

## BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> July

2020 via Zoom at 7pm

<b>Present:</b> Jo Croll (JC) - Vice Chair Fiona Presslie (FP) - Secretary William Braid (WB) Pat Downie (PD) - Treasurer Richard Frimston (RF)	<b>Apologies</b> Emma Stewart (ES) Jane Angus (JA) Francis Duguid (FD) Jim Anderson (WJ) Ian Latta (IL) Lisa McMahon (LMM) Lewis Macdonald (LMD)	<b>Also present:</b> Cllr Paul Gibb (CPG) Cllr Peter Argyle (CPA) Allan Harrison (AH)
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### 1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

### 2 Emergency services

There was a break-in at Braemar Mountain Sports Shop. Police Scotland urge public to contact them in the event of anti-social behaviour.

### 3 Minutes of June's meeting were passed via e-mail.

Action Tracker updated.

FP has sent out survey to local village centre businesses and accommodation providers to determine the degree of support for which of 3 proposals to put forward to Phoenix Fund. Firstly, a Village Enhancement Project. Secondly, a contribution to the Halls Hub Project and thirdly, the extension of The Winter Festival to include a food/gin festival in November. Application needs to be made by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### 4 Reports

#### BRD

WB reported that £500 had been donated to the Eagle Magazine and £500 towards the feasibility study for housing in the village.

#### BCE

The caravan park will re-open on 15<sup>th</sup> July. The toilet block will remain closed at present so only caravans/motor homes with their own facilities will be allowed on site. There will be no tents. All communal areas have been sprayed with anti-bacterial agent. Sanitisers located throughout the site. Access to reception limited to one person at a time. Only 2 seasonal sites still to be filled.

### BFG/FIG

Meeting held with CPA to agree way forward. Awaiting agreement of ToR's for both groups.

### Aberdeenshire Council

CPG reported that the toilet block at Crathie will not re-open until August as this is currently leased to Balmoral Estate, although owned by Aberdeenshire Council. The council is waiting for a quote regarding the repair and ongoing maintenance of the Ballater & Glenmuick Church Clock which is currently not working.

CPA reported that council meetings continue to be held remotely with considerable success. The budget for the next few years is currently being discussed to set out council priorities and to find a means of covering losses caused by the covid 19 pandemic.

### CNPA

The application for the new bridge at Gairnshiel is being reviewed. There is concern about the disappearance of raptors withing the Park.

### CAP

There have been no recent meetings. John Burrows as BRD Chair has taken on lead of CAT.

### Halls

WB reported that AJC had returned to work on the granite frontage of the Hub. The roof and ceiling of the Michael Sheridan Room have been repaired and redecorated. Going forward, the Albert Hall and then Victoria Hall will be repainted.

### Enhancement Group

There have been no recent meetings. FP reported that John Burrows of CAP will try to bring together the work of the Enhancement Group and the Improvement Group. PD pointed out that Enhancement Group had been created initially to set up Christmas Lights on the Green.

### Improvement Group

David Cobban has received funding for planters to place throughout the village.

Paths nothing to report. **RF** will contact Angus McNicol to kickstart meetings of this group.

## 5 Planning Matters

**RF** reported that Inver Lodge has submitted an application to be converted into staff accommodation. There is some confusion regarding the regulations covering the installation of PVC windows within the conservation area of the village.

## 6 Correspondence

Nothing to report

## 7 Finance No change

## 8 AOCB

The community elections have now been deferred until May 2021. Councillors who would have stood down will be requested if they might be available until that time. **ACTION: FP** will e-mail all such councillors to confirm their position. It was suggested that the council might co-opt potential members until the election next May.

All members assisted in the completion of a Scottish Community Safety Network survey.

**ACTION: FP** would ask **WB** to report on the possibility of CCTV in the village centre as he is already looking into this issue for the Halls. **ACTION: FP** would ask Police Scotland if they would support the installation of CCTV. **CPA** believed that Aberdeenshire Council would be happy to offer advice, but unlikely to finance such an application.

The meeting finished at 8.10pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 19.00 hours, location and method to be confirmed.