

## **Boat of Garten & Vicinity Community Council**

### **Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 May 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:** Alison Morris

No apologies had been received.

**2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 April 2022:**

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

**a. Planning Matters: The Waste-water Treatment Works (WwTW)**

John Dickson reported that most but not all of the objections sent in had been recorded on the planning portal. Meanwhile Muriel Cockburn had put the Secretary in touch with Gavin Steel, Corporate Affairs Manager (North) of Scottish Water who has volunteered to visit the village to meet with the Community Council. It was proposed that the Secretary invite Gavin to attend the next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 13 June. With regard to health & safety issues at the WwTW, Muriel Cockburn advised that contact be made with Fergus Ewing.

**b. New Members:** The Chair welcomed Alison Morris and thanked her for volunteering to join the Council. David Mills, manager of the saw-mill has written to say he would rather not be a Council member but is keen to help out, for example with the acquisition of a living Christmas Tree. Alan Bennet will coordinate on that matter.

**4. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Finance:**

Alan Bennet presented the Treasurer's Report.

The only expenditure since the last meeting was the £440 cost of printing the current edition of the BOG Standard, otherwise everything is as it was before.

Valerie Fairweather questioned whether the Council could provide some recompense for James Morris in his role as Technical Editor of the BOG Standard. Alan Bennet advised that the Council is not allowed to offer any financial honorarium (other than a Secretary) but that editorial coverage of his work and an advertisement would be appropriate.

**6. Planning Matters:**

- a. The Council discussed matters relating to planning application number 22/01945/FUL for a garden pavilion at Craigard House on Kinchurdy Road. This appears to be a substantial building including hot-tub and sauna. Valerie Fairweather asked for a day or two to look at the application in detail before commenting.
- b. Application number 22/01741/FUL was discussed. It relates to an extension of 43 Birch Grove to accommodate en-suite bathrooms to two bedrooms.

**7. Reports:**

**a. Police:**

No Police Report had been received. The Secretary has still to contact Inspector Tough to request the re-establishment of contact with the Community Council.

**b. NHS:**

Formal reporting had been suspended by the council elections, but Muriel Cockburn reported that only 50% of the over-75s in the area have had their Covid booster injections. There is a 6-week campaign to persuade as many eligible people as possible to come forward.

Next week is Green Health Week with a series of events co-ordinated by the Highland Green Health Partnership: [www.thinkhealththinknature.scot](http://www.thinkhealththinknature.scot), #GREENHEALTHWEEK

**c. CNPA:**

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

**8. Other Competent Business:**

- a. Alison Morris was co-opted as a member of the Council, proposed by Alan Bennet and seconded by Kathryn Gillings.
- b. John Dickson reported a conversation with a neighbour who complained about the quality of the landline telephone service, with many people complaining of crackling on the line. It was suggested that everyone who experiences problems should promptly report them to BT.

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

**10. Date of Next Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Boat of Garten Community Council will be held on Monday 13 June at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall.

The next ordinary meeting of the Boat of Garten Community Council will be held on Monday 13 June at 7.15pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.