

## **Minutes of the Braemar Community Council meeting held on Monday 16th October 2017 at Braemar Primary School at 7.00pm.**

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

**In attendance:** Davy Geddes (BRHS), Brian Wood (CNPA), Doreen Wood (BCL) and Nicolle MacDonald (Community Support and Safety Officer) and 8 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Shaila Daniels, Cllr Blackett, Cllr Gibb, Simon Blackett, Angus McNicol, Federica Bertolini.

### **MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017:**

The minutes were approved. Proposed: Samantha Tait. Seconded: Aimi Blueman.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017:**

**Dog Mess Signage:** This is still to be done. **ACTION: Cllr. Blackett to liaise with Jayne Watson.**

**Village Clean Up:** Cllr. Blackett emailed advising that George Niblock runs Aberdeenshire Litter Initiative and can be contacted at [ali@niblockenvironmental.com](mailto:ali@niblockenvironmental.com). The clean-up is now best left till Spring 2018. **ACTION: Kim Neilson to contact George and make arrangements for a Spring Village Clean Up.**

**Litter Bin in Invercauld Arms Car Park:** Joanne Morris advised that Aberdeenshire Council had put a black wheelie bin in the centre of the car park. However it had been recently vandalised so the Council have removed the bin.

**POLICE:** PC Hall was not present at the meeting.

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

Cllr.Blackett had forwarded an email prior to the meeting. She advised there was still no progress with Gordon Land. Cllr Blackett expressed her concern that should Gordon Land fail to deliver there could be only 10 new houses built over the next ten year plan. She advised that one local landowner representative has offered to discuss land possibilities with the community and she will support whatever land the community wishes to see included when this comes up with the CNPA. Cllr Blackett confirmed she would like to continue being part of the village housing group.

### **REPORT FROM CNPA:**

Brian Wood advised the meeting that invitations for the Business Evening had now gone out. It will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in the Bothy. Anyone who has not received an invitation and feels they have been over looked please speak to Brian.

Brian Wood advised that CNPA are starting work on the new Local Development Plan (LDP). He stressed that the LDP is vitally important as it governs all development across the Park and lasts for 5 years. The current plan comes to an end in 2020. The maps/plans for the next LDP will go out for

public consultation early November and this will last for a period of 12 weeks. Brian Wood asked everyone to enter into the consultation. The CNPA are currently sifting their way through all the sites which were identified for development. Davy Geddes advised that he was currently trying to get the piece of land on St Andrews Terrace un-landlocked and then hopefully it could be used for the new Men's Shed Group.

#### **BRAEMAR CARE INITIATIVE:**

Aimi Blueman explained that BCI are in desperate need of volunteer carers. She wanted to stress that in some emergency situations BCI might need a carer for a temporary/sudden need and this need could be fulfilled by someone who is not able/wanting to be a full time carer, but who is happy to volunteer for an hour or two a week. Aimi asked for everyone to pass this message around and anyone interested should contact her or Sandra Falconer.

#### **UPDATE FROM BRAEMAR COMMUNITY LTD:**

Doreen Wood reported on behalf of BCL. The Braemar Community Hydro Scheme now has £7000 for distribution to a community project. A group will be set up consisting of representatives from various organisations in the village to decide how the funds will be distributed. The Men's Shed project is under the umbrella of BCL. Braemar Outdoor Group was involved in path maintenance at the end of September and the plans for the extension to the Deeside Way are still ongoing. The Mountain Festival will be held again next year and tickets will be on sale soon. The Play Park although now completed is still under the umbrella of BCL. Auchtavan had 18 visitors in September and has held four Open Days throughout the year. Visitor numbers for the Castle are up 20% on last year and they have six new volunteers. The crowdfunding was a great success and £22294.50 was raised in total for the project to replace the harling.

#### **NICOLLE MACDONALD – COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SAFETY OFFICER:**

Nicolle came to the meeting to explain what her role involves. The job started at the beginning of March 2017 and is initially funded for a 12 month period. It is jointly funded by the Fire Service, Aberdeenshire Council, NHS and the Police. Her role is varied and involves arranging Dementia Awareness training for individuals and businesses, infant and adult CPR training and working with schools on road safety. Trevor Garlick asked if a Dementia Awareness evening could be arranged in the village. **ACTION: Joanne Morris to email Nicolle to arrange this.** Alasdair Colquhoun also pointed out it would be helpful to have a refresher defibrillator course.

#### **CAR PARK SIGNAGE:**

We still do not have all the signs we were promised by Aberdeenshire Council. **ACTION: Cllr Blackett and Joanne Morris will continue to chase Ian Peacock at Aberdeenshire Council.**

#### **VILLAGE PARKING /TWENTY'S PLENTY:**

With regard to the 20's plenty BCC have formally written to Aberdeenshire Council via Marr Area and this request has been forwarded to the Roads Department.

With regard to the village parking situation BCC have given residents until 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2017 to give us their opinions as to possible solutions to the parking situation. Once all the responses are in BCC will look at the various options.

#### **VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD:**

After much discussion BCC have decided to waive all charges for putting posters on either of the notice boards. In the event that the notice boards are full priority will be given to events that benefit the community. Alasdair Colquhoun advised that recently John Macpherson collected £500 from the well in the village and this money can be used for any future notice board repairs.

A reminder regarding posters on lamp posts. Each event can display no more than 4 posters in total and for no longer than one week prior to the event starting. There should be no more than 2 posters per lamppost.

#### **PLANNING:**

**APP/2017/1989.** Victoria Cottage, Chapel Brae. Applicant Mr & Mrs D Milne. Application for FPP for alterations and extension to the dwelling house. No objections raised.

**APP/2017/2084.** Land at Cairnadrach Road Braemar. Applicant Mr Edward Workman, c/o Moxon Architects. FPP for erection of staff accommodation and stores and installation of generator. BCC objected to this application on a number of grounds including the scale of the development, the style and the lack of parking. BCC wrote a letter of objection to the planning dept. and Alasdair Colquhoun attended the Marr Area Committee meeting to voice the Community Councils objection. There will be a site visit by the planning authorities on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**TRE/2017/0076.** Kindrochit Castle. Applicant Aberdeenshire Council. Application for removal of trees in a Conservation area. No objections raised.

**APP/2017/2465** and **APP/2017/2466.** Inver Cottage, Auchendryne Square, Braemar. Applicant Mr & Mrs Hunter. FPP for alterations and extension to dwelling house. Alasdair Colquhoun commented on the fact that it is a UPVC window and roof build. However the other Community Council members felt that this was not a problem as the conservatory was at the rear of the house and was not visible.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email received from Aberdeenshire Council dated 27 Sept 2017 advising that the Fife Brae will be closed for 7 days commencing on 20 Nov 2017.

Email received from Margaret-Jane Cardno, Area Manager Banff and Buchan, dated 28 Sept 2017. The email advised that Aberdeenshire Council have now approved the adoption of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

Email received from Lorna Hogg at Aberdeenshire Council dated 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017. The email advised that two consultation surveys on parking in town centres in Aberdeenshire have been published.

Joanne Morris has circulated these details to all BCC members and asked all those present at the meeting to complete the surveys.

**AOCB:**

**Alasdair Colquhoun:**

Alasdair advised that the village defibrillator needs new pads and BCC would purchase some. He asked the meeting to advise BCC if they notice the defibrillator has stopped flashing.

Alasdair advised that the new Aberdeen harbour which is hopefully to be completed in 2020 would be able to take in large cruise ships. This could potentially be a big boost to tourism in the area with several thousand passengers being transported by coach along Deeside. Alasdair asked how best to take this forward? It was agreed that the best approach was for all the tourism related organisations in the village (BRHS, BTG and BCL) to work together. Doreen Wood advised that Visit Aberdeenshire and Scottish Enterprise can provide help to such groups. **ACTION: Joanne Morris to email BTG to see if they are prepared to take this forward.**

Alasdair advised that the cardboard recycling skips have been removed from the car park. BCC were not aware that this was going to happen. Residents will have to use their black bins with the blue lid and businesses should pay to have their cardboard removed.

**Samantha Tait:**

Samantha advised that Visit Scotland have informed her that the Tourist Information Centre in the village would be closing in the next 12/18 months. Visit Scotland have seen a 58% drop in footfall across the information centres so as a result they will be closing 60% of their offices. In the future the money saved will be invested in digital information points.

**Joanne Morris:**

Joanne wanted to remind everyone about the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. **ACTION: Alasdair Colquhoun to send a note of thanks to John Duff for his contribution to the Remembrance parade over many years and to John Macpherson for organising the wreaths.**

Date of next meeting **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm