

**BOAT OF GARTEN AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
(BoGCC)**

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 8th April 2024 in Boat of Garten Community Hall

1. Record of Attendees and Apologies Received:

Community Council Members: Kathryn Gillings (KG), Chair; Alan Bennet (AB), Treasurer; Alison Morris (AM), taking minutes; Donald Walker (DW);

Ex Officio: Bill Lobban (BL), Member, Highland Council;

Members of the Public: None

Apologies: Lesley Taylor (LT), Secretary; Muriel Cockburn (MC), Member, Highland Council; Neil Maciver (NM), Police Scotland

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

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

3. Matters Arising

3a. Old Sawmill site - questions were raised regarding the sawmill site and the bungalow opposite, also owned by sawmill.

There was a planning submission to build low cost housing and a footpath on the site of the bungalow. Several changes to the original plans have been submitted.

Sawmill owners were originally to have been involved with the building of this housing for the benefit of their staff.

The land of the sawmill site is contaminated and Highland Council would prefer it to remain some sort of light industry site.

3b. Police Scotland, Preventions and Interventions - a response was received from Paige MacDonald, Police Scotland regarding a submission to the BoG Standard. The information refers to Rural Watch Scotland, <https://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk/>, where members sign up to receive alerts to possible problems such as thefts, break-ins, antisocial behaviour, etc. This also includes alerts from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

- *AB to submit article for BoG Standard*

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Reports

5a. Police

Incidents from 11 March 2024 - 8 April 2024

Concern for person calls	2	Disturbance	1
Road traffic complaints	1	Attempt Housebreaking	1
Road accident	1	Abandoned/Silent 999 calls	1
Total 7 Incidents			

5b. NHS Highland

Grantown Health Centre

The campaign to overturn the withdrawal of capital funding for the Grantown Health Centre has been successful.

BoGCC contributed to the campaign by writing to the Scottish Government and MSPs in order to demonstrate the strength of feeling within the community.

Funds have now been secured for Phase 2 of the refurbishment.

6. Finance:

Treasurers Report for meeting 08/04/24

Treasurers Account

Balance at 04/03/24 £1908.47

Balance at 01/04/24 **£2173.47**

Credits this Period £515.00 Bog Standard advertising
£515.00

Debits this Period £250.00 Annual Honorarium
£250.00

Environmental Account

Balance at 04/03/24 £4000.00

Balance at 01/04/24 **£4000.00**

No transactions for this period

7. Planning Matters

No planning matters requiring discussion received this month.

8. Correspondence

All relevant correspondence forwarded to members. No further discussion required at this point.

9. BoG Standard Update

AB informed the meeting that advertiser payments had been received earlier than anticipated. This is reflected in the treasurer's report.

10. AOCB

10a. Capercaillie/Dog walking project update

AB reported the positive news is that there are twice the number of capercaillie living in Deshar Woods as there were 4 years ago. These account for 2% of the capercaillie population in the Highlands and consist of 13 males and a good number of hens. New signage is to go up in the woods from 1/4/24-3/8/24 asking walkers to be considerate of the nesting birds and dog owners to have dogs on short leads.

There had been concerns that new new estate at the top of the village, backing on to the nesting grounds, may have been detrimental to the capercaillie. The increase in bird numbers hopefully proves these fears to be unfounded.

Dog walking paths across the bonfire field have been proposed to alleviate possible problems.

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 13th May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Boat of Garten Community Hall.

This will also include the AGM at the start.

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.

Residents are welcome at all our meetings and, subject to the guidance of the Chair, may contribute to all discussion.

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