

GRANTOWN ON SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th July 2018 at The Grant Arms Hotel at 19.00 Hrs

Present: Linda Coe Chair (LC)
Ewan MacGregor Vice Chair (EM)
Beatrice Oliphant Treasurer (BO)
Martin Bradshaw Secretary (MB)
Catriona Brown (CB)
John Halliday (JH)
Bill Sadler (BS)

Also Present: Jeanie Munro (JM) Resident

1. Welcome

LC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending, there were no apologies save for Muriel Cockburn and HC Councillors.

2. Police Update: LC reported that there was no Police update as there were no police representatives present.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th April 2018 were approved

Proposed BO: Seconded BS

4. Matters arising:

In view of the period of suspension the CC reviewed the Action Log in detail to capture matters arising.

4.1 Parking

Grantown Initiative (GI) had sent a letter to HC about the parking situation in the Square raising specific concerns about siting of the bays and Parking areas. In view of the issues raised by both the CC and Grantown residents and visitors, it was agreed that this matter would be discussed further at the joint meeting with the GI

and a way forward agreed.

4.2 New Spey Bridge

BS agreed to follow this up and report back to the next meeting.

Action: BS

4.2 Speyside House Clocks

LC agreed to raise with Liz Cowie and report back to the next meeting

Action: LC

4.3 Tree Survey

HC had been written to and had confirmed that they would deal with this but to date nothing had happened. BS had sent another letter to HC requesting a Report be produced and will follow up.

Action: BS

4.4 Old Spey Bridge

LC agreed to follow up with Liz Cowie and report to the next meeting.

Action: LC

4.5 Skating Pond

LC agreed to follow up with Liz Cowie. Following the work paid for by the Anagach Woods Trust it was apparent that the work required to clear the pond and repair the paths and fences meant this would be a major Project needing substantial funding. This would be discussed at the joint meeting with the GI.

JH suggested that it was a good time to produce a definitive plan of land ownership in Grantown to show precisely who owns what.

Action: LC and JH

4.6 Health Centre

LC to send follow up email on the redevelopment plans for ICH/Health Centre.

Action: LC

4.7 Ben Mhor Noticeboard

It was agreed that the CC would recommend to the GI that we give up the Ben Mhor Noticeboard and offer it to the Ben Mhor Hotel. It was further agreed that the refurbished Noticeboard in the Square together with Facebook and the Website were sufficient to disseminate information.

4.8 Long Service Presentations

It was unanimously agreed that a £60 book token to each of the three retired Members was appropriate and that a social gathering should be arranged when the presentations could be made. EM suggested that it could take place immediately

after the August CC meeting. LC agreed to issue invitations and BO agreed to purchase the book tokens and suitable cards.

Action: LC and BO

As part of this discussion it was noted that HC had confirmed that following a security review HC had decided that it was no longer possible to hold evening meetings in the Court House. As a consequence, it was necessary to find an alternative venue for CC meetings. BO suggested that in the circumstances the CC should take the kind offer of a meeting room at no charge at the Grant Arms Hotel and this was agreed unanimously.

5. Co-opting members:

LC advised that the CC could co-opt two members and there was also the possibility of Associate Members to assist the CC on individual one-off matters. Suggestions included co-opting a member from the Dava Residents (they will decide in mid-August) and possibly a member from the Parent Council from the Grammar School. JM agreed to report back at the August Meeting: BS agreed to investigate the latter when schools returned.

Action: JM and BS

6. Gardens Project:

EM reported the plant out day on 16 June had been a great success despite the weather. It was greatly to the credit of all the organisations involved that the adopted planters had been planted so well and enthusiastically. He was particularly pleased with the involvement in the project of young people.

BO confirmed that there was good engagement with the whole project and that it was a valuable learning experience for all concerned. She added that HC do have a maintenance programme and she will be discussing with them continuation of the project. She proposed that a Committee be set up to take the matter forward. She added that the browser had been gifted to Grantown, stored at the HC yard, repaired using GI funds and was being used to help out in Boat of Garten, Nethybridge as well as Grantown.

LC congratulated BO and EM in coordinating all of this despite the CC being suspended and confirmed that BO should set up a committee and co-opt members from all relevant organisations to take the matter forward.

Action: BO

BO advised that the costs to date were £11.46 Ledger, £49.78 Compost/plants and £32.50 Compost for hanging plants. These payments were approved

Proposed LC: Seconded EM

7. Treasurer's Report:

From 1 April 2018 Expenditure was £609.24 (£500 was paid back to HC as they had in error paid this discretionary grant twice). The bank balance at 6 July 2018 was £2,940.77.

8. Planning:

It was agreed that a Planning Group should be established comprising **BO, BS CB & EM**

BS reported that there were a number of planning issues outstanding:

1. The proposed changes in the levels at Beachen Court - he proposed that the CC if requested should support Gordon Bulloch in his efforts to resolve the issue
2. Bus Shelter - part of the planning process was a condition that a Bus shelter should be built before the housing development was completed. The developers now appear to be delaying or seeking to remove the condition completely. The CC's view is that the proposed siting of the shelter should be changed from outside Ritchie's to opposite the Craiglynne
3. Housing applications – one has been withdrawn and one has gone through
4. Application in Grant Road to extend building – CC has no issue
5. Birchview –the property is still being advertised as a party house for large groups. CB to prepare a paper for the CC even though the planning application appears to have been withdrawn

Action: CB

6. Proposed Public meeting re planning – this should wait until after completion of the Conservation Area Consultation.

9. Correspondence:

LC advised that she had received a number of emails:-

- (1) Twinning Committee re visit from Notre Dame de Monts from 23 – 28 August
The Twinning Committee wants fly the Notre Dames de Monts flag during the visit as it has done in previous years from the CC flagpole. **The CC agreed.**
- (2) Rebecca Mackellar re Grantown Try Tri - **agreed to discuss with GI**
- (3) Seafarers UK re Merchant Navy Day on 3 September - they want communities to fly the Red Ensign. However, this would be at our expense and we should probably await direction from Highland Council or indeed an application from the British Legion.
- (4) Highland Small Council Housing Trust – seeking directors -CC Members were free apply.

10. AOCB:

- (1) ICH/Health Centre: BS advised that the Health Centre has now combined with the Glenlivet practice and was calling itself the 'Speyside Medical Group'. He added that neither of these locations was in Speyside; for example, Aberlour is in Speyside: Grantown is in Strathspey. The Grantown Society would be writing to the practice to highlight this inaccuracy.
- (2) ICH: BS suggested following Community comments that a letter should be sent to the new Cabinet Secretary for Health seeking a review of the NHS Highland decision to close ICH. BS to draft letter for LC to send.

Action: BS and LC

- (3) JM advised of an area of concern for Dava residents - the B907 entrance to the windfarm at Lochindorb which she would be monitoring.

11. Next Meeting:

Date of the next meeting is 21st August 2018 at 19.00

The Meeting closed at 20.30