

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

### **Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 November 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:** Graham Dean-Hart

#### **2. Minutes of Meeting of 19 October 2020**

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

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

- a. **Recruitment of BOG Councillors** – Brian has written and circulated an article on the role of a Community Councillor designed to help generate interest in joining the council. This article has been reviewed by Community Councillors and is to be published in the December BOG Standard.
- b. **Thanks to Seafield Estate** – BOG CC would like to convey our thanks to the Seafield Estate for the verge tree trimming carried out on the cycle path.

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

The Treasurers report had been circulated before the meeting by Alan Bennet. In terms of detail for the Treasurers Account, we have not spent anything since the last report.

Alan did however point out that against the Treasurers Account we have committed expenditure of approximately £1,400, covering such items as Festive lights and Tree, printing of Decembers edition of Bog Standard and annual insurance charge. These will bring the balance down to c.£600.

There have been no transactions on the Environmental Fund.

#### **Treasurers Account**

Balance at 12/10/20	£1965.97
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Balance at 13/11/20	<b>£1965.97</b>
Credits this period:	£0.00
Debits this period:	£0.00

#### **Environmental Account**

Balance at 12/10/20	£3829.82
Balance at 13/11/20	£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03127 – This application submitted for the erection of a garage on Kinchurdy Road was withdrawn to be amended and has been resubmitted. The plan appears to have been scaled down. Brian will look at the revised drawings and advise of any issues the CC need to be aware

**Action: Brian Tolson**

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

**Aviemore to Carrbridge NMU Route** – Brian requested that all councillors look at the documents on the website and then feedback to him any comments. It is evident that one of the suggested routes may have implications to Kinchurdy Road however initial indications are that people are showing a preference for the route option north of the A95. Once Councilors have feedback to Brian, Willie McKenna asked to be included in our preferences and views.

**Action: All Councilors**

**2019 Review of electoral arrangements** – Muriel explained that although this doesn't affect us directly in Badenoch & Strathspey, it does impact other areas of the Highlands significantly. Other areas stand to see a big drop in the number of Councillors representing them, for example, Wester Ross would drop from 4 to 3. Muriel has agreed to ask Liz Cowie to send out the feedback document to allow us to make comment should we wish.

### **7. Reports**

**NHS** – Muriel confirmed that the new hospital is now due to open in early June 2021. Staffing is not seen as an issue as many staff are being transferred across. As mentioned in the last meeting the GP contract has been confirmed with the Aviemore practice.

**CNPA** – Elected members of the CNPA are being asked to provide feedback to Scottish Rural Action on how communities have managed through the Pandemic. Willie advised that he will let us know when the Zoom meeting is proposed to discuss feedback.

**Police** – A report of recent incident numbers was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The only observation was that there was a higher number of incidents recorded in the last 2 months compared to normal. However, nothing significant or requiring discussion.

**Joint CC Forum** – There is a move to get this organized in early 2021.

## **8. Correspondence**

**Traffic / Cycling Issues in Boat of Garten** – The CC received an email from Graham Hazlegreaves which was circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The email raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles through Boat and also the increased incidents of cyclists using footpaths through the village, particularly down Drumuillie Road/Spey Avenue. Graham gave anecdotal evidence of issues he had experienced.

Kathryn recollected that a few years ago a committee had been formed to look at speeding issues in the village and this resulted in a number of measures being introduced at one end of the village (new housing end) and included the 'countdown' signs and speed indicators. Unfortunately, proposals were not followed up for the other end of the village – down from the Boat Hotel towards the Golf Club. Councillors are uncertain of the reason for this so Brian has agreed to check previous minutes for details. The CC also discussed views on looking to see if the village could be considered for 20mph limits. Brian will write to our Highland Councilor, Muriel to see if this is possible or feasible.

**Action: Brian Tolson**

As the CNPA is a promoter of cycling it was suggested that we contact them to see if any advice or signage is available to help cyclist's awareness of the 'etiquette'. There may also be an option to look at a white lined cycle lane on the main road through the village. This would have to be reviewed with the Council / Highways and possibly Sustrans.

It was also suggested that a discussion with the Bike shop to make them aware of the problem would be a good idea as they would be able to remind people hiring bikes of the law regarding use of footpaths.

## **9. AOCB**

Alan raised the point that it seems that some Community Councils have held AGMs this year when we assumed, they had been postponed. Muriel clarified that it was entirely up to the individual council. We had already agreed that our next AGM will be 2021.

Alan alerted other Councillors to the fact that we all need to review the Rural Housing Report as it is detailed and has some important information within. Councilors agreed to do this.

**Action: All Councilors**

Brian closed the meeting by wishing all a happy and safe Christmas.

#### **10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 8 February 2021**

The meeting closed at 20.10