

Minutes of the Braemar Community Council Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2019 at Braemar Village Hall at 7pm

1. Those present:

Community Councillors: Alasdair Colquhoun (Ch), Trevor Garlick, David Sherrard, Aimi Blueman, Shaila Daniels

Apologies: None

Aberdeenshire Councillors: Cllr Geva Blackett, Cllr Paul Gibb,

In attendance: 15 members of the local community.

2. Minutes from Feb 18th meeting: Minutes were approved. Proposed: Shaila Daniels Seconded: Alisdair Colquhoun

3. Matters arising from the last minutes:

• Sunday Buses

Following a Community petition and a Braemar public consultation;

- Stagecoach / AC have come up with an interim solution for a shuttle bus Braemar to Ballater on a Sunday.
- Stagecoach have a bus and it is available now, so there will be no break in the Sunday service. The bus is a minibus, seats 21-24 passengers.
- There will be 7 journeys in each direction on Sunday. Approximately every 2 hours.
- A schedule has been prepared and has been shared with the Community Councils.
- The service will be free [for now !], there is not enough time to register the service with the Scottish Traffic Commissioner. The priority was to get a service in place, but they will – in due course – register the service and normal fares will resume.

AC will also work on the bus passenger demand surveys and continue the discussion on the longer term '7-day bus schedule' option to Braemar.

BCC thanked Alisdair Colquhoun, Cllr Gibb and Cllr Blackett for all their efforts in 'pushing-back' on the original Stagecoach/AC decision to remove all Sunday buses to and from Braemar.

• Roads Issues (from Cllr Gibb and TG)

Cllr Gibb had spoken to Martin Hall (AC Roads). All our issues are on on hold...

- **A93 Speed Limits North and South** – MH needs to obtain further feedback from AC Roads colleagues.
- **A93 Pedestrian Crossing** - unlikely to meet the criteria of the existing policy. The site is on AC list to be surveyed, but is not a priority site.
- **20 mph limits** – The Scottish Government is considering replacing the 30mph limit default with 20mph, it would therefore be prudent to await the outcome of this before progressing any potentially abortive works.
- **Yellow lines** (which, even in limited zones, are very divisive in the community) would not be pursued at this time.

Action : BCC will request a meeting later in 2019 to address the 3 issues collectively.

Cllr Blackett noted that the possibility of ‘white lines ‘ at Rocky Linn bend should be looked at.

BCC Sec updated on several matters;

- **Aberdeenshire Car and Coach Parking** Consultation: Belinda Miller (AC Bus Devpt) and some of her team held a 2 hr drop-in on Monday 15 April. Outline Designs were discussed for coach-parking, car-parking, RV parking/services and new signage in the village. Belinda will take the feedback (supportive and critical!) into re-shaping her design for an application to the SG Rural Infrastructure Fund.
- **Post Office** opening hours - BCC have requested that Co-oP publishes PO open hours . They do not have a full-time PO employee - locals just want to know when the PO will be open.
- **Sewage Works leaks into the Clunie** - TG logged a 2nd report w/ Scottish Water. No report back yet.
- **Craig Connich wood**, dog-fouling - BCC intend to install a waste bin.

4. BCC Election

BCC has 4 vacant Councillor places and will be seeking candidates in May and June for appointment/elections in June AGM 17 th. Forms available soon at the Pharmacy.

5. Police Report: see Appdx 1.

nb. Cllr Blackett commented - crime is thankfully low; but always worth locking your homes as more folk will be in the village in the summer.

6. Report from Aberdeenshire Councillors

Cllr Gibb had nothing further to add having updated the meeting re the Sunday Bus and Roads matters .

Cllr Blackett spoke as a CNPA Board Member ...

7. CNPA update:

The Chair noted that Cllr Blackett is now the CNPA Deputy Convenor.

Cllr GB requested that the BCC provide Braemar's public loo opening-times to the Snow Road CBO - the Cairngorm Business Partnership **BCC Action**

- Noted the Gairnshiel Bridge 18 t limit is in-place and the signage seems to be working.

- Noted that the CNPA Local Development Plan will go to the CNPA Board formally for approval in August.

8. BCL Update (Cllr Blackett - for Simon at BCL)

Castle - Hanane has now joined as Assistant Mngr. Raising the Standard Project 1.5m Fund-raising is about to launched. Folk should expect Castle to close in 2021 due to Castle re-harling works. A Jacobite fund-raiser dinner is planned for Maryculter House in September.

Bridges -f unds needed for future maintenance

Auchtavan - Open Days to come.

Housing Project - survey completed - thanks to all.

A new BCL Director (with financial experience) is being sought.

9. Planning update

David Sherrard (BCC - Planning) highlighted these current Planning issues:

CNPA LDP - Dave noted for this minute, that BCC comments had been drafted and agreed by BCC, after the debate at the Feb 2019 BCC at which Gavin Miles discussed the LDP impact on Braemar - and North Braemar 'H5' site in particular. BCC had met the CNPA deadline of 5th April.

The BCC present supported the comments being submitted and agreed to formally minute this. ie. these were ratified in this mtg.).

DS gave a summary of the comments;

Cautious support to a North Braemar development (site H5) given the need for housing, with some suggested revisions to the site boundary; support for increasing the proportion of affordable homes in new developments; support for protecting amenity green space in the village; and a suggestion to add more Economic Development sites to keep pace with village growth.

The full text of all comments received in the consultation will be posted by the CNPA on their website and are **attached** to these minutes for completeness.

nb. These BCC comments were supported by the 5 voting members of BCC present at the meeting. The 6th member, who was not present, had advised by email that he did not support the comments.

Cllr. Blackett confirmed there was likely to be no further CNPA feedback.

Cranford Bothy PA - resubmitted plans and had now been approved.

RLS house PA - no BCC objections.

PA for 3/4 Castleton Terrace 'pod'. Maggie McKay and Richard Elson spoke on behalf of 7 households who would note their objections (on safety and over-development) .

A previous planning application (with a larger scope) had been rejected by AC and the Scot. Govt Reporter.

Residents requested that BCC submit an objection. BCCouncillors are yet to review this application, but need to do so by May 2nd - and decide if they wish to submit any comment or objection. An additional BCC may be needed to discuss the topic if an objection is raised.

Cllr Blackett stressed that any decision taken by the BCC (to raise a planning objection) would need to be formally ratified at a BCC mtg., by the Community Councillors.

Action: Community Councillors to review APP/2019/ 0676

BCC to decide if any objection or comment is supported.

It was noted by the public (and agreed by BCC) that one Community Councillor is conflicted - as a close relative - in this application. He will be excluded from the BCC debate.

Councillor (GB) said she would be declaring an interest in this planning application and would not be taking part in any planning applications from this applicant.

10. BCC Correspondence:

The BCC has registered with the Information Commissioners Office ICO, as requested by Aberdeenshire Council.

BCC are required to submit annual accounts to be able to receive its annual AC grant.

BCC conducted a light-touch review of the Scheme of Establishment (as reflected in our new CC constitution). No significant issues.

11. AOCB:

Purchasing of Planters: Chair to review options and propose some purchases, if funding allows.

MAC: Marr Area Comm. Chair to attend, representing BCC re. Sunday Buses on 16 April.

11. Date of next BCC meeting Monday 1900 June 17th 2019

Also the AGM and CC elections - if required.
Venue will be at the Village Hall

ENDS

Appdx 1 Feb Police Report

OFFICIAL

Good Afternoon all

Please find below the Police report covering both Upper and Lower Deeside for February 2019.

Thanks

Keith

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UPPER DEESIDE

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Marr Policing Priority - Antisocial Behaviour, Violence and Disorder

Police received a number of calls, mainly in the Aboyne area in relation to youths congregating within the village. However, a number of youths were spoken with, engaged positively with Police Officers and no major issues identified. Officers continue to pro-actively Police the area, especially at weekends in order to reduce any incidents of anti-social behaviour. Again, as per previous months, overall across the Upper Deeside area, the general level of such behaviour remains low. However, I would actively encourage the community to contact us with any concerns they have in relation to any anti-social behaviour and we will respond to these.

Marr Policing Priority - Acquisitive Crime

Crimes such as housebreaking and thefts continue to remain at very low levels in the Upper Deeside area with various patrols being carried out in order to disrupt criminal behaviour.

During February 2019, we received reports of stolen items including roofing lead and a wildlife trap, both of which were taken from remote locations. Enquiries are ongoing into both of these incidents.

We actively encourage members of the community to be pro-active about their own security measures to ensure that their property remains safe and hopefully free from any thefts.

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Marr Policing Priority - Road Safety and Road Crime

Across the Upper Deeside area, pro-active patrols continue to take place. Over the month, Police have attended a number of road traffic collisions, but thankfully none were serious. Thankfully, the weather has held off and the number and times of road closures has been kept to a minimum.

Intelligence led work has resulted in individuals having been charged in relation to driving with no driving licence and no vehicle insurance. This has resulted in vehicles being seized under Road Traffic legislation.

A small number of speeding motorists have been detected in the Aboyne area. This month also saw a continued reduction in reported incidents of careless / dangerous driving, which continues to be welcomed.

Marr Policing Priority - Wildlife Crime

Wildlife crime remains very low with no reported incidents reported in February 2019, albeit there has been the theft of a legal trap which is being investigated.

Other Policing Activity and Information

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Unfortunately, we continue to receive reports of telephone and email fraud. We must stress the importance to the community members that there can be significant financial loss at the hands of such schemes, therefore, members are reminded never to give out personal or financial details. If in doubt as to the legitimacy of the caller, hang up! You can always call them back to verify who they are before divulging any information.

ENDS

