

# **BOAT OF GARTEN AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Revised Draft MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Boat of Garten Community Hall**

### **1. Record of Attendees and Apologies Received:**

**Community Council Members:** Kathryn Gillings, Alan Bennet, Valerie Fairweather, Alison Morris, Donald Walker (co-opted at this meeting).

**Ex Officio:** Muriel Cockburn – Member, Highland Council; Neil Maciver – Police Scotland; Rebecca Watts – Conservation Officer, CNPA

**Members of the Public:** Sue Murray, John O'Donnell, Lesley Taylor

**Apologies:** Chris Carter

### **2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023:**

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

### **3. Matters Arising:**

#### **3.a Playground Equipment**

Email received from Chris Carter read out by Alison Morris, regarding updating of play equipment at the community hall, and funding for this.

Muriel Cockburn made reference to a recent installation of play equipment in Grantown-on-Spey as an example of something done extremely well, that was interesting and well made.

A suggestion was made to speak with mothers and toddlers groups, parents council and the Deshar school; for their input.

Chris Carter will continue to photograph different play equipment in the district to try to identify equipment that could be fitted into the space available.

#### **3.b BoG Standard**

Concerns have been expressed that we seem to be at a stalemate and no further forward than as at the last meeting. Kathryn Gillings will liaise with the Community Hall and Company, hopefully to progress matters.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **5. Co-option of Donald Walker**

Donald Walker was co-opted as a member of the community council. This was agreed by all members.

#### **6. Finance:**

Alan Bennet presented the Treasurer's Report. There have been no changes to the financial position from the previous meeting. The community council also agreed to the transfer of £170.18 from the treasurer's account to the environmental account for ease of banking.

#### **7. Planning Matters:**

##### **7.a Strathspey Park**

Site visit attended by Alan Bennet, with John O'Donnell, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. A suggestion was made for the community to have an input on the design of the proposed properties for this development. The proposal is for a community presentation to be held sometime around August 2023. No further details available at this time.

#### **8. Highland Council Consultee Access for Planning Consultations:**

The committee agreed to set up a login for the service and asked the secretary to organise this.

#### **9. Reports:**

##### **9.a Police:**

Incidents from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023:

Concern for Persons/Bullying	1
Road Traffic Complaints	1
Drugs	1
Miscellaneous Matters	2
Animals on Roadway	1
Abandoned Vehicles	1
Road Accidents	1

**Total**

**8**

Report by Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

**9.b NHS:**

Muriel Cockburn reported that there is still a significant understaffing in Hospitals in the Highland Region.

**9.c CNPA:**

Rebecca Watts provided an update on the proposed sites for mowing restrictions on verges. Also mentioned the Cairngorms Nature Festival to be held from 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023, with events across the National Park.

On the day that CNPA are intending to carry out door to door consultations regarding the verges, there is a proposal to put up a small marquee on the grass area in front of Grampian Crescent, where Rebecca could be available to answer questions and concerns. Muriel Cockburn offered to assist Rebecca with this event.

**10. Any Other Competent Business**

**10.a New Council Member**

Lesley Taylor has offered to be co-opted onto the council at the next meeting.

**11. Questions and Contributions from the Public**

There were no questions or contributions from members of the public.

**12. The next ordinary meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall. This will also be the time for the AGM.**

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.**