

GRANTOWN ON SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th April 2018 at The Courthouse, Grantown at 7pm

Present:	Barry Main (BM)	Chair
	Bill Sadler (BS)	Vice Chair
	Catriona Brown (CB)	Acting Secretary
	Beatrice Oliphant (BO)	Treasurer
	Kenny Kinnaird (KK)	
	Ewan MacGregor (EM)	
	Martin Bradshaw (MB)	
In Attendance:	Muriel Cockburn (MC)	Councillor
	Jeannie Munro (JM)	Resident
	Margaret Ross (MR)	Resident
	Fay Hampton (FH)	Resident
	Lynda Beveridge (LB)	Twinning Association, Item 14 only
	Jane Hope (JH)	Twinning Association, Item 14 only
	Sally Dowden (SD)	Twinning Association, Item 14 only
Apologies:	Linda Coe (LC)	Secretary

1. Welcome

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

2. Resignation of Chair

The Chair read his letter of resignation, both as a member and as Chair of the GOSVCC, to the Meeting. He cited personal reasons and the fact that he was finding it hard to commit the time required to fulfil his role. He thanked everyone for placing their trust in him and for working with him during his time in office. BM's resignation came into effect at the close of the meeting; 8pm on Tuesday, the 17th of April.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March were approved

Proposed BS; Seconded EM

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4. Treasurers report

BO reported a balance of £3,767.01 on the 28th March 2018. A cheque for the minutes secretary had still to clear.

5. End of year report.

BM acknowledged the work put into compiling the report by LC and agreed that it should be published in the Strathspey & Badenoch Herald to illustrate the achievements of the GOSVCC since it reconvened in September 2017. BS asked that work done in conjunction with other bodies such as the NHS and Scottish Town Partnership should be added.

6. AGM Arrangements.

BM proposed that the AGM should be held at the next Community Council meeting on the 15 May at 7pm and all agreed.

7. Grantown Initiative Update.

The joint meeting between GOSVCC and GI, due to be held on the 10 April was cancelled because previous commitments prevented many from attending at short notice.

8. Burnfield Toilets.

MC Reported that no decision had been taken about closing the Burnfield toilets. MC would update the Community Council after a meeting at HC on the 9 May. EM asked if it would be possible to open the toilets opposite SW High Street 12 months of the year.

9. Planning Report.

BS reported that the application for retrospective planning permission requested for Birchview, Grantown had been withdrawn. He also reported that the 2 new houses planned for the Beachen development had been called in by the CNPA.

BS also reported that Planning consent was granted for the telecoms mast on Dreggie Hill in summer 2017 when the Community Council was in abeyance.

10. Community Asset Transfer.

BS agreed to continue to explore the potential of local sites and suggested seeking the input of local builders.

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11. Gardens Project

EM reported that local youth groups, scouts, guides, brownies, would each adopt a flower box, plant it according to a planting grid and maintain but would not be watering the boxes. Charlie Sinclair would continue to do the baskets as he has done for many years, on a voluntary basis. BO reported that a youth worker at the YM was a qualified gardener whose skills could be used for the benefit of the community. BO suggested that Berry Burn wind farm could be approached for funding for a polytunnel.

12. Boules Court.

BM showed a sketch of the proposed position of the Boules Court, in the square, in front of Lethandary Lodge. LB did not envisage any problem with unauthorised use as the boules would not be left on the court. A suggestion that a fence be put around the boules court was seen as an unnecessary trip hazard by LB. Planning consent was not required as the size of the boules court was 14m x 4m. The surface would be gravel with a wooden surround. The Boules Court was unanimously approved.

13. Improving Routes and Paths Around Grantown.

BS agreed to discuss further with the GI and explore involvement of Sustrans in creating safe cycling and walking routes around Grantown

14. Correspondence

EM advised the meeting of a poster advertising Force 9 Energy event in Grant Arms Hotel, Thursday 3 May 2018.

Next meeting

The next Meeting would be on Tuesday 15 May at 7pm with the AGM to be held at start of meeting.