

Boat of Garten & Vicinity Community Council

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 April 2022

In Boat of Garten Community Hall

1. Record of Attendees and Apologies Received:

Community Council Members: Kathryn Gillings, John Dickson, Alan Bennet, Valerie Fairweather.

Ex Officio: Muriel Cockburn

Members of the Public:

No apologies had been received.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 March 2022:

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by John Dickson and seconded by Alan Bennet.

3. Matters Arising:

- a. The meeting formally recognised the following appointments:
 - i. Kathryn Gillings is appointed Chair of the Community Council
 - ii. John Dickson is Secretary of the Community Council
 - iii. Valerie Fairweather is the vice-Chair of the Community Council
 - iv. Alan Bennet remains Treasurer of the Community Council
- b. Jubilee Celebration: The Guild at St Columba's Church, Boat of Garten, are organising an event to celebrate the Jubilee. It was noted that other organisations wishing to celebrate the occasion are liaising with the Guild.

4. Declarations of Interest:

John Dickson declared that he, as an individual, has raised strong objections to planning application 22/01332/FUL lodged by Scottish Water for the Boat of Garten Wastewater Treatment Works.

5. Finance:

Alan Bennet presented the Treasurer's Report.

Valerie Fairweather asked what plans there were for the environmental fund of almost £4,000 which remains unspent within the Council's accounts. Alan Bennet replied that there were no specific plans, the funds being held until a proposal emerges from the community, although some of the money could be used for the purchase of a suitable living Christmas tree, in which regard Alan will once again investigate the options.

6. Planning Matters:

- a. The Council held an extensive discussion over matters relating to planning application number 22/01332/FUL as submitted by Scottish Water for modifications to the Boat of Garten Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). As a result of the discussions, Muriel Cockburn suggested that the Secretary write to Alan

Yates (email address to be supplied) of the Environmental Health Department in the Highland Council, and Gavin Steele (email address to be supplied) of Scottish Water on behalf of the Community Council to:

- i. Raise the concerns of the residents in the community over the impact and operation of the works in such a visible location at the entrance to the village.
- ii. To object to the planning application referenced above on the grounds of the further deleterious impact on the visual amenity of the site as a result of the fences, barriers and dosing kiosk proposed, together with health and safety and environmental protection concerns over the quantity and hazardous nature of the chemicals likely to be stored on the site.
- iii. To raise concerns over the on-going management and operation of the site particularly in regard to the health and safety of Scottish Water's own operatives as well as members of the public through Scottish Water's failure to operate within their own health and safety rules, failure to regularly and routinely ensure the security of the site and failure to follow CoSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) regulations.

7. Reports:

a. Police:

No Police Report had been received. Muriel Cockburn suggested that the Secretary contact Inspector Tough to request the re-establishment of contact with the Community Council, and to request traffic enforcement of the (frequently abused) double-yellow lines in the village.

b. NHS:

Muriel Cockburn reported that the new NHS Area Manager Jill Davidson has now taken up her appointment. Meanwhile efforts were underway to source on-going care for the residents of the two local carehomes (in Grantown and Newtonmore) which have recently gone into administration, and she confirmed that plans for the new elective care centre are going ahead.

c. CNPA:

No report had been received from the Cairngorm National Park Authority.

8. Other Competent Business:

- a. With regard to the double yellow lines in the village, a request was made for additional traffic enforcement (see 7.a. above)
- b. Valerie Fairweather asked about the implementation of the "Twenty's Plenty" scheme; Muriel Cockburn responded that it would be an early priority for the new Council after the forthcoming elections.
- c. The need for new members of the Community Council remains acute. John Dickson has written a piece for the upcoming BOG Standard, and all are encouraged to follow up on indications of interest from potential new members.

9. There were no other questions or comments from members of the public.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Boat of Garten Community Council will be held on Monday 9 May at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.