**BOAT OF GARTEN AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**(BoGCC)**

**Draft Minutes** of the Ordinary Meeting

**Monday 11th March 2024** in Boat of Garten Community Hall

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

**Community Council Members:** Kathryn Gillings (KG), Chair; Alison Morris (AM); Donald Walker (DW); Lesley Taylor (LT), Secretary.

**Ex Officio:** Muriel Cockburn (MC), Member, Highland Council

**Police Scotland**: Neil Maciver (NM)

**Members of the Public:** None

**Apologies**: Alan Bennet (AB), Treasurer

**2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th February 2024:**

The minutes were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by AM, seconded by DW.

**3. Matters Arising**

3a.NMcI forwarded info to Police Scotland ‘Preventions and Interventions’ department re Home Security Advice for a future edition of the BoG Standard.

3b. LT has emailed HC Environmental Health and reported a concern re complaints from members of the community about an unpleasant smell in the village.

No response as yet.

**4. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. Reports**

**5a. Police**

Incidents from 12 February - 11 March 2024

| Suspicious Persons | 1 | False Call, good intent | 1 |
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| Abandoned/silent 999 calls | 1 | Theft by Finding | 1 |
| **Total 4 Incidents** | | | |

**5b. NHS Highland**

**Grantown Health Centre**

MC updated the community council on the situation with Grantown Health Centre following the Scottish Government announcement that funding for all NHS capital projects is to be paused. The refurbishment of [Grantown Health Centre](https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/local-services/gp/grantown-on-spey-medical-practice/), currently under construction, will not now receive funding for phase two of the project and work will be paused once phase one completes in April 2024.

A public meeting was held on 7 March 2024 which MC attended.

MC advised that there are no planned changes to services at the present time, though this may change in the future.

**Support Services directory for Highland**

The community council discussed the project to develop a Support Services directory for NHS Highland and Highland Third Sector Interface. The directory will be useful to members of the public who are seeking out wellbeing opportunities in Highland, as it will sit upon the HTSI website.

BoGCC did not feel it had any additional information to contribute at this time.

**6. Finance:**

AB, who was unable to attend, submitted a report in advance of the meeting.

Income:

£347.14 - our annual administration grant for 2023/24 from Highland Council.

Expenditure:

£684.00 - installation and removal of the festive lights by Highland Council.

£18.00 - February meeting hall hire.

£97.20 - annual insurance premium to Zurich Town and Parish.

The insurance covers things any assets we may own, public liability cover, events we organise, etc.

This is the last meeting before the financial year end.

As requested by AB, the community council discussed the following finance matters:

1. Bank signatories

BoGCC should normally have three signatories listed with the bank. It currently stands at 2, KG and AB.

As had previously been the case, AB proposed that the signatories be the 3 office bearers.

All members agreed that LT become the third person.

2.) Honoraria

The Highland Council admin grant includes a provision for an honoraria of £250 for each community council secretary. The rest of the community council members can receive reimbursement for any costs incurred in their role.

AB proposed that BoGCC approve the payment of £250 honoraria to the secretary covering a twelve month period from when she took on the role.

All members agreed with the proposal.

**7. Planning Matters**

LT briefed the meeting on the **Ward 20 Short-term Let Control Area** Establishment Information Session.

The Control Area came in to operation on Monday 4 March 2024. After this date, planning permission is required before a dwellinghouse, where the owner does not reside in the property, is rented out for short-term let.

Full details can be found on the Highland Council website at the link below:

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20021/short_term_lets/1033/short_term_let_control_areas/4>

**Proposed telecoms mast at Ryvoan**

| Richard Mason, Abernethy Conservation Manager, RSPB emailed KG re a proposed telecoms mast at Ryvoan.  He highlighted the concerns of the RSPB in relation to this proposal and urged that the community council take part in the consultation planned by Mitie on behalf of mobile network operator Three UK.   * *Community Council to watch for this consultation process from Mitie prior to submission of a planning application*   **Consultation Request Notification Clune Wind Farm, Drumbain Steading, Tomatin**  Erection and operation of 27 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 200m, battery energy storage system and ancillary infrastructure.  MC advised that although this is outside the BoGCC area there could be some community benefit for Boat of Garten.   * *LT to contact Highland Council to enquire* |
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**8. Correspondence**

**8a. Cairngorms Communities Event , 15th March 2024**

An invite has been received for 2 places at this event. Unfortunately no one is able to attend.

* *LT send apologies and request any minutes/info*

**8b. Ex-Sawmill Site**

KG received an email from Derek Panton, Totally Sustainability about possible future uses of the ex-sawmill site.

* *KG to forward email to rest of BoGCC and MC*
* *MC to seek advice on Totally Sustainability and report back at a future meeting*

**9. BoG Standard Update**

The BoG Standard spring issue has been distributed. The invoices for advertisers will go out next week.

The community council wishes to offer sincere thanks to the entire BoG Standard team and contributors for another great edition. Their continued willingness to give their time, energy and talents is much appreciated.

We also wish to thank advertisers for their ongoing support.

**10. AOCB**

LT offered apologies for the next meeting and asked that someone else take minutes.

AM kindly agreed.

* *LT to pass on paperwork on the day of the meeting*

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

No questions or contributions at this meeting.

**12. The next ordinary meeting** of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall.

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

***COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK WELCOME***

*The Community Council exists to see that the opinions of local residents are properly taken into account by official bodies and generally to foster local interests. Your opinions matter and we would like to hear any comments you have on what the Community Council does or does not do.*

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