

## **Minutes of the Braemar Community Council meeting held on Monday 19th June 2017 at Braemar Primary School at 7.00pm.**

**SEDERUNT:** Councillors: Alasdair Colquhoun. Joanne Morris, Trevor Garlick, Sue Sherrard, Aimi Blueman, Jayne Watson, and Samantha Tait.

**In attendance:** Davy Geddes (BRHS) and eleven members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Caroline Hadley Smith, Shaila Daniels, Kim Neilson, PC Jeff Hall, Cllr. Geva Blackett and Cllr. Paul Gibb.

### **MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017:**

The minutes were approved. Proposed: Alasdair Colquhoun. Seconded: Jayne Watson.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017:**

**Cairngorm Community Broadband:** Alasdair Colquhoun advised that CCB have been given the go-ahead to cover all postcodes and are applying for funding on this basis.

**Dog Mess Signage:** Jayne Watson confirmed she has not heard from Cllr. Blackett regarding a meeting with Gillian Able and Kim Neilson. **ACTION: Cllr. Blackett to liaise with Jayne.**

**A Boards outside the Mews:** We have now received the rules from Aberdeenshire Council regarding the A Boards. These rules are quite clear. **ACTION: BCC to speak with the various businesses concerned to explain to them the rules as laid out by the Council.**

**Land Behind Kindrochit Court:** Since the last meeting work has started at both St Andrews Terrace and the land behind Kindrochit Court. BCC have tried to find out from CNPA if Gordon Land have met the planning conditions and we invited Gavin Miles from CNPA to come along to this meeting to discuss them. A village resident, Kate Muirhead, expressed her concern about samples of asbestos which have been found by an Environmental Officer near to the path in the woods, following the demolition of the buildings. **ACTION: BCC need to contact the CNPA to try and get more information and also to raise the issue of the asbestos. We also need to re invite Gavin Miles to our meeting in August and ask Cllr. Blackett to find out Aberdeenshire Council's position.**

**Fencing in the River Clunie:** Joanne Morris emailed Murray Swapp and he confirmed he will arrange to get the fencing removed.

### **POLICE:**

PC Hall was on holiday and therefore unable to attend the meeting.

### **REPORT FROM ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCILLORS:**

There was no one at the meeting to report.

## **REPORT FROM CNPA:**

There was no one at the meeting to report.

## **VILLAGE PARKING:**

Trevor Garlick explained that BCC understood and shared the resident's frustration and safety concerns re the current parking in the village. He stressed that once the Fife Arms has reopened, hopefully in around 12-15 months from now, the parking situation may well change. There will be public parking available at the front of the hotel and also in the Mews car park. Also once the Highland Games Heritage Centre is open in the Games Park this will encourage people to park at the Games Park.

However BCC have discussed various ways in which the current situation can be alleviated.

- **Improve signage.** Cars are parking on the roadside whilst many of the car parks stand empty. Federica confirmed that Highlands Hospitality have paid for four new signs marked "Free Parking" directing cars/coaches to the Games Park. **ACTION: BCC need to look if any more parking signs needed. Pete Mulvey offered to help draw up a plan as to where the new signs should go.**
- **No Parking areas.** There are several 'hotspots' around the village, notably by the Bothy, the Co-op and the Village Hall. BCC could try putting "No Parking" signs in this area and when PC Hall is in the village he could police them. **ACTION: BCC need to speak to PC Hall about whether this would be feasible.**
- **Yellow Lines.** The problem with this option is that it is a permanent solution, once in place there is no going back! Trevor Garlick has made enquiries to Aberdeenshire Council about the process involved in getting yellow lines and is still waiting to hear back from them.
- **Better use of current car parks.** Highlands Hospitality have said that until the Fife Arms Hotel is open the car park opposite the Invercauld Arms can be used as a public car park. Also we need to get more people to use the car park at the Games Park and the duck pond. **ACTION: BCC needs to look at signage requirements.**
- **New Car Parks.** Both Mar Estate and Invercauld Estate might consider leasing/selling/giving some land to the community for car parking. This could prove costly and is not something BCC wants to consider at the present.
- **Coach Drop off Point.** The paved area in front of the Mews could be partially removed to provide a coach drop off point. **ACTION: Alasdair Colquhoun to find out a costing from Glenshee to do this. Trevor Garlick to speak with Highlands Hospitality to seek their support.**

## **VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT:**

Alasdair Colquhoun put forward a proposal that the main road running through the village is changed to a 20mph speed limit. He advised that we would have to apply to Aberdeenshire Council

and once it was changed it would be permanent. BCC members all in agreement and the public at the meeting were supportive of the idea. **ACTION: Alasdair Colquhoun will find out some details.**

#### **VILLAGE CLEAN UP:**

It has been suggested we hold a village clean up session to tidy up the litter and dog mess around the village. We would need to choose the various hotspots and split into groups. A risk assessment would have to be done, especially if we were going to involve the children. **ACTION: Joanne Morris to email the Scotland Clean Up group to get the kit. BCC to set a date and advertise it.**

#### **PLANNING:**

**TRE/2017/0042:** Pruning of 9 silver birch trees at Alt Na Clunie. Applicant Mr Ray MacKay. No objections raised.

**APP/2017/1287:** Full planning permission for erection of Hay/Log store (retrospective). Applicant The Moors Partnership. No objections raised.

**APP/2017/1460:** Full planning permission for the creation of a new link path/cycle route to extend the Deeside Way from the Bridge of Dee to Braemar. Applicant CNPA. No objections raised.

**2017/0237/DET:** Call in notification for above application for extending the Deeside Way. Sarah Hubbard advised that this is on the Agenda for the Braemar Outdoor Group meeting tomorrow night. **ACTION: Alasdair Colquhoun to put in letter of support on behalf of BCC.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email received from Marr Area advising of the Joint All Marr Community Forum event on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017. Trevor Garlick is hoping to attend on behalf of BCC.

Email dated 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from the Aberdeenshire Council Planning department. The purpose of the letter was to seek an invitation to a BCC meeting to discuss the next Local Development Plan. As Braemar is in CNP this does not apply to us. **ACTION: Joanne Morris to write and advise them of this.**

Email dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 from Marr Area advising of a Community Council day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Joanne Morris asked members to put this date in their diaries, more details to follow.

#### **AOCB:**

Alasdair Colquhoun asked what was happening with the main bridge over the Clunie. Several years ago Aberdeenshire Council agreed to paint the bridge and repair the concrete. **ACTION: Joanne Morris to email Janelle Clark, with a copy to Cllr. Blackett, to try and find out.**

Aimi Blueman has had a complaint from a local resident, Charles Chamberlain, regarding his concern about the damage being done to the natural environment by allowing large volumes of orienteers to trample over the Birkwoods and Creag Choinnich. He was presumably referring to the large orienteering event which is going to be held in August. It was pointed out that the organisers of

these events will presumably have to clear it with the Estate owners first. Trevor Garlick pointed out the economic benefits of holding such events in the village. **ACTION: Joanne Morris to check with Angus if he has any concerns and then BCC to speak with Charles Chamberlain.**

Trevor Garlick has raised with Aberdeenshire Council the need for the white road lines to be repainted on the junction of School Road and Hillside Road. This request has been acknowledged by Aberdeenshire Council and has been included in their schedule.

Davy Geddes asked if the BCC has an opinion regarding the low cost housing project behind Kindrochit court. This is something the BCC would need to consider.

**Date of next BCC meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017.**

Meeting closed at 8.00pm