



<p>of what the community wants, while identifying the organisations that need to be involved to go through any changes. Nick added that Aberdeenshire Council and the CNPA prefer to support cohesive community actions and that a "united front" was what funding agencies also wanted to see. He proposed the calling of another meeting with all interested parties to ask them about the best way to operate and that the Community Council be invited to take part in any discussions. It was suggested that September may be a good time and FD offered to be the point of contact for this undertaking.</p>	
<p><b>6. Reports.</b>  Aberdeenshire Council - CGB nothing to report. CKF intimated that the planning application for the Co-op's proposed occupation of the Stagecoach bus garage in Golf Rd was due for consideration in August.  Aberdeenshire Council's Chief Executive had visited the area the previous Friday and been to the Victoria and Albert Halls, where he had been impressed by the progressions made there with the refurbishment plans.</p>	
<p><b>7. Vision.</b> It was proposed that this heading perhaps be removed from the agenda in favour of considering it under the heading "Community Action Plan", following Nick Mardall's presentation.</p>	SM
<p><b>8. Ballater News.</b> Alan Harrison of BRD reported that solicitors representing the <b>Dalmochie Forest Project</b> and the Forestry Commission had met and were moving forward with plans to transfer ownership of the land. FD expressed concern about the impact any development there may have on the resident capercaillie. NM issued assurances that relevant environmental surveys had been carried out and stated that the track adjacent was a Designated Core Path. There was some discussion about the positioning of the project and the suggestion that historically there had been camps sited elsewhere which may be more suitable.  <b>The Caravan Park</b> had seen a rise in May bookings of 15-20%.  <b>V&amp;A Halls</b> - The transfer to the new trustees was imminent. Tenders were still being invited to complete the work on the Albert Hall, a process which was proving difficult.  <b>Victoria Week</b> - The 2013 programme was distributed to those present.</p>	
<p><b>9. Scottish Government Consultations.</b> SM indicated that the papers attached relating to this were for the information of the council.</p>	SM
<p><b>10. Planning Matters.</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>11. Finance.</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>12. Correspondence.</b> The CNPA has written to thank the council for its recent response to the Local Development Plan.</p>	
<p><b>13. AOCB.</b> WJ raised the issue of individual councillors' attendance at meetings. He asked how many meetings councillors were obliged to attend under the constitution and also how many consecutive meetings were required to be missed before any action was taken. SM agreed to check the constitution, clarify the position and report to the next meeting when the issue could be further discussed and decided upon.</p>	SM
<p><b>14. Date of Next Meeting.</b> Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Mike Sheridan Room, V&amp;A Halls, Ballater. The meeting closed at 21:30hrs.</p>	