

BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monday 11 January 2016

Banchory Academy Library

7.30pm

Present: Mary Lennox (Chair); Rebecca Glansbeek (Treasurer); Louise Cameron (Minute Secretary); Eileen Durno; Corinne Ogilvie

Officials: Cllr Linda Clark

Speakers: None

Apologies: Rob Sadler; Nicola Kenyon; Cllr Karen Clark; Cllr Jill Webster; Police Scotland

Members of the Public: Mr Charlie Abel

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mary Lennox opened the meeting and noted the apologies.

2. Police Report

The police were unable to attend.

3. Councillors' Reports

3.1 BT Issues

Following feedback received from Cllr Jill Webster in which Aberdeenshire Council agreed to continue lobbying for improvements to the mobile and broadband networks, the meeting agreed to ask the Deeside Piper for their support on this matter. It was suggested that the local newspaper could undertake some investigative journalism concerning the reasons for, and extent of, poor mobile signal in the area.

ACTION: EILEEN DURNO TO CONTACT THE DEESIDE PIPER

3.2 Scheme of Establishment

Cross reference with item 10.6

3.3 Contingency Plan for Emergencies

Cllr L Clark raised the issue of a lack of a community contingency plan for emergencies in the Banchory area, excluding the blue light services. Highlighted by the recent floods experienced by neighbouring communities, the meeting agreed that there ought to be a plan but acknowledged that BCC was currently not in a position to undertake the project. It was agreed to raise the issue at the Community Safety Forum and to ask them for support in preparing such a plan.

**ACTION: EILEEN DURNO TO RAISE ISSUE AT COMMUNITY SAFETY FORM
CLLR L CLARK TO GIVE CONTACT DETAILS OF SOMEONE WHO COULD ADVISE BCC TO MARY
LENNOX
MARY LENNOX TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY A SPEAKER FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

3.4 Planning

Cllr L Clark reminded the meeting of some of the issues to be aware of with Planning Permission in Principle and how the final plans would have to be changed significantly before the plans would be considered as a new application.

3.5 Other

The issue of severe potholes on the South Deeside Road between Park and Durris was highlighted. Cllr Linda Clark is to pass this on to one of the Councillors for that area.

4. Guest Speaker: None

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

The minutes of 14 December 2016 were proposed by Corinne Ogilvie and seconded by Rebecca Glansbeek.

Matters Arising

5.1 Litter

Eileen Durno reported her findings so far on the initiatives available to assist the BCC in addressing litter problems in the area. Further research is required but a scheme, Green Butterfly, in which a street is adopted by residents, has seen some success in Inverurie. It was suggested that the organisation behind this initiative be contacted with a view to speaking at a future BCC meeting. Furthermore, BCC are to try to contact a member of the public involved in the Banchory Spring Clean who may be able to support the BCC on this project.

Eileen Durno will report at the February meeting.

**ACTION: EILEEN DURNO TO CONTACT GREEN BUTTERFLY
REBECCA GLANSBEEK TO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT MEMBER OF PUBLIC FROM SPRING
CLEAN 2015**

5.2 Bike Box Markings

The meeting was advised the members of the public who contacted BCC regarding the bike box markings have been informed that these will be renewed in the spring of 2016.

5.3 Dog fouling at Crathes Castle

Mary Lennox advised the meeting that she has offered the Ranger the support of BCC but suggested that the Crathes, Drumoak and Durris Community Council also be contacted.

5.4 Mid Hill Wind Farm

Rebecca Glansbeek reported that this was ongoing but that the approved minutes requested had been sent to Fred Olsen.

6. Correspondence

A member of the public expressed an interest in the Scheme of Establishment and the Marr Area Manager will send a copy.

7. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported a bank balance of £2,860.92, of which £450 is ring fenced for the Banchory Community Action Plan expenses. In February £35 will be due to cover data protection registration.

The current bank balances for Youth 2000 accounts are £4,225.66 and £545.82.

8. Banchory Community Action Plan (BCAP)

Mary Lennox reminded the meeting that the next meeting is to be held 15 January 2016.

9. Keith White Award

Louise Cameron reported no changes since the December meeting and the matter is ongoing.

10. Community Council Representatives

10.1 Planning

a. Braehead

Corinne Ogilvie noted that 455 comments have been made, being 453 objections and 2 in favour of the revised planning application. Corinne Ogilvie is to finalise the BCC objection in time for the 14 January 2016 deadline. It will be broadly in line with our objection to the previous planning application for this site but will raise the issue of bridge closure at the River Feugh during the recent floods.

ACTION: CORINNE OGILVIE TO FINALISE AND SUBMIT BCC OBJECTION

b. Hill of Banchory Neighbourhood Centre

Nothing to report.

c. Inchmarlo Development

Granted full planning permission.

d. Dungeith Avenue

Corinne Ogilvie noted that 10 objections to the plans for two residential houses to be built on the site of a vacant lot have been lodged. Mary Lennox explained that BCC had been asked for their comments. Following discussion it was agreed that

Corinne Ogilvie will draft a comment to go to the Planners stating BCC's concerns over parking and access in and around the site.
Corinne Ogilvie added that with 10 objections already made the application will go to the Aberdeenshire Councillors for consideration.

ACTION: CORINNE OGILVIE PREPARE BCC RESPONSE TO APPLICATION

Other

i. Aberdeenshire Special Landscape Areas

Corinne Ogilvie reported that BCC received a thank you for their input into this reform and advised Aberdeenshire Council are currently drafting boundaries for the Special Landscape Areas in our locale. BCC will be emailed by 15 January 2016 to notify us of these draft boundaries and ask for our feedback.

ACTION: CORINNE OGILVIE TO PREPARE FEEDBACK

ii. Local Development Plan 2016

The Plan was passed for to the Scottish Ministers on 1 December for examination /review. It is expected that their response will be received by mid January 2016.

10.2 Community Learning and Development

As Nicola Kenyon sent her apologies, there was nothing to report however Mary Lennox reminded community council members of an internal private meeting being held on 21 January 2016. The time of the meeting was changed to 7.30pm.

10.3 B.D.I

Nothing to report

10.4 Banchory Sports Village (BSV)

Rebecca Glansbeek reported that £580,000 has been achieved with a remainder of £120,000 still to be raised. Fund raising is ongoing but unfortunately the Burns Supper has been cancelled.

Eileen Durno raised the possibility of raising funds from other sources such as the LEADER initiative and will pass on any information she holds.

More details can be found at www.banchorysportsvillage.co.uk

ACTION: EILEEN DURNO TO PASS ON DETAILS OF LEADER INITIATIVE TO REBECCA GLANSBEEK

10.5 Defibrillators

The next meeting is to be held on 14 January 2016.

10.6 Scheme of Establishment

Mary Lennox reported that the final draft has now been passed to the Aberdeenshire Councillors for review and approval.

11. Date / Time of Next Meeting

Monday 8 February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Banchory Academy Library.

Further information about many of the projects and events mentioned above can be found online at:

www.visitbanchory.com

www.facebook.com/pages/Banchory-Community-Council/606634609388296