

BALLATER & CRATHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (B&CC)

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Minutes of a Meeting held 9th September at Mike Sheridan Room at 7pm

<p>Present: James Anderson (WJ) - Chair Fiona Presslie (FP) - Secretary Cllr Paul Gibb (CPG) Jane Angus (JA) William Braid (WB) Pat Downie (PD) - Treasurer Francis Duguid (FD) Richard Frimston (RF) Lisa McMahon (LMM) Lewis Macdonald (LMD) Ian Latta (IL)</p>		<p>Apologies Jo Croll Emma Reid Cllr Geva Blackett (CGB)</p> <p>Also present: Police Scotland</p>
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1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

2 Emergency services

Police report urged members of the community to dial 101 with any concerns regarding anti-social behaviour or driving and give as much information as possible. FD asked if there could be increased vigilance with regard to speeding motorists and motor-cyclists, in particular at Tullich. Unlawful parking is dealt with as and when, but this is dependent on a police presence in the village which is not always constant. It is a council issue to deal with the placement of double yellow lines.

3 Minutes of July's meeting were passed

Action Tracker updated.

4 Reports

Ballater Royal Deeside Limited

Six 200 litre recycling bins have been ordered for the village.

BCE nothing to report

Aberdeenshire Council

CPG had spoken to Tom Buchan regarding the toilet facilities at Crathie. As these are located on a main road which is also a tourist route, there would be a

good case for keeping them open during the winter. **FP** to write a letter on behalf of B&CCC to Tom Buchan outlining the increased use of the area due to advertising and opening of the Snow Roads as a good reason to extend opening times of the facilities.

CPG will speak to Landscaping Services with regard to the village green to seek assistance in tining and reseeding the area in the spring.

Aberdeenshire Council regards parking issues as a police matter. **FP** to write to Michael Coletta of BBA to request BBA's input into plans to encourage workers in the village to leave cars at home or to refrain from parking on Bridge Street.

CPG will seek an installation date for the sign on Deebank Road prohibiting caravans and larger vehicles.

CPG had requested an update from Lee Watson (Principal Engineer-Flood Risk and Coast Protection) regarding the time frame for the Flood Report.

Aberdeenshire Council is seeking to put forward its preferred option for Flood Defences by 31st December 2019 in order to secure funding from Scottish Government, otherwise the next opportunity would be in six years time.

There is a village meeting scheduled for 19th September, 18.30 to 20.30, hosted by the Ballater Flood Group. There is also a drop-in meeting on 25th September, 3-7pm, in the Mike Sheridan Room, to be hosted by Aberdeenshire Council. **CPG** to ask if it would be possible to have a presentation at 6pm by the council.

CNPA

Nothing to report.

Community Action Plan

The communication study has been completed.

Halls

Building work is progressing slowly.

Enhancement Group

Nothing to report.

Flood Defence Group

The meeting on 19th September in the Albert Hall is to collate opinions from the community prior to the Council drop-in meeting on 25th September.

5 Planning Matters

The change of use of the building at Crathie Quarry will be called in by CNPA.

6 Correspondence

CGB had received an e-mail requesting support for the introduction of Twenty Plenty speed limit to be imposed within the village. **FP** will contact Marr Roads

to request extensions of current speed limits. **CPG** pointed out the difficulty of making the speed limits self-enforcing and also that any speed limits were sadly a result of the number of incidents reported for any stretch of road. **CPG** to investigate use of average speed cameras.

CPG will also seek clarification on reports of anti-social behaviour in council housing property, as well as follow up on letters sent by Aberdeenshire Council to tenants regarding the tidiness of gardens.

7 Finance

NTR

8 AOCB

LMM raised concerns at the failure of Stagecoach to provide sufficient bus services during the Royal Highland Games on 7th September. **CPG** will query this.

FP to request an update on progress of work at the Old School.

WB reported that the paint marking the disabled parking bays had become illegible. **CPG** will contact roads department.

WJ reported that the avenue of trees on Monaltrie Avenue were causing damage to larger vehicles such as bin lorries and snow ploughs. **CPG** will contact Landscaping Services.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th October at Crathie Church Hall at 7-9pm