

Minutes of the Braemar Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2018 at Braemar Primary School at 7pm

Present: Community Councillors Alasdair Colquhoun, Trevor Garlick, Shaila Daniels, Jayne Watson, David Sherrard, Elliot Perkins, Aimi Blueman. Also present ACC Cllr Paul Gibb.

In attendance: Angus McNicol (Invercauld Estate) and seven additional members of the public.

2. Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Proposed Trevor Garlick, Seconded Jayne Watson.

3. Matters arising from the last minutes:

- The Constitution has been finalised. **TG to circulate.**
- Paul Gibb will meet ACC Roads Engineer Angela Funk on Monday next to progress control of speeding vehicles subject to data, resources and funding. He will update BCC thereafter.
- Four locations which would benefit from larger dog waste bins have been identified. Corroded litter bins have also been noted. **TG will write to Andy Sherridan ACC Waste Management.**
- Dial-a-bus service is still operational. Options for change are ongoing. **AC to advertise service on village notice board.**
- Parking. Belinda Miller (ACC) will submit EOI to the Scottish Gov fund in January to alleviate some Braemar car park issues, per the last BCC minutes. **BCC to provide her with any evidence of the parking problems that we can. Please send this to TG**

4. No police report.

5 and 6. AC read Geva Blackett's report.

- The EOI submission to the Gov fund to alleviate parking in Ballater was turned down however a CNPA EOI for improvements at Burn o Vat was accepted.
- Improved Gairnsheil Bridge road signage is pending.
- Ballater BRD have sufficient volunteers should the BRD bus replace the dial-a-bus service, subject to other issues such as insurance.
- Geva also reported from the CNPA board that Xander McDade will be the next convenor.

Paul Gibb reported:

- There is a new police sgt in Ballater, Keith Greig replacing Steve Robertson who has moved elsewhere.
- The Braemar School 20mph sign will be upgraded with brighter LED lights.
- At the bus forum drivers have noted problems with cars blocking the Co-op bus stop. It was noted that the stop is not well signed. **This info will be flagged to ACC (TG).**
- Paul also noted that John Latham and Peter Argyll are ACC reps on the CNPA board.

A member of the public noted that the 201 may have the facility for onboard toilets but they are not in use. It is a long journey to Aberdeen and travellers would benefit if they were operational. **TG will write to Stagecoach.**

7. Angus summarised the North Braemar potential development site and noted that further detail is available on the Invercauld Estate website. He noted that the CNPA are minded to include the site in the 2020 LDP. It was noted that this plan will be published for final consultation later in the year. As this is a significant potential development site it is important that members of the public review the proposal and have the opportunity to comment. Angus confirmed that Invercauld would hold further consultation with the Community in the new year and that any building was likely to be three years away. Angus is willing to discuss the proposal at any time.

DS will put a link to the Estate information on the Community fb page.

8. Planning. DS summarised recent significant activity:

- 4 Broombank Terrace demolition and rebuild. Withdrawn
- Belleview demolition and rebuild. Approved
- Guide Sheiling demolition and rebuild. Approved
- Deeside Way link from Invercauld Bridge to the Lion's Face, open for comment
- Cluniebank Road residents car park open for comment
- Mayfield HMO reduced from 15 to 10 persons with reduction in parking from 8 to 5 spaces, with overspill possibilities by using the garage to the rear of the property.

SR noted that the Quoich track application has been called in by the CNPA and will be considered in December.

Gavin Miles (CNPA planning) has offered to meet BCC to discuss the North Braemar scheme. **AC will accept this offer and schedule a meeting.**

9. No correspondence, other than referred to in 'matters arising'

10. AOCB

- EP noted that a wall outside 1 Castleton Terrace was falling into the road. Ownership is unclear. **TG and AC will endeavour to find and advise the owner.**
- TG noted that the wooden footbridge over the Clunie from the Invercauld Car Park is in poor condition and may become unsafe. Again ownership is unclear. **AC and TG will endeavour to find and advise the owner.**
- TG asked about the Braemar Community Housing Project. It will be discussed by further by BCL on 30th Oct. with more information thereafter.
- TG undertook to ensure that Remembrance Day plans are in hand.
- AC advised that he is procuring a licence so that the Christmas lights can go on the lamp posts as usual. Mar Lodge staff have offered assistance to check them and put them up. **AC will contact Mar Roads at ACC to request that the electrical sockets on the poles are checked and repaired as necessary.**
- AC is assisting the Creative Arts Festival Committee with ACC permission to hang windsocks on the lamp posts.

- **TG will write to the Co-Op making clear the residents preference for steady (even if shorter) Post Office hours.**
- AC advised that plants have been ordered for the village planters for 2019. Neil Bain has taken overall responsibility.
- The Board passed a resolution to give Shaila Rao and Trevor Garlick signing authority for the BCC bank account, in addition to Alisdair Colquhoun who already has that authority. It was further agreed that cheques will require two signature out of the three. **SR will progress these changes with the BCC bank.**

11. Date of next BCC meeting Monday 17th December 2018