

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Monday, 9th March 2015
Banchory Academy Library
7.30 pm

Present: Mary Lennox (Acting Chair); Rebecca Glansbeek (Treasurer); Corinne Ogilvie; Rob Sadler; Aileen Black ; Jerry Cobb; John Owen (co-opted)

Officials: Cllr Jill Webster; Sgt Neil McHattie ;

Guests: David Ritchie (Farmers Market)

Apologies: Cllr Karen Clark; Cllr Linda Clark; Louise Cameron; Aileen Black

1. Welcome

Mary Lennox opened the meeting and welcomed David Ritchie from the Farmers Market.

2. Police Report

Since the last meeting 12 crimes and offences had been recorded. Enquiries were still ongoing into the theft from Morrisons ATM on 21st January 2015. Planning for local summer events and shows was underway. Residents should remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the non emergency 101 number.

3. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Jill Webster advised that Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Councils have been working with the private sector and other bodies on proposals for an Aberdeen City Region Deal which would be put forward for funding from Scottish and UK Governments. The investment and development would be beneficial in ensuring growth and diversification for new and existing employment, infrastructure improvements, employment and housing opportunities and securing the long term economic future of the area.

Marr area budget had funded a mobile speed monitoring camera for use in the area.

The Master Plan proposals for the area of North Banchory would be considered by the Councillors on 10th March 2015.

Future housing developments planned for Banchory had necessitated a review of the catchment areas for the two primary schools. A consultation was underway with a public meeting planned for Wed 18th March.

ACTION-CORINNE OGILVIE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR BCC

4. Guest Speakers

David Ritchie of the farmers market spoke about the continuing success of the Farmers Market in Banchory. The market had been going for nearly 14 years and focused on high quality produce. The move to Bellfield had been a success and the market was now the second busiest in Aberdeenshire. A community stall was available for use by community groups.

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

The minutes of 9th February 2015 were proposed without amendment by Jerry Cobb and seconded by Rebecca Glansbeek.

Matters Arising-

Cllr Karen Clark had spoken to Aberdeenshire Council in relation to the issues raised with windows not working in the Home Economics Dept. of Banchory Academy and the repairs had now been scheduled to be carried out during the Easter Break.

Jerry Cobb had emailed the Roads Dept about the lack of a consistent 20 MPH speed limit along TillyBrake Road and the road will now be assessed for suitability.

6. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported a current bank balance of £1629.95 with £4224.35 and £545.82 respectively in the Youth 2000 accounts.

7. Mill Hill Wind Farm

A template for applications had been developed by Rebecca Glansbeek and Rob Sadler and circulated to members. It was suggested that 3 members should form a review group to meet twice per year to consider applications. Corinne Ogilvie offered to join as the third member.

ACTION –Subgroup to meet to finalise template and make recommendations for consideration at the next meeting.

8. Banchory Community Action Plan

An initial meeting had taken place and a further meeting arranged for Tues 31st March at 7.30pm to discuss other groups and organisations which should be represented on the steering committee. BDI had been invited to attend and Roisin Daly would be providing support to the group.

9. Facebook

Jerry Cobb reported that the number of followers was increasing and now around 150. Information was being posted regularly on information of local interest.

10. Survey Monkey Trial

John Owen reported on the information gathered from the short trial survey which had been completed by members and circulated a paper to show the results. It was agreed that this type of survey could be used to gather community opinion on some issues, however it was also thought that issues around Data Protection would need to be explored first.

11. Youth 2000 Project

Repairs on the Youth Shelters had been carried out by Bancon at no cost to the community and repainting would be done by the Community Payback Scheme. R Davidson Painters had offered to provide the paint free of charge. Rebecca Glansbeek is liaising with Nicola Kenyon to look at some further art decoration ideas for the shelters.

12. Keith White Award

Louise Cameron (not present) had been in contact with Anne Lamb and progress had been made with the Lions.

13. Noticeboard

Jerry Cobb currently looking into prices and possible suppliers.

14. Community Council Reps

a) Planning.

The draft Local Development Plan 2016 was expected to be published by the end of March 2015.

b) Education

A consultation was underway on rezoning of the boundaries of the two primary schools in Banchory. Responses to be submitted by 30th April 2015.

c) B.D.I

River Festival planning progressing well. Increase in number of stalls this year to 50 on Saturday. Ferret racing would now also be on the Saturday.

Christmas lights were being planned already with new projectors planned for lampposts in the High Street.

Chestnut Tree planted in Bellfield Park in memory of Sue Edwards.

Banchory Newsletter had been well received and the third edition would be available at the start of April. Interest in both advertising and contributions was increasing.

- d) Town Centre Improvement Group
No Report

- e) Heritage
No report

- f) Banchory Sports Village
The fundraising Zumba event was a success and further events were being planned for May including a golf event.

- g) Health and Social Work
John had attended the community engagement event on the integration of Health and Social care and would circulate further information on this to other members. Changes were needed and it was hoped the result would be a better and more integrated service.

15. A.O.C.B.

Adverts for forthcoming elections to be placed in Piper and on our Facebook. Linda Clark will be the Returning Officer.

Janelle Clarke the Marr Area Officer will attend our May meeting.

Mary Lennox informed the meeting that a complaint about the procedure to alter the constitution had been made to the Marr Area Manager. The Area Managers response to this complaint has not yet been communicated to Mary, but BCC will of course abide by any advice given or any action advised by the Area Office. The revisions to the constitution were intended to allow the Community Council to function in a difficult situation where it was unclear what the constitution actually was and to enable the Council to be quorate. Mary also informed the council that she had recently received a communication from Mr Forbes Burn containing a document entitled 'Schedule No 14' which covers procedure in the event of a meeting not being quorate. Mary has also consulted the Area Manager about the status of this document.

16. Date and Place of Next Meeting

Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30pm Banchory Academy Library.