposed by Rebecca Glansbeek and seconded by Eileen Durno.

Matters Arising

5.1 Litter

Ongoing / Nothing to report

5.2 Ward Forum

Mary Lennox and Eileen Durno offered a brief overview of the recent Ward Form in Marr. There was a great deal of information provided at the forum which was aimed not only at Marr Community Councils but other local groups. The topics included available funding and the recent flooding. The funding information is to be passed to Rebecca Glansbeek who will review and assess whether it is of use to the BCC.

ACTION: EILEEN DURNO TO FORWARD FUNDING INFORMATION TO REBECCA GLANSBEEK

6. Correspondence

6.1 Marr Area Bus Forum

It was noted that the next meeting is 23 March 2016.

6.2 Bus Service 205 Banchory Town Service

Discussed under item 3: Councillors' Reports

6.3 Ward Form: Emergency Planning, 18th May 2016, Crathes Hall

Mary Lennox asked for Community Councillors to attend this event in light of recent discussions on resilience planning.

6.4 Junction at Burnett Park / Burnett Park East

Concerns regarding the safety of this road junction have been expressed to BCC. The matter will be raised with Ralph Singleton of Aberdeenshire Roads Department.

ACTION: REBECCA GLANSBEEK TO CONTACT RALPH SINGLETON

6.5 Minibus Query

ACTION: REBECCA GLANSBEEK TO ADVISE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT NO MINI BUS IS OWNED BY BCC.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported a bank balance of £2,919.42, of which £450 is ring fenced for the Banchory Community Action Plan expenses. A payment is due to the minute secretary for the last four of the Banchory Community Action Plan meetings. Mary Lennox is to provide Rebecca Glansbeek with the details and a payment of £100 (£25 per meeting) will be raised.

Mary Lennox is due £93.50 reimbursement of travel expenses in respect of the Scheme of Establishment 'Role & Function Working Group' meetings. As Mary Lennox is a signatory on the account, addition approval for the payment was given by Louise Cameron and Eileen Durno.

The current bank balances for Youth 2000 accounts are £4,226.10 and £545.82.

8. Mid Hill Wind Farm

Rebecca Glansbeek advised the next sub-committee meeting to assess application forms for funds would be held on 20 April 2016. The Community Council will decide on the sub-committee's recommendations at the May meeting.

It was noted that the monies approved for the successful Dalvenie Centre application had yet to be received.

ACTION: MARY LENNOX TO INCLUDE DECISION ON APPLICATIONS IN MAY AGENDA

9. Notice Board

Rebecca Glansbeek gave details of two quotes received for a replacement notice board. A metal framed board, broadly similar to the existing wooden one, could be sourced for £1,206 + VAT. Alternatively an L-shaped board that could have a side facing down the High Street could be acquired for £896 + VAT. Both include fitting.

The matter was discussed and the L-shaped board was the preferred choice. Rebecca Glansbeek proposed spending up to £1,000 on an L-shaped replacement board. This was seconded by Louise Cameron and agreed unanimously by all present.

ACTION: REBECCA GLASBEEK TO PROGRESS

10. Banchory Community Action Plan

Mary Lennox reported that the latest draft of the questionnaire was being reviewed and noted that the next meeting is to be held 15 March 2016.

11. Keith White Award

Louise Cameron reported that no nominations had been received. Following a suggestion from the Banchory Lions it was agreed that the Rector of Banchory Academy will be contacted for assistance with promotion or suggested nominations.

ACTION: LOUISE CAMERON TO CONTACT THE RECTOR OF BANCHORY ACADEMY

12. Community Council Representatives

12.1 Planning

a. Braehead

Mary Lennox spoke at the recent Pre-determination Hearing in relation to this development. The application is to go first to the Marr Area Committee and then to the full Aberdeenshire Council at the end of March.

b. Hill of Banchory Neighbourhood Centre

Ongoing / Nothing to report

c. Forestry and Woodland Strategy

Ongoing / Nothing to report

d. Dungeith Avenue

Ongoing / Nothing to report

e. LDP Proposed Supplementary Guidance

Ongoing / Nothing to report

f. Other

Mary Lennox noted that a copy of the Aberdeenshire Development Plan 2016 was received earlier today but members have yet to review to the contents.

12.2 Community Learning and Development

As Nicola Kenyon sent her apologies, there was nothing to report.

12.3 B.D.I

Nothing to report

12.4 Banchory Sports Village (BSV)

Rebecca Glansbeek reported that there have been a number of small events in addition to which the Banchory Summer Ball 2016 will raise funds for BSV.

More details can be found at www.banchorysportsvillage.co.uk

12.5 Defibrillators

Rebecca Glansbeek reported that the group is to be known as 'Banchory Area First Responders' and will join up with the Sandpiper Wildcat Project for support both financial and practical. The group is looking to purchase more equipment and will first target their fundraising at local businesses.

12.6 Aberdeenshire Special Landscapes Areas

Nothing to report

12.7 Community Safety Forum

Nothing to report

13. Community Council Membership

13.1 Recruitment of New Members and Appointment of Returning Officer

It was agreed that the process of recruiting new members would take place with a closing date for applications of 22 April 2016. Cllr Linda Clark has agreed to act as Returning Officer. Marr Area Office will place an advert in the Deeside Piper giving contact details of the BCC email and telephone numbers for Rebecca Glansbeek and Mary Lennox.

13.2 Advertising: Posters and Deeside Piper

There was some discussion around the four initial poster designs advertising both the BCC and the recruitment of new members. Two designs were selected and members are to contact Rebecca Glansbeek with any changes to the proposed wording.

It was agreed the advert aimed at recruiting new members would be placed with the Deeside Piper at a cost of £95 + VAT. Press releases will also be given to the Press and Journal and Evening Express.

ACTION:

**ALL CONTACT REBECCA GLANSBEEK WITH PROPOSALS FOR WORDING
REBECCA GLANSBEEK LIAISE WITH POSTER DESIGNERS AND CONTACT PIPER**

14. Date / Time of Next Meeting

Due to the school holidays it was decided to cancel the General Meeting in April.

The next meeting will be Monday 9 May 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Banchory Academy Library.

ACTION: MARY LENNOX TO PLACE NOTICE OF CANCELLATION IN BANCHORY LIBRARY

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

www.visitbanchory.com

www.facebook.com/pages/Banchory-Community-Council/606634609388296