

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting held on July 9th 2012 at V&A Halls Ballater

<p>Present: Graham Adams (Chair) Jane Angus Pat Downie (Finance) Martin Holroyd Susan Matthews (Secretary) Sheila Sedgwick Ruth Sim Phil Swan Cllr Peter Argyle Cllr Geva Blackett Cllr Katrina Farquhar (also CNPA elected rep)</p>	<p>Present: Members of the public</p> <p>Apologies received from: Ian Cameron Francis Duguid (Vice Chair) Anne Reid</p> <p>For a copy of these minutes in larger font contact the secretary on 0785 2414024.</p>
<p>1. Welcome & Apologies for Absence. As above.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>2. Police Report. There was no report this month and no police matters raised.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes. The minutes of the July meeting were approved with comments.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>4.1. Re minute 3, cycling area for young people. The plan is to set up a meeting with the young people and the estate.</p> <p>4.2. Re 5.1 Craigview Rd land sale. Cllr Argyle confirmed that matters are progressing towards the missives being completed. Once this has been done a planning application can be expected. Note that the Cairngorm Park Authority Ballater settlement map indicates this area is for Community use.</p> <p>4.3. Re 5.3.4. Graham Adams submitted documents to the Ballater Traffic Review Consultation by the deadline of June 22nd. He included the Community Council notes on the original proposal, Ruth Sim's letter on the blue parking spaces and a note emphasising our opinion on the problem for the emergency services around Bridge Street. Pat Downie noted that the parking spaces outside the library had been repainted although these were not official blue parking spaces.</p> <p>4.4. Re Minute 5.3.7 status of BOVOF - Nick Mardell will provide a report to the September meeting to explain the history and context of BOVOF and current projects.</p> <p>4.5. Re 6.3.1. Ian Munro has not heard anything about his overtime reinstatement.</p> <p>4.6. Re 6.5.4 CNPA Local Development Plan consultation - Phil Swan has distributed notes from the meeting with Karen Major to Community Council members. He will check the notes with Karen before issuing further. Cllr Farquhar requested a copy.</p>	<p>Cllr KF</p> <p>Cllr PA</p> <p>PS</p>

<p>The settlement map with notes will be put up on the noticeboard. Francis Duguid will be asked to lead the comments on the core paths maps.</p> <p>4.7. Re minute 6.5.1. A letter has been received from Adam Streeter Smith of CNPA detailing the actions completed at Tom Meann.</p> <p>4.8. Re minute 13.1. Anne Reid has reported that about one third of the broken fence has been removed.</p> <p>4.9. Carry over actions from previous meetings:</p> <p>4.9.1. Can we have elections such that the whole Community Council is not up for election at the same time? (ref AGM/May)</p> <p>4.9.2. Status of Cinder Path Maintenance contract with Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust (COAT).</p> <p>4.9.3. Follow up discussion on Outdoor Access and any outstanding issues re Tom Meann with Murray Ferguson (CNPA). (ref March)</p> <p>4.9.4. Attendance of an officer from Fire and Rescue at a meeting.</p> <p>4.9.5. Attendance of Tesco Community Champion at a meeting. (ref May)</p> <p>4.9.6. Use of Community Councils funds and clarification on what is allowed re fund raising. (ref AGM).</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>IC</p> <p>GA</p> <p>SM</p> <p>SM</p> <p>PD</p>
<p>5. Reports</p> <p>5.1. Aberdeenshire Council.</p> <p>5.1.1. Cllr Blackett attended the young driver's roadshow, run by the police. She found it was very worthwhile, interesting and fun and recommended it to anyone with a young driver in the family. It was disappointingly not well attended, particularly from Ballater area, despite a lot of publicity. It was suggested that if the event is repeated targetting parents to take their children along and running the Community Bus to the event might encourage greater participation.</p> <p>5.1.2. Cllr Argyle has been a member of the committee reviewing the Aberdeenshire Council Design Awards, which took place over 2 days. 28 entries out of 106 have been selected for the next stage, with the results to be announced on 6th September at Haddo House.</p> <p>5.1.3. Cllr Argyle is pushing for the completion of the Deeside Way so that there will be a cycle/walking route from Aberdeen to Ballater.</p> <p>5.1.4. Cllr Argyle reported that Stagecoach have launched hybrid diesel/electric buses which will be used on routes for Westhill and the hospitals.</p> <p>5.2. Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA)</p> <p>5.2.1. Cllr Farquhar reported that she attended the Aberdeen Rural Housing Seminar, also attended by some members of the Community Council, and the "planning process" day at Ballater School, aimed to introduce "Planning" to the pupils.</p> <p>5.2.2. The Cairngorm Business Partnership has a new officer - Sandra Middleton, of Braemar.</p> <p>5.2.3. Duncan Bryden is the new convener for the CNPA Board, as of September.</p>	

<p>5.2.4. The Scottish Government has awarded additional funds of £1/2million to the CNPA, which will be spent on outdoor access such as path repairs, river habitats, and renewables eg biomass. Phil Swan expressed his outrage that such sums were not being allocated to provision of affordable housing.</p>	
<p>6. Vision for Ballater. Nothing significant to report that is not covered elsewhere.</p>	
<p>7. Ballater News - The Jubilee Celebrations raised over £400, which will go to funds for the "Winter Festival". Additional funds were reserved for the Cairn maintenance and Hall costs. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen and for donations received.</p>	
<p>8. Scottish Government Consultations.</p> <p>8.1. The list of new consultations was issued and is available in the library, on noticeboards and the website.</p> <p>8.2. The secretary reminded members that the idea in producing the list of new consultations each month was to enable people to scan for any items of interest. However the descriptions are brief so, if interested, it is necessary to go onto the website and read the consultation.</p> <p>If someone wants to lead a consultation on behalf of the Community Council the steps would be: to agree so, at a Community Council meeting, and then for a draft response to be issued prior to the next meeting, for discussion and final decision on content.</p> <p>8.3. It was agreed that the Community Council would not make a joint response to the consultation on the Community engagement and Empowerment Bill. Individuals are encouraged to make their own responses.</p>	
<p>9. Planning Phil Swan reported that two applications have been called in by the CNPA, one at Gairnshiel Lodge, for a new entrance and another at the Inver Hotel for five "holiday cottages". The Community Council have objected to both applications.</p>	
<p>10. Finance. Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>11. Correspondence. The correspondence report was issued prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>12. AOCB.</p> <p>12.1. Volunteers needed for Victoria Week box office - please contact Maggie Gibson at magsvision@btinternet.com, tel 55118.</p> <p>12.2. It was agreed that the Community Council would take on additional notice board space at the board on the green. We will use a whole board, vacated by Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust and Ballater Business Association will take on the half board vacated by us. This will cost an extra £75/year.</p>	
<p>13. The next meeting will be on Monday September 10th 7pm Mike Sheridan Room, V&A Halls, Ballater. Note - there is no meeting during August.</p>	