

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held 8th July at Mike Sheridan Room at 7pm

Present: James Anderson (WJ) - Chair Jane Angus (JA) William Braid (WB) Jo Croll (JC) - Vice Chair Pat Downie (PD) - Treasurer Francis Duguid (FD) Richard Frimston (RF)		Apologies Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB) Cllr Paul Gibb (CPB) Iain Latta Emma Reid Lewis Macdonald Fiona Presslie - Secretary Lisa McMahan (LMM) Also present: Lesley Forrest - Aberdeenshire Waste
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2 Emergency services

No report received. Reports from the community of anti-social driving and behaviour, including malicious fire-raising. **WJ** raised the question of police back-up for the Fire Service during this incident. **PD** to speak with Donald Mcleod. **FP** to request attendance from Police Scotland, if possible, at September meeting of B&CCC.

3 Minutes of June's meeting & AGM were passed

Action Tracker updated.

JC will submit an application to Cairngorm Trust to seek further funds to maintain the toilet block at Monaltrie Park.

JC has approached Ballater Highland Games & Chiels to request funding to assist with upkeep of the toilet block & also for the block to be available during the Highland Games. B&CCC are awaiting an agreement from Aberdeenshire Council granting 'ownership of responsibility' of the block to the community council, in order for B&CCC to obtain liability insurance for the building. Until then, the block would remain closed.

With regard to the bridge at Postie's Leap, CNPA will provide funding of £4,000 towards the repairs. Invercauld Estate have agreed to provide labour and future maintenance of the bridge, along with a sum of £2,000 on the condition that the community will match that amount. **JC** to approach BRD and also Hilton Grand Vacations to seek funding.

4 Reports

Ballater Royal Deeside Limited

Application has been made for funding to replace bins.

BCE

NTR. **PD** asked if the sign at the end of Deebank Road, prohibiting access to the caravan site had been installed.

Aberdeenshire Council

Lesley Forrest from Aberdeenshire Waste Management gave a presentation on improvements planned for recycling in Aberdeenshire. Parts of Crathie, Braemar and Ballater Country would be taking part in a pilot scheme to change the collection to landfill general collection taking place every 3rd week, with recycling taking place on the other 2 weeks. This is in response to initiatives to ban all landfill by 1st January 2025.

WB to book a Halls room for Lesley Forrest to have a drop-in Hub for the proposed new collection service on 4th September.

CNPA

NTR.

Community Action Plan

NTR

Halls

LED lighting to be installed by S R Davidson.

Enhancement Group

NTR

Flood Defence Group

Tony Cox agreed to chair this group. Lesley Forrest informed the **CC** that Aberdeenshire Roads and Aberdeenshire Waste both had Flood Action plans which would be of interest to the Flood Defence Group. **WJ** to follow this up.

5 Planning Matters

NTR.

6 Correspondence

NTR

7 Finance

NTR

8 AOCB

RF raised concerns about camp fires set while wild camping by the riverside. There seemed to be an increase in number of camper vans outwith recognised sites, in particular at Sluievannachie. **FP** to write to Invercauld Estate to highlight the problem.

Lizzie Shepherd expects the Wayfaring Plinth to be completed later this summer.

WB raised concerns about the lack of grass cutting on the Deeside Way.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will be 9th September at Michael Sheridan Room, 7-9pm