

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday 9 May 2016

Banchory Academy Library

7.30pm

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

Officials: Cllr Linda Clark

Apologies: Corinne Ogilvie; Nicola Kenyon; Cllr Karen Clark; Cllr Jill Webster; Police Scotland

Members of the Public: Forbes Burn; David Conroy

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mary Lennox opened the meeting and noted the apologies.

2. Police Report

Although Police Scotland could not attend the meeting, a report was sent to Mary Lennox

2.1 Camera Installation at Raemoir Road

The speed survey was conducted from 11th to 26th March 2016 during which time more than 32,000 vehicle movements were recorded. The average speed was 26.5mph. Given the volume of traffic there were comparatively few travelling that would lead to any action or prosecution against the driver. Historically there have only been 4 recorded collisions between the Raemoir Garden Centre and Station Road, the caveat being recorded collisions and not those where there is no injury and the Police do not attend. None of these recorded collisions recorded excessive speed as a factor.

Speed checks will be carried out in the area but will target peak commuter times.

Rebecca Glansbeek reported that the member of the public who originally raised the issue of excessive speed on Raemoir Road believed the presence of the temporary speed camera acted as deterrent. The Community Council will raise this issue again with the Police at June's meeting and ask if a case can be made to have the camera reinstated.

2.2 Road Signs at Hill of Banchory

Not addressed in report

2.3 Other

There are no other significant issues in Banchory and relatively few crimes reported in the last month

Operation Zenith

The good weather increased the number of motor cyclists on Deeside and Operation Zenith is ongoing. This is a campaign led by Road Policing Officers to carry out enforcement and education checks of motorcyclists on known biker routes.

Anti-Social Driving

An operation is being planned that will address the noisy and often dangerous driving of some local young drivers in the Bellfield Car Park and elsewhere in Banchory.

More information is available on Police Scotland website, Facebook and twitter.

www.scotland.police.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland/>

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Councillors' Reports

3.1 BT Issues

This matter is ongoing.

3.2 Road Signs at Hill of Banchory

No update but Rebecca Glansbeek believes that the signs have been fixed.

3.3 Banchory Academy: Building Repairs

This is ongoing but Cllr Webster and Cllr K Clark recently met with the chair of the Banchory Parents' Association. Monies for the repairs have been set aside and the work has commenced.

3.4 Scheme of Establishment

The Community Council await information from Aberdeenshire Council on the revised Scheme of Establishment.

3.5 Special Landscapes Guidance

A draft of the guidance was discussed at a recent Marr Area Planning meeting. Cllr L Clark noted that Scolty will be explicitly mentioned in the new guidance as a protected view.

3.6 Call-In for Applications of 100 Houses

Mary Lennox raised her concern that this piece of legislation was biased towards the developer who can now appeal to Scottish Ministers on a planning decision but there is limited scope for the public and local government to do so.

Cllr Clark noted that it was a national policy.

3.7 Other

Cllr CL Clark reported that Aberdeenshire Council are to consider sewing the shire's verges with wildflower. All agreed this would improve the overall look of the roadside.

3. Guest Speaker

None

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

The minutes of 14 March 2016 were proposed by Rebecca Glansbeek and seconded by Eileen Durno.

Matters Arising

5.1 Emergency Planning

Cllr L Clark suggested the Community Council speak with the School authorities to ask if any senior pupils would like to get involved with a Banchory Resilience Plan. All agreed but on the understanding the Community Council would lead it. Unfortunately there are too few Community Councillors at present to start this project.

The Marr Area Forum to be held on 18 May at Crathes Hall is to discuss resilience planning and those Community Councillors available will attend.

5.2 Burnett Park Junction

The Community Council have received no reply to their emails on this matter from Ralph Singleton of Aberdeenshire Council. Cllr L Clark asked for the emails sent to Ralph Singleton be forwarded to her and she will pursue the issues.

ACTION: MARY LENNOX AND REBECCA GLANSBEEK TO FORWARD EMAILS TO CLLR L CLARK

5. Correspondence

6.1 Ward Forum: Emergency Planning, 18th May 2016, Crathes Hall

Discussed under item 5.1

6.2 Junction at Burnett Park / Burnett Park East

Discussed under item 5.2

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported a bank balance of £3,086.92. An expense of £10 for a pitch at the River Festival was approved.

The current bank balances for Youth 2000 accounts are £4,426.24 and £545.82.

7. Mid Hill Wind Farm

Rebecca Glansbeek advised the cheque due to the Dalvenie Centre for £500 will be presented on 26 May and a request will be made for a photo and write up to be published in the Deeside Piper.

Rebecca Glansbeek advised that two applications had been received: £1,000 for the Banchory Sports Village and £1,000 towards the Banchory and District Imitative hub. Both were approved unanimously.

£4,464.96 of funds remains for distribution. Although additional monies are due from Mid Hill Wind Farm for 2016/17, it is not yet known how much will be pledged to the Banchory Community Council.

8. Notice Board

Rebecca Glansbeek raised the issue of planning permission for changing the notice board. Cllr L Clark suggested discussing the matter with the Aberdeenshire Planner who sits in the office one day a fortnight. It was discussed whether or not to label the notice board as Banchory Community Council. It was decided that although there may be issues with some members of the community not appreciating that they can ask for non commercial events and organisations to be displayed in the notice board, it would raise the Community Council profile. Protocols are in place to govern the community use of the notice board and awareness can be raised with the public as to its general use.

Rebecca Glansbeek commented that, following approval, the notice board can be completed by the supplier in 10 days. It was noted that the supplier, Loftus, has been contacted to request confirmation of the opening mechanisms.

ACTION: REBECCA GLANSBEEK TO CONTACT PLANNER AT BURGH OFFICES

9. Banchory Community Action Plan

Mary Lennox reported that the questionnaire is almost complete and will go live from 1 June to 30 June 2016. Along with the electronic format, the questionnaire will be available in hard copy at certain locations in Banchory. Events are planned to raise awareness and issue the questionnaires at local events to be held at Tesco Supermarket; Morrisons Supermarket; River Festival and June's Farmer's Market. A limited leaflet drop is to be arranged. Volunteers will be sought from all participating groups to help at the aforementioned events.

The results are to be collated over the summer months and any gaps with respect to area or age bracket identified and re-targeted. After the summer an event will be held in the Town Hall for the public to discuss and comment on the outcomes and results.

It was noted that the next meeting is to be held 15 May 2016.

10. Keith White Award

Louise Cameron reported that a nomination for the award has been received from Banchory Academy. All present agreed to grant this award to the nominee. Louise Cameron suggested the River Festival on 11 June as a date for the presentation. This was unanimously agreed and Louise Cameron is to liaise with the Banchory Lions and issue invitations to the nominee and their family, a representative from Banchory Academy and the three local Councillors who will be asked to present the award.

ACTION: LOUISE CAMERON TO PROGRESS

11. Community Council Representatives

12.1 Planning

- a. Braehead
Ongoing / Nothing to report.

- b. Hill of Banchory Neighbourhood Centre
Ongoing / Nothing to report

- c. Forestry and Woodland Strategy
Ongoing / Nothing to report

- d. Dungeith Avenue
This application was rejected by full Council on the grounds that it was over development of the site.

- e. LDP Proposed Supplementary Guidance
Ongoing / Nothing to report

- f. Other
Eileen Durno raised the issue of a pedestrian crossing on Station Road, near Morrisons supermarket, which was highlighted in the Community Council's comments on the over 55s development at 103 Station Road. Cllr L Clark noted that the development has been approved and suggested that the issue of a safer road crossing be included in the Banchory Community Action Plan.

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 with £585,000 now raised future fund raising events include Banchory Academy's aim to raise £10,000 through a mural competition whereby for a donation a member of the public can have a word, name or phrase incorporated into a public mural; the Crathes Car Rally; the Summer Ball and a walk up Kerloch.

BSV will also be at the May Farmers' Market.

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

12.5 Banchory First Responders (Defibrillators)

Rebecca Glansbeek reported that the group continue to look to join up with the Sandpiper Wildcat Project for support both financial and practical. Equipment has already been

purchased using funds from the Fire Department and others resulting in 5 First Responders working with the 999 service (4 in Banchory and 1 in Torphins).

Rebecca Glansbeek noted that the Police are also interested in becoming involved but on the understanding it is secondary to their Police duties.

A stand to raise awareness and aid recruitment will be at the Banchory River Festival and letters will be issued to local business in the latest fund raising attempt.

12.6 Aberdeenshire Special Landscapes Areas

Nothing to report

12.7 Community Safety Forum

Nothing to report

12. Community Council Membership

13.1 Recruitment of New Members

Following the poor response to the latest recruitment campaign, it was agreed that another round would take place after the summer. In the meantime it is the intention of the Community Council to co-opt David Conway at the June meeting once all formalities have been met.

13. Date / Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 13 June 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

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