

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

### **Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 October 2020 via Zoom Conferencing.**

#### **1. Record of attendees and Apologies received.**

**Community Council Members:** Brian Tolson, Alan Bennet, Kathryn Gillings, Ken Aitken, Caroline Holroyd, Valerie Fairweather.

**Ex Officio:** Muriel Cockburn & Willie McKenna

**Members of the Public in attendance:** None

#### **2. Minutes of Meeting of 14 September 2020**

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

#### **3. Matter arising from the Minutes**

- a. **BOG Village Sign** – Peter Crane from CNPA has responded to the query raised regarding responsibility for this sign and has confirmed that it is not the CNPA but is Transport Scotland. Notes from 2006 confirms this responsibility for repair or replacement so the issue needs to be pursued with them.
- b. **Leaflets for village walks** – Brian confirmed that he had requested that the leaflets be delivered to his house and he will then distribute to various locations.
- c. **Letter of thanks to Cath Wright** – Brian confirmed he had written to Cath to thank her for all her hard work with the BOG Standard.
- d. **Street of Kincardine** – Brian thanked Muriel for organizing for the overhanging tree branches to be trimmed from obscuring the road signs leading into the village.

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

The Treasurers report had been circulated before the meeting by Alan Bennet. In terms of detail for the Treasurers Account, we spent funds of just £30.00 for a poppy wreath for Remembrance.

There have been no transactions on the Environmental Fund.

#### **Treasurers Account**

Balance at 07/09/20                      £1995.97

Balance at 12/10/20	<b>£1965.97</b>
Credits this period:	£0.00
Debits this period:	£30.00 Poppy Wreath

#### **Environmental Account**

Balance at 22/06/20	£3829.82
Balance at 07/09/20	£3829.82
Credits this period:	£0
Debits this period:	£0

### **5. Planning Matters**

03127 – This application submitted for the erection of a garage on Kinchurdy Road was withdrawn but this was accidental and an application has been resubmitted. Kathryn advised that there is a long history behind this matter. The main issue appears to be whether the ‘footprint’ matches the plot. Brian will follow up. **Action: Brian Tolson**

### **6. Items of business which the Chairperson has directed should be considered**

Frequency and dates of CC meetings for 2021. We are mandated to hold 1 AGM & 6 ordinary meetings per year minimum, so Brian proposed we hold the meetings on the following dates: Mon 8 Feb, Mon 8 Mar, Mon 12 Apr, Mon 14 Jun (AGM), Mon 13 Sept, Mon 11 Oct and Mon 8 Nov. All meetings to start at 19.00. Notification of whether meetings will be real or via Zoom will be communicated before the scheduled dates.

### **7. Reports**

**NHS** – Muriel confirmed that the new hospital is now approx. 6 weeks behind schedule but still geared up to open in Spring 2021. There are no plans for the Ian Charles site as yet. Aviemore Medical practice has won the contract to provide GP services from the new site. Muriel has a link available that can be used to take a ‘virtual walk’ through the new hospital, and she will be sharing this with us. There is still concern about the lack of physio’s available in the area. Flu jab programme is going well so far.

**CNPA** – Most of the team still working from home. No further updates.

### **8. AOCB**

**Festive Decorations & Xmas tree** – Alan had circulated an email prior to the meeting to communicate the comments he had received from some residents following the CC’s discussion about a ‘living tree’ in a previous meeting and also to outline costs of having Xmas lights installed in the village by Highland Council.

The CC voted unanimously that we should have lights put up in the village as we have the finances to afford it and felt it was important to residents.

Alan explained that we had a couple of options as far as the tree was concerned. The issue at the moment seems to be the erection of the tree safely bearing in mind Covid restrictions but also basic health & safety due to the size and weight of the tree. The tree is donated by the Reidhaven estate. The cost of the Highland Council providing and installing the tree would be circa £200. The CC proposed that we ask the Highland Council to erect the tree this Xmas but review the possibility of a 'living tree' in early 2021. The cost of erecting the tree and installing village lights will be between £700-£800. Alan to respond to residents and the HC. **Action: Alan Bennet**

**Third Sector Award Nominations** – Brian is going to check the criteria closely to see if nominations suggested actually fit into the categories. **Action: Brian Tolson**

**Recruitment of Councillors** – Brian had asked Councilors to consider what we wanted the shape of the Community Council to look like in the future. How best are we going to serve the community? Brian thanked everyone for their input which he felt was excellent. Brian will now write an article for the BOG Standard. Alan mentioned that the Highland Council are working to push youth members to be part of CCs. Muriel suggested that the Head of Grantown School may be able to help with this and possibly suggest someone from Boat who may be interested. **Action: Brian Tolson**

**Community Resilience Grit Bins** – Grit bins are located on Kinchurdy road, the school and Community Hall. Residents wishing to apply for more can follow the process now detailed on the HC website and details will be in the next BOG Standard.

**BOG Standard** – Due for publication at the end of the first week in December

**Thanks to CNPA** - for trimming the trees on the Speyside Way.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting – 23 November 2020**

The meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.00