

# **BANCHORY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTE OF MEETING ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

Held at : Banchory Academy Library at 7.30pm

**Present** : M.Lennox (chair ML), D.Conroy (v.chair DC), L.McNab (treasurer LM), H.McNab (acting secretary HM), D.Milner (DM), A.Murison (AM).

**Councillors** : A. Ross, E. Durno, R. Bruce

**Member of Public** : A. Ross (potential CC member)

### **1 Welcome and Apologies**

ML welcomed all to the meeting, in particular Mr Alasdair Ross, who was a potential new member for the CC.

Apologies from V. Kerridge, and J. Wills were recorded, and after discussion it was agreed to grant secretary L. Cameron leave of absence - on maternity leave.

### **2 Police Report**

The Report dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 had been circulated to all members, and it was discussed in the context of the e-mails recently received from D.Gauld (HoB Neighbourhood Watch). The Police Report indicated that patrols in the HoB area had been stepped up, and the situation seemed to be improving. However neighbourhood watch reported more vandalism of the children's play park, which led to 2 youths being apprehended. There was a fear locally that the vandalism would lead to the closure of the play park. However, Cllr. Ross confirmed that the closure was only temporary, to facilitate repairs to play equipment.

Cllr. Bruce had reported incidents of cars being vandalised in Chestnut Crescent. Police were following up.

Cllr. Ross reported on a meeting with Inspector Smith to discuss police representation at CC meetings, and was informed that resources were such that in future, all Reports would most probably be in writing. Following discussion on how communication between Police and CC could be improved, it was agreed that DM would act as liaison, and try to meet regularly with Sgt. Garrow.

### **3 Councillors Report**

Cllr. Bruce reported on the upcoming Community Ward Forum, when Council Priorities would be on the agenda. She advised all to attend.

Cllr. Durno reported that progress with BSV was slightly delayed due to finalisation of the required legal agreements. It was anticipated that a start would be made in October.

Cllr. Ross reported that following recent complaints, the Police were now monitoring parking in the High Street, and taking action against those abusing the waiting restrictions.

## **4 Approval of June Minutes**

Approval was moved by DM and seconded by DC.

## **5 Matters Arising**

**5.1 Intrusion into Woodland at HoB** : Cllr. Durno has met with complainer and confirmed that no further action is required meantime.

**5.2 Corsee Woods** : DC reported that there had been only limited progress over the holiday period, but the establishment of mountain bike trails was moving forward, following resolution of constitutional issue. Group was now separate from BDI, and this was acceptable to FCS. In regard to a wider community buy-out of the woods, funding (circa £30k) was being sourced to fund a feasibility study.

**5.3 The Bell Wood** : DM reported that dialogue between local residents and AC Landscape Services appeared productive. Further planting had been undertaken. However, group were still in dialogue with AC regarding the original complaint.

## **6 Correspondence**

**6.1 Coat of Arms** : The recent letter from Banchory Heritage Society had been circulated. Following discussion it was agreed that BCC should adopt a Coat of Arms. However, ML and DC to meet with BHS to discuss use and future control of Coat of Arms.

**6.2**

**Planning Workshop** : The letter from AC Planning was discussed and it was agreed that a workshop as an introduction to the Local Plan Review would be useful. Members interested are to advise ML of suitable dates.

**6.3**

**Crow's Nest** : A letter had been received expressing concern at the new layout of the site, as well as the increased surveillance of what was being deposited. Councillors reported that they had received similar complaints, and were going on a joint visit to the site, to raise complaints with officers.

**6.4 Signs at Burnett Park** : A letter had been received noting that the one way signs at Burnett Park required refreshing. Cllr. Ross reported that this would be taken up as part of a general review of signage in Banchory.

**6.5 Inchmarlo Road Right of Way** : It was reported that the path between the road and golf course had now been barricaded off. This had been raised with the AC Access Officer, but no action could be taken.

**6.6 Advertising** : ML reported that placing an advert in the Banchory Calendar had been agreed and was now underway.

**6.7 Glen Dye Windfarm** : An invitation had been received from the windfarm developers enquiring whether we wished to join a 'Community Liason Group. After discussion it was agreed that HM and DC would attend.

## **7 Treasurers Report**

LM reported that there was now £2,024.50 in the main CC account.

The Youth 2000 account held £3,000.30, and the supplementary maintenance account held £429.51  
LM also reported that she would need assistance with responding to Windfarm funding applications.

After discussion, it was agreed that these could be dealt with by the office bearers on an interim basis.

## **8 Sub Committee Reports**

**8.1 Community Resilience Plan :** Following the approval of the minute of the special meeting to consider the CRP, DC reported that the amendments noted in the minute had been made. A productive meeting had been held with the Marr Area Manager, and the EPO. The CRP was now being circulated to the relevant stakeholders, including scouts and west church. Adjoining community councils would also be advised.

**8.2 BCAP :** The final plan was published on MAP website, and a successful launch was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June. The steering group has now been disbanded, and it is now the role of BCC to monitor progress with the various projects, and report annually. It was noted that the educational projects were due to be discussed at a meeting in early September, but this had been cancelled – without much notice. It has however been rearranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**8.3 Youth 2000 :** Following discussion, it was agreed that it was impractical (and possibly undesirable) to consider installing CCTV at the playpark shelters.

**8.4 Keith White Award :** Following the demise of the Lions, ML reported that the basis for the KW Award might require to be reconsidered.

**8.5 Planning :** HM reported that AC had taken on board many of the BCC comments relating to the applications for Dungeith Ave, and Braehead.

New applications which would need consideration included – a) 66 houses at Oaklands, HoB , b) a proposal by Duncan's of Banchory to relocate their shop to N. Deeside Road, and c) a new house at the junction of Raemoir Road and Upper Lochton. HM will forward the details by e-mail for comment.

HM noted that he would appreciate assistance with the Planning portfolio. ML asked anyone interested to contact her.

**8.6 First Responders :** DM reported that the next meeting is in early October. He has also organised a defibrillator demonstration for 7pm, before the November meeting of the CC.

**8.7 BDI :** ML noted that Louise was our rep on BDI, and she would need to be replaced.

ML had attended the BDI AGM and reported that No 1 appeared to be going well. The mountain bike trail, and skateboard projects were also progressing well.

**8.9 Community Safety Forum :** Cllr. Durno reported that the meetings were held every 2 months, and DM agreed to replace her as the BCC rep. He will contact N.Makin, who arranges meetings.

## **9 AOCB**

**9.1 A to B Bus Service :** VK had reported a problem with a disabled group not being able to access the A to B bus service. It was remitted back to VK to ascertain more information, and Cllr. Durno would then take up the matter.

## **10 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 16th October. 7.30pm. in Library of Banchory Academy.

