

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on Monday 13th February

Banchory Academy Library at 7.30pm.

Present : Mary Lennox (Chair), Eileen Durno (V.Chair), David Conroy, Vivika Kerridge, Lynn McNab, Harry McNab, John Wills.

Officials : Cllr.K.Clark, Cllr.L.Clark, Cllr.J.Webster

Members of the Public : Ann Ross, and Chair of Feuchdee West CC.

Apologies : Rebecca Glansbeek, Louise Cameron, David Milner.

1.0 Welcome

M.Lennox opened the meeting and noted the apologies.

2.0 Police Report

M.Lennox read a written report which had been received from Inspector Forsyth of Police Scotland.

Two main issues were reported. There had been a robbery at the Banchory Coop, where the perpetrator had been quickly identified and arrested. An issue had also arisen with carparking adjacent to HoB Primary. The issue was to be discussed with PTA, but it was thought that best approach would be to encourage parents to use school carpark.

Inspector Forsyth also noted that he would be moving to a new post. After 6th March the Banchory inspector would be Gary Garrow.

The issue of whether Reports from Fire and Ambulance Services might be useful was raised. ED to raise it at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting.

3.0 Councillors Report

All three local councillors reported on the outcome of the Council's budget debate. The main outcomes were : budget supports spending on local services of £546M. This includes a commitment to BSV, which remained on programme. Council tax was rising by 2.5% , but some higher band ratepayers would be charged an additional levy. It was also noted that Business Rates had been discussed at the Council meeting. Council hoping to assist worst off, but really a Scottish Government issue.

A precis of the details of the budget discussion and outcomes is set out in appendix A.

KC reported that from 3rd April no cash was being accepted at Burgh Offices. This was a surprise to Councillors, and appeared to be a 'fait accompli'. As an alternative, Councillors were enquiring whether it may be possible to set up a 'service point' in Banchory. Councillors also noted proposal to consider moving Sports and Leisure Services (including Library) to operate as a Trust. Noted that this was how Aberdeen City operated such Services, seemingly successfully.

JW reported that Marr Area would be considering a report on TPO at Roscobie Park. Also drew attention to papers circulated to recent Education Committee meeting on Learning Estate Strategy. Noted that both Banchory Academy and Primary were now assessed as two of the Shire's poorest schools.

4.0 Guest Speaker

Ms Karen Wood, Project Officer, addressed the meeting on 'Dementia Friendly Aberdeenshire', Aberdeenshire Council's strategy for Dementia. Explained the Council were trying to raise awareness of issue across Shire. It was a lot more than just 'forgetfulness'. Ms Wood advised what CC members could do individually, as well as a statutory group – particularly in regard to responding to consultations, for example on the new health centre, and layout and content of public buildings, including BSV.

5.0 Approval of January Minutes and Matters Arising

E.Durno proposed the Minutes be adopted, seconded by J.Wills.

Matters Arising

5.1 Banchory Academy Parent Council Meeting

RG had attended but no report available yet. JW reported that minutes were now on Banchory Academy website. It seems that both the school and existing users still have concerns, and still no clear picture of how potential conflicts will be resolved.

5.2 Glen O Dee Site

The developer had responded to secretary's letter. There is to be a meeting between Police, NHS, and Developer. CC will be kept in touch. Developer could not give programme for starting redeveloping the site until planning situation was resolved. Secretary to ascertain whether nurses home and gate house can be secured in the interim.

5.3 Dog Fouling at Hill of Banchory

No Report.

5.4 The Platties

JW reported that the flood damage in this area had not been actioned yet. To be followed up with Council.

5.5 Marr Area Bus Forum

Chair reported that this group would meet shortly. VK ? to attend obo CC.

5.6 CC Revised Scheme of Establishment

Chair reported that consultation on revised scheme runs until 16th March. Ward forum to discuss in late February. Various members had reviewed the draft revised scheme and while there were some helpful changes, agreed it was very, and perhaps unnecessarily, complex in parts. Agreed to postpone consideration until next meeting, and comment to be e-mailed to chair.

6.0 Correspondence

6.1 Litter

No update letter available

6.2 Midhill Windfarm Monies

As RG was not present discussion postponed.

7.0 Treasurers Report

No Report available

8.0 Youth 2000 Project

JW reported that 2 tenders had been received. Agreed to accept lowest tender, including for anti-vandal paint.

9.0 Noticeboard

HM reported there had been a delay in fabrication but it was still hoped that the sign would be erected by the end of Feb. **Post Meeting Note : Board now erected.**

10.0 BCAP

Chair reported that Plan was now in its final form. A meeting was to be held with Area Manager in early March, with a view to holding final consultation event (including with potential delivery partners) on 23rd March.

11.0 Community Resilience Plan

DC reported that good progress had been made. Discussions ongoing with Shire Emergency Planning Officer, who liaises with Police, Fire etc.

Main potential incidents for consideration were : Pandemic, Widespread power outage, Major bus crash, or Industrial incident (such as Glen O Dee fire) and its relationship to other nearby uses. One of main CC responsibilities was to plan for a 'safe refuge'. DC already in touch with church halls, scouts, etc. CC already has insurance in place for premises.

Draft of CRP now to be firmed up by sub-committee. DC to e-mail request for members.

12.0 Keith White Award

Not discussed.

13.0 CC Representatives

13.1 Planning : HM reported that most recent applications had been for minor works and householder improvements. An objection had been made to the proposals for a feu split at the rear of 21 Burnett Road.

13.2 Community Learning and Development : Nothing to report.

13.3 BDI : Chair reported that BDI had held their AGM. Main projects for next year were to be improvement of Community Hub, and assistance with BMX / Skateboard Park.

13.4 BSV : Chair reported that c.£675k had been raised. A Race Night had been organised and group had been asked to make a formal application for grant aid from Midhill Windfarm Fund.

13.5 First Responders : Nothing to report.

13.6 Community Safety Forum : ED reported no meetings held yet this month.

14.0 AOCB

There was no other business

15.0 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th March at Banchory Academy Library. 7.30pm.