

Minutes of the Braemar Community Council meeting held on Monday June 18th 2018 at Braemar Primary School at 7.00pm. (Following the AGM)

1.0 SEDERUNT / PRESENT: Councillors: Alasdair Colquhoun, David Sherrard (new CC), Aimi Blueman, Jayne Watson, Trevor Garlick. Also present Cllr Geva Blackett and Cllr Paul Gibb.

In attendance: Brian Wood (CNPA), David Geddes (BRHS) and c 20 members of the public.

2.0 APOLOGIES: Sam Tait, Shaila Daniels , Elliot Perkins (new CC)

3.0 ELECTION of Officers (This item was dealt with in the AGM and chaired by Janelle Clark of Marr Area Partnership. See AGM minutes.

For this BCC mtg

Chair : Alisdair Colquhoun **Vice Chair / Minutes :** T Garlick

4.0 MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD 16th April 2018:

Minutes were approved. Proposed: Aimi Blueman, Seconded: Jayne Watson.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING - April BCC :

5.1 Framing the 'old' Union Jack used at the Braemar Remembrance Parade:

ACTION: Doug Bruce is trying to get the 'retired' flag framed at Aboyne Academy.

5.2 Update on the land/planned Housing at the back of Kindrochit Court:

Cllr. Blackett advised that the BCL were to be discussing some alternative ideas at their next Board mtg.

ACTION: Dave Sherrard will represent the BCC in local Housing discussions.

5.3 Reinforcing the 30 mph speed limit along the A93 towards the castle and along by the golf course:

BCC wrote to Ralph Newlands at Aberdeenshire Council asking for his help to find a solution. Cllr. Gibb had also raised this issue (and some similar speed concerns in Aboyne) with AC. Mr Newlands letter response to BCC implied 'nothing could be done'.

ACTION: Cllr Gibb will meet Ralph Newlands in Braemar 21st June and review possible speed restriction options (Repeater signs, Roundalls, etc.

5.4 Village public toilets - cleaner vacancy. Following the email from Tom Buchan, Facilities Manager, Aberdeenshire Council. (advising that they were looking to recruit a new cleaner), the post has now been filled.

NB Tom Buchan had advised that the AC may have no other option but to close the site.

David Geddes notified the BCC that Ms Carole Patterson has taken on this role, after 2-3 candidates were interviewed.

06 PRESENTATION BY IAN RAMSAY - HEAD OF ABERDEEN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - on impending changes to GP contracts.

GP contracts

(Context: Previous BCC mtgs have heard directly from our GP and the correspondence between MSP Alis-tair Burnett and Cabinet Secretary for Health, MSP Shona Robison on this topic.)

Ian ran through the background of the proposed changes to GP duties and contract. He noted that he (and this was agreed within the Scottish Government) felt there maybe some gaps in the plans for remote rural committees.

He noted changes had been agreed by the BMA Scottish GPs committee, after a vote amongst GPs. The proposals would potentially change the provision of (eg.) vaccinations, immunisations, blood-tests and some pharmaceutical services.

AHSCP are looking for flexibility on how the new contracts might work for rural patients. They are preparing regional plans with GPs in the 'shire to ensure that community treatment and care services are covered. GP practices may have to work together to deliver these.

Planning: Action plans are being prepared by AHSCP and IR agreed to share these with BCC when available. Implementation will be staged and in place by 2020.

Braemar Care (Initiative) Funding

(Now a registered charity; Braemar Care is being set up to provide local carers to the Braemar and Crathie community). Ian Ramsay has been a big supporter to date and the BCC thanked him for his help in getting this project started. A BC funding application is in the AHSCP system currently, to sustain the BC for at least 3 years. IR noted this would now be reviewed in July, by the IJB - Integrated Joint Board.

ACTION: BCC to invite IR back to BCC when local GP services/plans are drafted.

ACTION: Aimi Blueman to represent BCC on this topic.

07. REPORT FROM ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Blackett advised...

- Gairnshiel Bridge - Remains a vulnerability to connect us to the North and has been damaged again recently. Early planning is underway to look at a options for a new bridge design. Hoped to be in place by 2021.
- Police and residents are to review the snow management on the B976 to ensure this is kept clear and passable. (NB. this is the road on the South side of the Dee between Ballater and Easter Balmoral).
- Proposed that Georgina at Braemar Castle and all the helpers be thanked for the New Scots (Syrians) event that had been held in a number of locations in the village. The Councillor had heard very positive feedback from our Syrian visitors.

Cllr Gibb submitted a written report and highlighted 3 items...

- Confirmed that additional 'mixed dry' recycling facilities have now been set up in the village, next to the glass/bottle recycling by Aberdeenshire Council.
- Cllr Gibb is to host a site visit with Ralph Newlands (AC Roads) in the village to look at possible speed-reducing signage on the A93. This mtg. is planned for 21/6
- AC Car parking public consultation 'drop-in' event for the community:

1600 - 1800hrs Village Hall Tuesday 26th - hosted by Belinda Miller Head of Economic Development of AC and will outline a bid for Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund to expand car-parking facilities in Braemar.

08. REPORT FROM CNPA:

-Cllr. Blackett advised the meeting that responses to the CNPA Main Issues report would be reviewed in the next CNPA Planning mtg. (June).

-Brian Wood reminded the BCC that the deadline for applications for the 5 new Members of the CNPA Board is 26 June

09. VILLAGE PLANTS

Chair noted that Caroline Hadley Smith was managing this locally and looking for folk to 'adopt a plant tub'. Chair noted that plants had now arrived from AC, although some of them worse for wear and not what was ordered in September. Cllr Blackett offered to follow up any lessons for next year, if needed.

ACTION: Community 'adopt a plant tub' volunteers to contact to CHS.

BCC formally thanked the Aberdeenshire Council for the plants supplied to the village.

10. PLANNING

Only 2 recent planning applications were selected for discussion in this meeting.

1 Ref Highland Hospitality / Moxon APP/2018/1429 Site at Cairnadrochit Road.

Full Planning Permission for Erection of Staff Accommodation and Stores and Installation of Generator (Associated with Fife Arms Hotel) (Amendment to Previously Approved APP/2017/2084)

It was noted that the planning application for the Fife staff accommodation had been resubmitted with an amendment. The previous application had been approved but the owner has decided to revise their design after some community feedback.

No new objections are to be made by the BCC.
No representative from HH / Moxon attended this BCC.

2 Ref : APP/2018/1048 Site at 3-4 Castleton Terrace, Braemar.

Alterations and Extension to Outbuilding to Form Dwellinghouse and Erection of Dwellinghouse (For Use as Short-Term Holiday Lets) 3 members of the public had requested to speak (in writing) on this application, ahead of the BCC.

Richard Elson - noted 3 main objections

- i Over development - the planned height of one building would be 2x not the current 1 1/2 x and overlook other residential properties.
- ii Access - restricted access into the side road to get to the proposed middle property.
- iii Impact on Parking/congestion on School Road.

Full details are on the AC planning website.

Graeme McCabe - supported RE's points and noted that reversing into the access road is particularly tricky - although he does this currently.

Maggie Mackay - supported RE's points and noted her concerns about safety in the street with the extra traffic; since there are often many children walking along School Road.

There have been several discussions between the local residents, resulting in a lot of objections being raised formally.

Mr Perkins (who submitted the application) was not present to answer these points, although some had been addressed in e-mail notes.

Since there have been 11 representations / objections submitted so far, the application will likely go to the AC Planning Committee for a decision. Cllr Blackett noted that she will abstain, for personal reasons. Cllr Gibb and Cllr Argyll will represent Ward 15 in the PC mtg. A site visit may be held for the committee (but this is not a given).

BCC reps have also visited the site. BCC agreed to submit an objection on concerns re. the safe access to the site for vehicles and the emergency services.

11. BCC CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Letter received from Sue Ryder thanking Braemar Community and our 10k runners for their sponsorship and support to the Deeview Court Care Centre appeal. £ 9300 raised locally - fantastic.

11.2 Email : Police Scotland have written asking BCC to help to identify any funding streams that we may be aware of, for the purchase of speed detection equipment for use by PS locally.

ACTION: BCC and community to consider the request

11.3 Letter: was handed to the BCC from Ms Carole Patterson, describing the work and activities of the 3rd Age Group in Braemar.

11.4 Letter: from Cllr Gibb on the Neighbourhood Alert scheme regarding Cybercrime and getting more people to sign up to Neighbourhood Alert. See advice on these sites;

<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/neighbourhood-watch>

<http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk/>

ACTION: BCC to publicise the Alert Scheme.

12. AOCB

BCC - the newly elected June 18th council members present agreed that the Braemar Secretary role (previously managed brilliantly by Joanne Morris) would be split between several members of the CC. BCC Meeting formal minute-taking would be rotated around the CC members!

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 20th August 2018 starting at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

TG Vice Chair CC