

GRANTOWN ON SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 September 2017 at the Court House, Grantown at 1900hrs.

Present:	Barry Main (BM)	Chair
	Bill Sadler (BS)	Vice Chair
	Linda Coe (LC)	Secretary
	Catriona Brown (CB)	
	Fay Hampton (FH)	
	Kenny Kinnaird (KK)	
In attendance	Muriel Cockburn (MC)	Councillor
	Jeannie Munro	Resident
	Margaret Ross	Resident
Apologies:	Beatrice Oliphant (BO)	Treasurer

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Ian Charles Hospital

The Chair summarised the issues of concern which had been raised by the community as the adequacy of palliative and respite care in Grantown once Ian Charles closed and the risk that Ian Charles may close before the new hospital opened. The community had signalled it was content with the new hospital being built in Aviemore provided sufficient respite and palliative care could be provided in Grantown.

MC reported that she had recently attended a meeting at which the new hospital was discussed and there had been no reference to an early closure of Ian Charles. She also stated that she was gathering information on care facilities in Grantown to ensure decisions based on correct facts. She said the Council was aware of staff shortages in NHS Highland which were further exacerbated by recruitment difficulties. She was aware that a review of palliative and end of life care in the Highlands was ongoing.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to David Alsten seeking confirmation that there would continue to be adequate palliative and respite care in Grantown and that if Ian Charles was to close it would not do so before the new hospital opened.

Action: BM and LC

MC advised that the next area committee meeting would be held on 14 November 2017 and probably in Kingussie. The new hospital would be discussed and she suggested a GoSVCC member attend the meeting.

Action: BM and LC

3. Strathspey Hotel

BS reported that there had been no progress in making contact with the Developer. The fact that the site was owned by both the Council and the Developer appeared to be part of the reason for the lack of progress. MC suggested that contact be made with Roddy Dowell at the Council, possibly via Liz Cowie.

Action: BM and LC

4. Grantown Initiative Report

BS updated the meeting on the matters discussed at the GI meeting on 12 September 2017. The Community Council noted that planning permission would be required for the Cemetery Wall project being undertaken by GI and that GI would be asking the Community Council to apply for this.

BS reported that GI had asked the Community Council to investigate unannounced and frequent closures of the Burnfield public toilets. FH agreed to investigate and report to BM for him to consider further action.

Action: BM and FH

GI suggested that another joint meeting be held following the Meeting back in February. BM agreed to discuss with GI and agree possible dates.

Action: BM

5. Conservation Area Review Update

BS provided an update on the Review being undertaken by the Grantown Society. The next stage of the Review is to appoint a consultant to undertake further research and help progress the Report.

6. Planning

BS advised the meeting of the relevant planning applications contained in the latest email update. He further advised that the planning sub-committee would be undertaking a review of the applications and would share their conclusions with the rest of the Community Council.

Action: BM, BS, KK and BO

7. Old Spey Bridge

BS reported that the bridge was in need of repair and that the Council should be approached to fund this urgently form money which was previously stated to be set aside for this work. MC advised that there was currently a review of all bridges in the area. BS agreed to provide a note on the state of the bridge.

Action: BS

8. Co Opted Members

The meeting discussed the need to co-opt two further members to fill the vacancies. BM agreed to speak to those who had previously expressed an interest in order that two further members could be co-opted at the next meeting.

Action: BM

9. Communication

The Chair confirmed that a copy of the Minutes once approved should be made available in the Library and published on the Grantown website.

Action: LC

The Meeting discussed the state of the noticeboard in the Square and the requirement for the perspex to be replaced. FH agreed to investigate further with CNPA.

Action: FH

10. Police

The Meeting discussed complaints about excessive noise in the Square and agreed that a report from the police would be useful at each meeting as would the attendance of a police liaison officer. BM agreed to pursue.

In addition to the noise issues there remained the matters of parking and speeding which had been raised a previous Meetings. MC agreed to look into the lack of a traffic warden issue, as

well as the yellow lines which had recently been painted, which the meeting agreed appeared to be wrongly sited.

Action: BM and MC

11. YMCA

BM advised that BO would bring this to the next meeting.

12. AOCB

A) Trees

BS reported that there were several dead trees in the Square and Church Avenue which needed to be felled for safety reasons. BS agreed to contact the Council regarding the issue.

Action: BS

B) New Spey Bridge

BS reported that only one of the four lights illuminating the bridge appeared to be working. He believed that this was a BEAR responsibility and agreed to raise the matter with them.

Action: BS

C) Clock

BS reported that the clock was in need of maintenance and MC agreed to raise with the appropriate person at the Council.

Action: MC

D) Council Houses - repair

MC reported that she had been at a meeting earlier and that this issue was being addressed.

E) Council matters

MC updated the meeting on several miscellaneous issues. The meeting noted that the dog warden was updating the bins with the notices which included the correct fine.

F) Bank balance

In the absence of the Treasure BM advised that the bank balance at 1 July 2017 was £1138.80.

13. Next meeting

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 1900.

Agenda items should to be notified to BM and LC by Saturday 7 October in order that they may be included.

Meeting closed at 2045.