

# BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CCC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at the Church Hall, Crathie

<p><b>Present:</b>          Graham Adams (GA) Chair          Francis Duguid (FD) Vice Chair          Susan Matthews (SM) Secretary          Jane Angus (JA)          Pat Downie (PD) - Finance          Phil Swan (PS)          Sheila Sedgwick (SS)          PC Steven Lafferty for Police business</p> <p>Cllr Peter Argyle (CPA)          Cllr Katrina Farquhar (also CNPA elected rep) (CKF)          Cat Houston (Minutes)          Members of the public</p>	<p><b>Apologies received:</b>          Ian Cameron (IC)          Anne Reid (AR)          Ruth Sim (RS)          Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">For a copy of these minutes in a larger font contact the secretary on 0785 2414024.</p>
<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies for Absence.</b> As above.</p>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>2. Police Report.</b>          The police report indicated a few instances of vandalism into which enquiries were ongoing. Two cars had been seized and there had been a spate of thefts of Craigendarroch Timeshare property. Following a report from Ballater School the parking lines were repainted at the Patrick Geddes gate. Regarding the 45min parking limit on Bridge St, signs are to be renewed and a leaflet campaign conducted. The feasibility of a 20mph speed limit in some areas of the village was raised and it was agreed the issue would be discussed at the next meeting and Aberdeenshire Council Roads Dept approached if required.</p>	
<p><b>3. Cambus O'May Crane.</b> A delegation from the Ballater Local History Group led by Gordon Bruce made a presentation. They illustrated five possible sites for the siting of crane from the Cambus O'May quarries, which they intend to refurbish. Their favoured site is next to the CLAN shop on Aberdeen Road. The council was in favour of the plans. SM to write a letter confirming the council's support for the related planning application.</p>	SM
<p><b>4. Minutes of the April AGM.</b> The minutes of the April AGM were agreed as a correct record of the meeting. The Chairman's report was outstanding and the secretary will issue the minutes when this has been received.</p>	SM GA
<p><b>5. Minutes of the April meeting.</b> The minutes of the April meeting were approved with some amendments. Amended minutes to be distributed.</p>	SM
<p><b>6. Matters Arising.</b> The question of which council member had been tasked to write to Andrew Jarvis of Stagecoach was raised. GA stated that more information concerning Stagecoach's future plans as regards the Ballater depot had since been published on the Aberdeenshire Council website. This was recorded as a pending action. Secretary will ensure this query/issue is kept on the agenda.          CPA reported that the CNPA convener and chair of the planning committee would</p>	SM

<p>be happy to attend a CC meeting to discuss how CC comments are handled and will respond to a formal request. The secretary will action this - see also under 8. below.</p>	
<p><b>7. Response to CNPA Local Development Plan</b>  There was some discussion about the CNPA LDP, which is presently out for public consultation with a deadline of July 5<sup>th</sup> for responses. GA urged that all members read the relevant documents, give them their due consideration, and be ready to comment at the next meeting.</p>	ALL
<p><b>8. Reports</b>  <b>Aberdeenshire Council.</b> CPA updated those present on Aberdeenshire Council's Broadband Project and there was some discussion on the subject.  <b>CNPA.</b> CKF informed the group of the recent launch of Stagecoach's open-top bus tour, as well as a proposed new route between Ballater and Blairgowrie over the summer.  She also indicated that the CNPA's new CEO Grant Moir was keen to come to a BCCC meeting and the secretary agreed to action this.</p>	CKF/SM
<p><b>9. Vision.</b> It was agreed to defer any discussion to a later date, owing to time spent on other matters.</p>	
<p><b>10. Ballater News.</b> It was agreed to defer any discussion to a later date, owing to time spent on other matters.</p>	
<p><b>11. Scottish Government Consultations.</b> It was agreed to defer any discussion to a later date, owing to time spent on other matters.</p>	
<p><b>12. Planning Matters.</b> Planning application for the Co-op at site of existing bus depot. GA outlined the situation at present. There was some discussion on the treatment and consideration of the planning application as it stands individually, with emphasis on it being treated separately from any application from Stagecoach regarding the siting of any new bus depot. The Community Council, by a majority of 6 to 1, voted "not to object" to the planning application for change of use of the bus station to a Co-Op. PS re-iterated his opposition to this position by the Community Council and asked that his dissent from the majority decision be registered in the minutes of the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>13. Finance.</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>14. Correspondence.</b> None that required immediate action.</p>	
<p><b>15. AOCB.</b> PS raised a concern about a manhole cover located at the beginning of the cinder path (ie the end close to the clinic) which was in a very severely corroded state, looking like a safety hazard.  Regarding a request made some time ago of Mary McLeod (Aberdeenshire Council) that the TPO map for Ballater be updated (last done in 1957), PS asked for a progress report on this, having been advised orally that it would be done.</p>	CPA  CPA
<p><b>16. Date of Next Meeting.</b> Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in "The Bothy", Ballater.  The meeting closed at 21.40.</p>	