

# GRANTOWN ON SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at The Grant Arms Hotel Granttown –on – Spey 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)  
Bill Sadler (BS)  
John Halliday (JH)

**Also present:** Muriel Cockburn (HC)  
Sgt. Simon Filer (Police Scotland) for Item 2 only  
Liz Henderson (LH) (CNPA)  
Kate Patience-Quate (KP-Q) (NHS Highland) for Item 6 only  
Maimie Thompson (MT) (NHS Highland) for Item 6 only  
Dr Boyd Peters (BP) (GoS Health Centre) for Item 6 only

### **1. Welcome:**

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

### **2. Police Report:**

Sgt. Filer stated that there was nothing important to announce, he confirmed that there were no issuers arising from TiTG or Motormanias both of which passed without incident. He added that there were issues with regard to parking but that was a matter for the CC and HC were responsible for enforcement.

MC stated that something was due to be announced by HC very shortly about traffic enforcement but that she did not yet have the details.

The Chair thanked Sgt. Filer for attending and for his update

### **6. Briefing on New Hospital**

BP gave a general overview of the history of the project. In or about 2010 it was decided that ICH needed approx. £2.3 m to bring it up to date and at the same time St Vincent's in Kingussie was considered in substantial disrepair. He stated that there was a public consultation during which GoSVCC was consulted and the concept of a new building to centralise services came out of the public consultation. He added that from a planning point of view they had now reached the stage of dealing with minutiae i.e. colour of walls etc..

KP-Q said that there was a low usage of palliative care facilities in Badenoch & Strathspey (B&S) but at the same time the provision of such facilities in B&S was not adequate and that there were difficulties in facilitating death close to home, rather than in Raigmore throughout B&S and that as a result a multi-disciplinary working group was created with 3 main objectives:-

1. To establish more anticipatory assessment of patients;
2. To set up a Palliative Care Register for those in the last year of life; and
3. To establish a Palliative Care Framework for identification and co-ordination of care.

The Palliative Care Framework will be tested in B&S because B&S is one of the largest contributors to Highland Hospice but very few residents of B&S use it

KP-Q added that with Macmillan funding a Team Project Leader will be in place 12/18 or 01/19 and there will be an Improvement Workshop held locally in January 2019. She added that a retrospective audit of deaths across the 4 medical practices has been carried out and the results will be published in the near future.

MT advised that there were 3 major problems affecting the provision of palliative and end-of-life care in the area:

1. Demography – affects both patients and workforce
2. New care home pulling in workforce from an already limited existing pool
3. Consistent overspend by NHS Highland e.g. in Caithness

BP concluded by summarising that at the time of the consultation 4 options were identified:

1. Do nothing and allow both hospitals to collapse in time;
2. Minor refurbishment of both hospitals – this was deemed a short term measure;
3. Major refurbishment of one hospital and minor refurbishment of the other but then the question was which one was to be given the major refurbishment; and
- 4 Build new: it was determined that this was the only way to ensure the provision of a higher grade of community hospital care locally

The Chair thanked BP, KP-Q and MT for attending and for their helpful update regarding the new hospital and the proposals for ongoing palliative and end of life care in the area.

### **3. Minutes of last Meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August were approved

**Proposed: EM**

**Seconded: JH**

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

- a. New Spey Bridge lighting: BS advised that BEAR say HC responsible, he has written to HC but yet to receive a response **BS to pursue**
- b. Clock: MC will continue to chase on this **MC to pursue**
- c. Tree Survey: BS had nothing further to report
- d. Old Spey Bridge: BS confirmed that HC were not going to take over responsibility for the bridge because of the cost of maintenance but the Speyside Way crosses the bridge and it was not clear what would happen in HC closed the bridge because of the danger it posed. LH stated that when CNPA was established it did not take on ownership of paths in the Park except where there is a path agreement in place, she confirmed that no path agreement covers the OSB. The promotion of the Speyside Way is the joint responsibility of HC and CNPA and if the OSB was closed for safety reasons CNPA would merely re-route the Speyside Way over the New Bridge. LC will, respond to HC and request a meeting with them; LH said that CNPA will provide all the necessary information regarding the Speyside Way in advance of any such meeting **LC to deal**
- e. Skating Pond: it was confirmed that HC are not able to assist in any way
- f. Salt Bin: MC will email Richard Porteous re. the promised installation **MC to pursue**
- g. ICH: LC confirmed that the CC continue to have concerns at the level of funding; BS expressed his concern that it had been stated that there had been a full and complete consultation in 2014 which he disputed and he repeated his concern that ICH should remain open until all of the proposed new services were in place and fully operational. LH said that a matter of concern would be to improve access to the hospital for patients and families.  
LC said that she would express the CC concerns about the re-design of the services and continuation of funding **LC to deal**

#### **5. Co-opting further members:**

LC advised that there were two choices; (1) she had written to the Head of the Grammar School but she had not yet received a reply and (2) Dava Residents – she has still not heard from Jean and would try to get a response from her **LC to deal**

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

BO reported that as at 28<sup>th</sup> August the bank Account was £2,706.22 in credit with 2 outstanding cheques £180.00 for the presentation gifts and £20.85 for the accompanying cards.

BO further advised that she had received details of the grant from HC, the Gross Grant is to be £693.13 but after deduction of the Insurance Premium of £86.00, the Net Grant will be £603.13.

In addition a cheque in the sum of £250.00 had been received from Motorman  
BS confirmed that the cost of the banners etc at the cycling event was £48.49

**Payment Proposed : EM**

**Seconded LC**

**Payment approved**

### **8. Planning Report:**

Re: Birchview: the CC view was that it is not possible to agree to retrospective planning permission and in view of continued concerns about noise and parking it was agreed that a letter should be written to HC requesting details of precisely what is the present position

**Planning group to deal**

### **9. Community Asset Transfers**

BS advised that there was nothing further to report at this time

### **10. Parking:**

MC asked whether the CC had received an email from Richard Porteous. She was informed that no such communication had been received and she agreed to chase him for the information to be sent to CC she added that she will contact the Director as soon as possible to obtain the promised Road Engineer's Report

**MC to deal**

### **11. Toilets:**

MC confirmed that Debbie Sutton had got back to her; LC confirmed that South West High Street Toilets had opened and Burnfield had closed. LC stated that she will speak to MC about what happened at the recent Ward Meeting in view of the apparent disregard of the agreement reached at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> August.

### **12. Correspondence:**

LC advised that she had received a letter of thanks from Ewan Sutton

LC said that she had received notification of the AOCC meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September BS agreed to do the morning session and BO the afternoon

LC advised that there is a meeting regarding the new Distillery on 20<sup>th</sup> October in the YMCA. There was also a B&S Community Council Forum in Kingussie on 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**MB agreed to attend on behalf of the CC.**

### **13. AOCB:**

EM raised the question of the Remembrance Day Wreath laying **LC agreed to do**  
EM mentioned the proposed gift of a life sized statue of a soldier for the Legion as part of the 100 Armistice Day Anniversary he said the Legion will accept it but want approval of CC. This was agreed

JH reported a meeting regarding the WiFi hub had been arranged for the end of October  
BO reported that there was a new Bus Stop pole outside Ritchies to replace the damaged and dangerous one

### **14: Next Meeting:**

The next Meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1700 in The Grant Arms Hotel

**The Meeting closed at 22.15**