

Braemar Community Council
AGM
26th October 2020 7pm Via Zoom
Draft Minutes

1. Attendees/Apologies

In attendance: Alasdair Colquhoun (Chair), John Torrance (Secretary), Shaila Rao (Treasurer), David Sherrard, Aimi Blueman, Cllr Paul Gibb, Cllr Geva Blackett and seven members of the public.

Apologies: Iain Fowler, Elliott Perkins Jackie MacLean

2. Minutes

The 2019 AGM - BCC Minutes were approved.

3. Current Guidance for Community Council meetings and election Process

The Current Guidance was for elections to be held in June 2021. Iain Fowler and Jackie Mclean were stepping down at the AGM, other Community Councillors to remain in position until June 2021. It was anticipated there would be seven vacancies and members of the community were encouraged to step forward,

4 Chairs Report

Alasdair Colquhoun thanked his fellow Community Councillors for their commitment and support in what had been a stressful year.

Over the past year we have had to deal with an unfounded complaint against the Community Council, complaints against Councillors and then to top it all Covid 19. That whilst trying to resolve the true issues of the community – Parking, Sunday Bus service, Traffic Lights at the Bridge of Dee and various planning issues.

Whilst parking problems are ongoing, but there are schemes in place hopefully for Spring 2021. The Local Development plan has gone to Scottish Ministers for approval and we are awaiting the decision regarding 20mph for the defacto speed limit.

The Community Council has supported the Local History Group with funding for the History Booklet, BCL with the Community Housing project and Braemar Care who did a terrific job during lockdown.

In August 2019 Trevor Garlick resigned as Secretary and was a true loss to the Community Council . John Torrance has stepped up as Secretary and has been of invaluable help to the Chair.

Dog fouling and littering has been a major disappointment as we have seen an increase in staycationers and day visitors.

The Chair urged members of the community to approach the Community Councillors and to consider joining the Community Council who are all volunteers trying to do good for the community.

5. Treasurers Report

BCC Accounts 2019-2020 The balance at April 2019 was £5741.91. Income was £408.80 during the accounting period. Expenditure was £2,239.37 and related to Flag replacement, Village Hall Hire, Flood risk assessment, Christmas tree lights and History Guide Book. The balance at March 2020 was £3911.34

Since April 2020 there had been expenditure on the Webcam which would be covered by Mar Area and the Christmas Tree Light fund would be transferred to the Tourism Group. To date the Balance was £3,582

The accounts were approved by the BCC.

6. Election of office bearers

The existing office bearers were all re-elected (Alasdair Colquhoun - Chair, John Torrance - Secretary, Shaila Rao - Treasurer). Proposed David Sherrard, Seconded Aimi Blueman

David Sherrard was elected Vice-Chair. Proposed Alasdair Colquhoun, Seconded John Torrance