

GRANTOWN ON SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 February 2018 at the Garth Hotel, Grantown at 1900hrs.

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| Present: | Barry Main (BM) | Chair |
| | Bill Sadler (BS) | Vice Chair |
| | Linda Coe (LC) | Secretary |
| | Beatrice Oliphant (BO) | Treasurer |
| | Catriona Brown (CB) | |
| | Kenny Kinnaird (KK) | |
| | Ewan MacGregor (EM) | |

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| In attendance | Muriel Cockburn (MC) | Councillor |
| | Sgt Simon Filer | Police Scotland (Item 2 only) |
| | David Berry | CNPA (Item 3 only) |

1. Welcome

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

2. Police Report

Simon Filer advised the CC that he sends communications for CCs to Liz Cowie and that there was a recent communication we may wish to follow up. BO raised the issue of cars blocking access to the Square which she had notified by calling 101. Prior to making her own incident report several residents had contacted BO and said that they felt there was no police response. The CC also discussed the general problem of anti-social behaviour in the Town particularly from teenagers on bicycles. Simon Filer noted the various comments and advised that residents should be encouraged to continue to report via 101.

After Simon left the Meeting there was a further discussion on anti-social behaviour, this time the damage to the chains around the Square and churning up the grass. LC agreed to pass these further examples onto Simon.

Action: LC

3. CNPA Local Development Plan 2020

David Berry made a short presentation summarising the aims of the Main Issues Consultation and encouraged the CC to respond by the closing date of 2 March 2018. He emphasised that the consultation was on the Main Issues identified by the CNPA and not the draft Plan itself. He also outlined the process to the publication of

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the Local Development Plan for 2020 to 2025 including the next consultation on the draft Plan itself towards the end of 2018.

The CC highlighted the infrastructure improvements required to support the developments proposed in the Settlement Plan for Grantown and suggested these needed to be included in the Plan itself rather than leaving this to the Planning Authorities to add as conditions to any consent granted. The CC agreed to include this issue in its response.

BM asked all CC members to send their specific comments on the Consultation to BS by 27 February for him to include in the CC response.

Action: All; BS

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2018 were approved.

Proposed: KK; Seconded: CB

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Joint Meeting with GI BM advised that having discussed with Stewart Dick it was agreed that Stewart would send out a doodle poll to find a date hopefully that all CC and GI Members could attend.

Action: All

5.2 New Spey Bridge BS reported that not all the lights were working. BM agreed to follow up with BEAR.

Action: BM

5.3 Old Orphanage Clocks LC had advised HC already that it appeared to have taken some responsibility for the clocks in that representatives had changed the hour for GMT/BST each year. MC advised that HC was investigating and would probably be consulting HC Legal Services which may take some time.

Action: LC

5.4 Old Spey Bridge LC advised that she had made further investigations as regards The Old Spey Bridge Company Limited and the fact that the Company had been dissolved in 2005 without possibly disposing of its half share in the bridge. In the circumstances this would mean that the title fell to the Crown. LC had spoken with the legal adviser to the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer (QLTR) who administers such property in Scotland on behalf of the Crown. The Solicitor agreed to investigate further and advise LC, hopefully before the next CC Meeting.

If title has fallen to the Crown, then it is likely the QLTR will disclaim the title which will mean in effect that that half of the bridge will be without an owner. The CC

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discussed whether in the circumstances, since there could be no objections from any co-owner, HC would undertake the repairs as part of a Spey bridges repair programme.

MC agreed to investigate further with HC but it was likely Legal services would await the response from the QLTR before making any decision.

Action: MC and LC

5.5 Speed signs

MC advised that HC had replaced some of the speed signs for which the CC was grateful. There remained a 20MPH sign near the primary school which appeared not to be working and MC agreed to follow this up.

Action: MC

5.6 Yellow Lines BM advised that he was still waiting for the updated yellow lines plan following his meeting with Bill Lobban on 27 October. BM hoped that the plan would be made available to BM for the March Meeting and MC agreed to chase

Action: MC

5.7 Skating Pond MC advised that there appeared to be joint responsibility for the fencing along the path to and beside the Pond, shared between Seafield Estate, HC and Anagach Woods Trust. MC agreed to follow this up.

Action: MC

CB advised that work on cutting back the reeds had started. However, concern had been expressed by the Contractor that it would take much more time than the 2 days allocated to clear the pond. BM agreed to follow up with Basil Dunlop.

Action: BM

5.8 Bus shelter BS reported that HC had advised him that the planning condition regarding the erection of a bus shelter outside Ritchies was for CNPA to deal with not HC. MC agreed to follow up once BS had forwarded the email to her.

Action: MC

5.9 Letter to RBS BM agreed to circulate the letter sent to the Chief Executive of RBS regarding the closure of the Grantown branch to CC members.

Action: BM

5.10 Strathspey Hotel BS suggested that the CC discuss Community Asset Transfer under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 at the March Meeting to establish a way forward here. MC agreed to forward a presentation she had on this.

Action: MC

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5.11 Tree Survey

BS advised that having asked for the trees in the Square and Church Avenue to be included in the HC Tree Survey, there was now a debate between HC and the Seafield Estate as to who had responsibility for the trees in the Square.

5.12 Salt Bin in South West High Street MC understood this was to be provided and would check with HC.

Action: MC

5.13 CC Long Service Presentations

EM agreed to follow up on costing 3 engraved quaichs.

Action: EM

6. Treasurer's Report BO advised that the CC had received the HC grant and, as a consequence, there was £2,797.01 in the bank.

7 Insurance LC had circulated the Insurance proposal received from Zurich and had confirmed that this continued the same cover as under previous HC policies. The premium was £86 and the CC agreed to continue the policy with Zurich.

Proposed: BM; Seconded: BO

8. Planning Report

BS advised that there were no planning applications this month. He advised that he had received an email which raised issues regarding enforcement of planning conditions. BS agreed to forward the email to MC for her to follow up.

Action: BS and MC

9. Co-Option of new Members

BM advised the CC that both Martin Ross and Fay Hampton had resigned from the CC since the last Meeting. BM advised that he had written to Martin to thank him for volunteering and to Fay to thank her for her contribution. The CC agreed that it would be sensible to co-opt replacement Members and further agreed to provide names of any volunteers to BM soonest.

Action: All

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10. Grantown Initiative Update

BM advised the CC that it should have recorded formal agreement at the November Meeting to GI assuming responsibility for Hogmanay celebrations and recommended doing so retrospectively. The CC agreed to the GI assuming responsibility for Hogmanay celebrations.

Proposed: BM; Seconded: KK

BS reported that the GI noted that the Hogmanay Celebrations were a success and discussed the Rails to Grantown Project, the Conservation Area draft appraisal and the community website.

11. Ian Charles Hospital

LC reminded the CC that Kate Patience-Quate the lead nurse on the new hospital project would be attending the March meeting to provide an update on both the new hospital and proposals in respect of ICH.

12. Gardens Project

BO updated the CC on discussions she had had with the University of the Third Age (U3A) regarding U3A members undertaking community gardening projects. She advised that she was hoping to meet with HC and U3A before the March Meeting to agree a way forward.

EM suggested that the youth organisations in the Town may be interested in taking responsibility for the flower boxes in the Square. The CC agreed this was a good idea and EM agreed to progress and discuss with BO.

Action: EM and BO

13. Boules Court

BM updated the CC on his outline discussions with Lynda and Jim Beveridge. He agreed to meet with Lynda and Jim on site and bring recommendations on site, size and cost to the March Meeting.

Action: BM

14. Improving Routes and Paths around Grantown

BS asked for this to be deferred to the March Meeting.

Action: LC

15. Correspondence

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BS advised that there was a HC consultation of Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Guidance which closed on 9 March 2018 which he would be reviewing to consider whether the CC should respond.

LC advised that there were further consultations in the in box which BS should also review namely the CNPA Draft Forestry Strategy closing on 25 March 2018 and the HC Shopfront Design Guide Consultation closing 23 March 2018.

Action: BS

The CC discussed whether it should replace its gmail account. EM agreed to look at this. The CC also suggested that it may be better to limit access to the new account to two administrators, and EM and LC were nominated.

Action: EM and LC

16. AOCB

MC advised that she would be forwarding a press release on the City Deal for affordable rental housing. HC had agreed to use City-Region Deal funding to part fund new mid-market housing projects throughout the Highlands. The proposed new homes are expected to be completed by the end of 2019 and include 8 in Grantown.

Action: MC

Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be on **Tuesday 20 March 2018** at 1900 in the Court House.

Agenda items should be notified to BM and LC by **Saturday 10 March** for inclusion in the Agenda.

The Meeting closed at 2100.