

## **Minutes of the Braemar Community Council AGM held in Braemar Village Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

**Sederunt:** Mrs Carole Paterson, Mrs Joanne Morris, Mrs Selena Hill, Mr Alasdair Colquhoun, Mr John Torrance.

**In attendance:** PC Jeff Hall, David Geddes ( CAP co-ordinator), Brian Wood (CNPA), Cllr. Geva Blackett, Angus McNicol (Invercauld Estate Manager), Rebecca Kimber-Danger, Edward Workman, Alex Finlay and Ben Addy (representing Highland Hospitality Ltd), Andrew Braidwood (Returning Officer) and 26 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Farquhar, Mr Graeme Mitchell, Maggie MacAlpine, Katie & Julian Fennema.

### **MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2014**

Minutes of the AGM of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2014 were read and approved. Proposed: Alasdair Colquhoun. Seconded: John Torrance.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Mrs Carole Paterson in her report wanted to emphasise what BCC has achieved by working together as a team. She thanked the other members of the Council for their input and support over the last year. She then went on to speak about what has been achieved over the last 12 months, namely;

- A Play Park committee has been formed.
- A Christmas Festivities group has been formed.
- We had our independence yes/no debate.
- We organised a public meeting with Gordon Land Development regarding the proposed housing at the Home Farm footprint.
- We had an oil club meeting and as a result an oil buying group was formed.
- We have been given regular updates from Rebecca Kimber-Danger re the Fife Arms Hotel.
- We have helped to ensure that the bus service to the south continues.
- A new bus shelter has been erected in the village.
- The notice board is to be repaired shortly.
- We have been in contact with COAT regarding the river walk footpath, which has now been made safer to use.
- We assisted the Citizens Advice Bureau in setting up a regular surgery in the village.

Carole continued to explain that at every meeting we have regular updates from CNPA, the Police, BCL, local Councillors and from members of the CAP committees. We are also involved in licensing and planning issues in the area.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr Alasdair Colquhoun presented audited accounts for the period ending 31 March 2015. Alasdair advised the meeting that BCC had a surplus of £4743.29. He commented that the big expenses during the year were the Orchard Fence, the cost of the Housing Survey and the BT line rental and broadband costs associated with the web camera. He advised the meeting that Invercauld Estate had agreed that the web camera could be routed through the Caravan site therefore saving BCC approx £500pa. Alasdair thanked Invercauld Estate for agreeing to this. Alasdair also advised the meeting that there was still a further £550 of donations to come in relation to the Housing Survey.

The accounts were proposed by Mrs Selena Hill and seconded by Mr John Torrance.

#### **PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION**

Mrs Carole Paterson proposed that the BCC constitution be amended to allow for Community Council meetings to be held on a bi-monthly basis instead of every month. She advised that the main reason for the necessity in the past to hold monthly meetings was because planning applications were in paper form. This is no longer the case and all planning applications are received via email and this is circulated amongst the members.

All members were in agreement to this proposed change to the constitution. Mrs Joanne Morris will amend the constitution and forward the revised copy to Aberdeenshire Council.

#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL**

There were 5 vacant seats in total with Mr John Torrance, Mr Alasdair Colquhoun and Mr John Kinsella all having served their 3 year term. The Returning Officer, Mr Andrew Braidwood, advised the meeting that he had received 5 nominations and handed them to Mrs Carole Paterson who read out the names. The nominations were Mrs Susan Sherrard, Mrs Caroline Hadley Smith, Mr Michael Holley, Mr Alasdair Colquhoun and Mr John Torrance. All five were duly deemed elected to the Council for a 3 year term. Thanks were given to the departing Council member, Mr John Kinsella, for his service to Braemar Community Council.

The AGM business was concluded at 7.50pm.