

**Approved MINUTES of GRANTOWN-ON-SPEY and
VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on 18th April, 2017
At Grantown Museum. 19.00hrs.**

Present:	Mr B Main	Chairman
	Mr C Sinclair	Treasurer
	Mr K Kinnaid	
	Mr B Sadler	
	Mr E Sutton	
	Mr M Ross	Co-opted Member
	Miss C Filer	
	Cllr J Douglas	Ex Officio Member
	Cllr B Lobban	Ex Officio Member
	Miss A Harkness	Minute Secretary

Also present:	Brian Tolson	Cairngorms Community Broadband
	Sarah Marshall	Community Broadband Scotland
	Sandra Miller	Friends of Ian Charles
	Mrs J Munro	Dava Resident
	Mrs M Ross	
	Mr S Dick	

Apologies	Miss B G Oliphant Mrs J Flannery
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Non Apologies	None
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Item 1 Welcome & Apologies

1. Mr B Main Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Item 2 Minutes of Previous meeting – 18th March, 2017.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were checked for accuracy, and approved subject to the following amendment:
At Para 15. Treasurers report: the total to be amended to £2860.46

Proposed: Mr B Sadler Seconded: Mr K Kinnaid

Item 3 Matters Arising

3. The Chairman invited members to provide an update on the Action Points arising from the last minute:
 - **Action at Para. 4 - Flagpole:** Mr B Sadler advised that there had been a slight

delay however that it was in hand.

- **At Para. 12 - Green gym** – Mr B Sadler warned that the green gym was likely to collapse as a result of the lack of volunteer support.
- **Action at Para. 32 – Association of Cairngorms Communities draft minutes:** Mr B Sadler advised that the draft minutes had not yet been made available but as soon as they were, they would be circulated.

Action: BS

- **Action at Para. 37 – Community Empowerment Act** - Lee Haxton had been invited to come and talk to Members. On tonight's agenda at Item 13 however Lee had confirmed his attendance for the May meeting.
- **At Para. 39 - Houses at Castle Road East:** Cllr J Douglas reported that a feasibility study on how to improve the outside of the houses was currently being undertaken and the Mrs J Flannery was being kept up to date.
- **Action at Para. 40 – Traffic Wardens & Speed Police:** Cllr J Douglas reported that she had spoken to Shane Manning who had advised that it could not be enforced until the audit of the lines had taken place and the New Traffic Order was in place which was expected in the early Spring. A suggestion was made to invite Shane Manning to the next meeting to discuss it with Members. This was agreed.

Action: BM

- **Action at Para. 41 – NHS Dentist Grantown Waiting List:** Cllr J Douglas advised that she had spoken to the dental enquiry unit who had confirmed that there was currently a back log but gave no indication as to when it was expected to be cleared. Cllr J Douglas passed on the contact number for the dental enquiry unit so that Members could progress discussions if required.

Item 4

Community Broadband Scotland

5. The Chairman introduced Brian Toslon, Interim Chair Cairngorms Community Broadband and Sarah Marshall, Community BroadBand Scotland and welcomed them to the meeting.
6. Brian Tolson and Sarah Marshall gave a presentation and provided those present with handouts of the presentation (attached as Appendix A). Brian introduced the topic and made the following points:
 - a) Cairngorms Community Broadband (CCB) are a Company Limited by Guarantee and are awaiting confirmation of approval of their charitable status.
 - b) CCB's main aim is to improve digital connectivity in rural areas.
 - c) The background history of how CCB came about was provided.
 - d) CCB will be a membership company however members will have no monetary fee.
 - e) Members of CCB will have the opportunity to have their say on how the company is run.
 - f) It is intended that the majority of directors would be from communities and that the preferred option was to go with a community owned asset.
 - g) The different options currently available to rural Scotland including satellite broadband and the better broadband voucher scheme for households.

- h) The purpose of the project is to provide superfast broadband in the rural areas that are not eligible for the planned BT upgrades.
- i) A map depicting the areas the project aimed to cover was displayed.
- j) The idea was to find an aggregated solution to this to identify one company to find the complete solution for the whole area (shaded grey on the map).
- k) The tender for this work was going to be released in the near future.
- l) The areas were based on postcode listings which could also be found on the CCB website.
- m) The postcodes in question were not the centre of villages but rather the rural outskirts of community council areas.
- n) One of desirables for the successful company is that they have local community members trained to act as first responders once scheme is up and running.
- o) The tendering process had been fairly time consuming and the procurement timetable was explained.
- p) It was estimated that the work would take 7 months to be carried out however that would be weather dependant given that the installation was programmed to take place during the winter months.
- q) The importance of gaining community support for the project to make the project a success and the return for communities having their say and being involved.
- r) Alongside EE had been awarded the contract for the emergency services fire/ ambulance/ police and as a result they were currently upgrading all of their masts to 4G.
- s) The CCB currently had a Facebook page and their website would be going live in the near future.
- t) Agreement to send an electronic copy of the presentation slides and the newsletter to be circulated as appropriate.

7. Members discussed the presentation and asked the following questions:

- a) Did the map show areas covered in the project out with the Cairngorms National Park (CNP) boundary? Brian confirmed that where communities extended out with the CNP boundary line they had been included.
- b) Mrs J Munro asked if the Dava would be included in the project. It was recommended that she check on the postcode map to see if her postcode was one that would be served as part of the project.
- c) Where was the funding coming from? Sarah confirmed that although not yet formally approved the funding would be coming through SRDP. She advised that they were waiting on confirmation on the timeframe associated with spending the funding bearing Brexit in mind.
- d) Confirmation that the household voucher scheme of £350 was being provided by the Scottish Government.
- e) Was the future membership of CCB expected to remain static? Brian advised that they hoped to keep increasing the membership as the technology would have to keep up the pace with future technology developments.

- f) How would the CCB be funded long term? Sarah advised that they were developing a longer term business plan where they would be looking to generate an income from the subscribers of the broadband which would then fund future work.
- g) In the future could CCB potentially be able to serve areas that currently allegedly have superfast broadband? Sarah advised that it was the aspiration to do so however could not be confirmed until 2021.

8. The Chairman suggested that they promote the CCB on the Grantown-on-Spey Facebook page to aid membership uptake. This was agreed.

Action: MR

9. The Chairman thanked them for coming, wished them every success in the project and welcomed any further information to be passed on to help publicise it. He invited them back at a later date in the project to provide Members with an update. This was agreed.

Action: BM/ BT

Item 5

Treasurer's Report

10. Mr C Sinclair confirmed that the accounts were as follows:

Previous Balance	£2860.46
Income	000.00
Expenditure –	30.00 (for use of museum)
Subtotal	£2830.46

Item 6 Planning

- 11. Mr B Sadler reported that he had submitted the Community Council's response but advised that as they were so late they had been too late to go into the formal consultation response. However the CNPA had advised that the comments would be looked at in detail by the CNPA Planning team.
- 12. Mr B Sadler confirmed that he had submitted the concern regarding the proposed development at Mount Beggar.
- 13. Mr B Sadler advised that the following planning application required the attention of the Community Council:
 - Clash Gour Wind Farm proposal of 63 wind turbines, with tip heights between 135 and 175m, South West, North and East of Berry Burn windfarm. He had advised that the Community Council had not been consulted and the decision on the application would be made by central government.

14. This was discussed and it was agreed that Applicant/ Agent be invited to come and talk to the community about the proposal in the form of an open meeting for the benefit of the residents of Grantown and its surrounds.

Action: BS

15. Members discussed the proposal and agreed it would be useful to build bridges with Finnerne Community Council.

Action: BS

16. The Chairman thanked the Dava residents for bringing the planning proposal to the attention of the Community Council.

17. Mr B Sadler advised that he had done nothing further on the Dava tracks planning application as when he went to look for it, he could not find it.

Item 7 Strathspey Hotel

18. Mr B Sadler raised his extreme frustration with the developer and the Highland Council (HC) with regard to the lack of movement on the tidy up of the site.

19. Cllr J Douglas reported that the problem was that despite the HC best efforts to make contact with the developer the developer had not been responding to the HC.

20. Following a full discussion, members agreed that a letter be written to Steve Barron CEO of HC expressing the Community Councils deep disappointment and frustration with regards to the empty promises relating to the missed deadlines for the tidying up of the site.

Action: BS/ BM

21. Members agreed that it would be worth exploring possible avenues through the Community Empowerment Act to look into seeking community ownership of the site.

Action: BS

Item 8 Potential Grantown Developments

22. Mr B Sadler introduced two potential Grantown developments: Grantown as a Snow roads destination and the woodlands centre proposal. He made the following points:

- a) The need to start thinking about how to promote Grantown on Spey as the destination, how to promote the road to N500, Cawdor, Culloden.
- b) It was agreed to involve other local community councils.
- c) Suggestion was made to develop the old filling station site as an entrance to Grantown to include interpretation and direct access to the woodlands. For it not to be commercial in any way so that displacement from the town does not occur.
- d) The ownership of the old filling station site was discussed and Cllr J Douglas agreed to pass on contact details of Alistair Grant the owner.

Action: JD

- e) It was agreed Mr B Sadler take the project to the next Grantown Initiative meeting to ask them to consider the project.

Action: BS

Item 9 Speeding Issues and Signs

23. Cllr J Douglas reminded members that the onus was now on the Community Council to get in touch with Primary school head teacher to progress this.

Item 10 Grantown as a Fair Trade Town

24. Mr B Sadler reported that Inverallan Church was now a fair trade organisation. Members reaffirmed their commitment to Grantown becoming a fair trade town.

Item 11 Grantown Initiative

25. Mr B Sadler reported that he had attended the Grantown Initiative AGM and that their website was now live: www.grantown.online. He reported that the Community Council had been invited to display their Agenda's and Approved minutes of meetings on the website. This was welcome by members and it was agreed that going forward Miss A Harkness would send copies of these for uploading.

Action: AH

26. The Chairman praised Mr S Dick for all his work in getting the website up and running.

Item 12 NHS/ Ian Charles – IC for future discussion

27. The Chairman welcomed Sandra Miller of Friends of Ian Charles to the meeting. He admitted that he had not been able to attend the last meeting so had not seen the plans of the new health centre layout.
28. Mr B Sadler reported that Grant House had confirmed that they currently had empty beds because they did not have enough staff. He went on to suggest the need to reiterate that IC needs to be maintained to appropriate standards until such time as there is proper provision.
29. It was agreed that a letter be written to David Olsten and Elaine Meade with regards to the above and that Cllr J Douglas would forward the names and titles of who to write to.

Action: JD/ BM

30. S Miller expressed the Friends of Ian Charles hospital group's opinion that they did not want the hospital to close.
31. S Miller advised that they would be holding a coffee morning this Saturday to raise further funds and asked that people attend to support it.

32. The Chairman suggested that S Miller on behalf of friends of Ian Charles hospital also write a letter to David Olsten.

Item 13 Community Empowerment Act

33. The Chairman advised Lee Haxton would be coming to the next meeting.

Item 14 GOSVCC Website

34. A page had been added for the Community Council's use to display future Agenda's and approved minutes as described in para. 25.

Item 15 Directory of contacts of Highland Council (ongoing)

35. Cllr J Douglas advised that only one telephone number was awaited confirmation and then when available the list would be circulated.

Action: JD

Item 16 Correspondence

36. Mr B Sadler reported that nominations had been invited for the Village of the Year 2017 with Penelope Keith and that the closing date was 14th May 2017 and asked if Grantown should be put forward.

37. This was discussed and it was agreed that if successful it would be good publicity for the town.

Action: BS

38. Mr C Sinclair reminded members that as their bid for funding to the participatory budget (Building a better Badenoch & Strathspey) had been unsuccessful he had spoken to Ian Lambie to get a quote to supply and plant 4 flower beds. Ian Lambie had come back with a quote to the value of £500 plus VAT to plant 60 millennium shrubs.

39. Mr C Sinclair suggested going forward with this option as it would reduce the ongoing costs as the shrubs would return each year.

40. This was discussed and it was agreed to use the funding donated by the Reidhaven Estate for the good of the town. It was agreed that Mr C Sinclair progress this.

Action: CS

Item 17 AOCB

41. The Chairman thanked Mrs C Newman for her three and half years as minute secretary of the Community Council and welcomed Miss A Harkness to the role.

Item 18 Next meeting

42. The Chairman confirmed the next meeting would be on Tuesday 16th May at 7 p.m.
43. Agenda items will need to be sent by Saturday 6th May in order to be included.
44. Thanks was given to the Chair.
45. Meeting closed at 21.00hours.



A vision of
Digital Scotland in 2020

‘People living, working and visiting Scotland in 2020 can communicate anywhere, anytime, using any device, instantly.’



What is Cairngorms Community Broadband?

- A new Company limited by Guarantee with a charitable purpose. Awaiting OSCR registration as a Charity.
- CCB exists to improve digital connectivity in rural areas included in the Cairngorms National Park and surrounding areas. Initially, a particular focus on improving physical infrastructure via an aggregated solution for those areas of the Cairngorms National Park not served by the current BT contract.
- CCB also has a longer term aim; improving and encouraging a digital lifestyle - skills, employment and social – throughout the target area.



Company history

- CNPA, with CBS, set up steering group in 2016, until the creation of CCB.
- CCB will continue to work with CBS for funding and some technical expertise.
- CCB have practical support from CNPA.
- Company membership is available to all – individuals, community groups, businesses.
- The majority of directors to be elected by the community.



Choices

**Better
Broadband
Scheme**

If eligible, the National Satellite Broadband Voucher scheme is available. The voucher is a one off payment of £550 to contribute towards the cost of the installation.

**Mobile
Broadband**

There is due to be a significant roll out of 4G mobile signal over the next 12 - 18 months. Therefore, mobile broadband provision in your area will improve.


**Community
Fibre
Partnership**

A project led by BT which allows communities which can access private funds to work directly with BT on a community project.

**2021
Target**

The SNP made an election manifesto commitment to deliver superfast broadband (defined as 30 Mbps and over) to 100% of premises by 2021.

**Cairngorms
Community
Broadband**




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Community Broadband Scotland


For communities with limited or no broadband

...Help support those communities who will not benefit from DSSB through:

- Practical help and guidance for communities
- Funding for all of the 3 stages of project development







Case study - Locheilnet

- Corpach, Banavie, Muirshearlich, Gairloch, Torlundy, Inverlochy area covered
- 320 subscribers
- Speeds up to 35 mbps
- £20 - £30 month for home service + installation fee
- £35 - £45 business service
- Supported by Marine Harvest throughout process



10 STEPS COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY



Why a Community Solution?

- DSSB (BT) rollout will not reach all properties in the project area. 10% - 15% of postcodes still won't have high speed broadband connectivity.
- These postcodes split into 'white' - no plans to provide fibre coverage under the BT contract and 'grey' - partial (but not complete) fibre coverage.
- CCB exists to provide an aggregated solution for 'white' postcodes.
- "Aggregated" means one single project to connect 'white' postcodes across the CNPA area – not individual, community by community, projects.
- 'Grey' postcodes are not currently in CCB's scope or funding.



'White' postcodes are those that are not within the BT intention to supply broadband at any time. This is the updated list of 'White' postcodes that will be eligible for project funding. It may change following the responses to the State Aid Consultation. These responses are currently being analysed.



Postcodes and numbers of premises

AB36 6SX	2	AB36 8UL	18	AB36 8YP	29	AB37 8HQ	2	PH22 1QU	43
AB36 6TB	54	AB36 8UP	4	AB36 8YQ	3	AB37 8HR	10	PH22 1QY	1
AB36 6TE	3	AB36 8UQ	2	AB36 8YR	4	AB37 8HX	8	PH22 1RD	25
AB36 6TJ	20	AB36 8UR	19	AB36 8YS	3	AB37 8JD	13	PH24 3BS	4
AB36 6TP	18	AB36 8US	16	AB36 8YT	8	AB37 8JJ	5	PH26 SEE	14
AB36 6TQ	6	AB36 8XA	21	AB36 8YX	3	AB37 8JL	7	PH26 3HA	2
AB36 6TX	8	AB36 8XB	4	AB37 8AJ	8	AB37 8JQ	8	PH26 3LP	31
AB36 6UJ	9	AB36 8XJ	17	AB37 8AP	6	AB37 8JR	10	PH26 3LR	16
AB36 6UP	6	AB36 8XL	16	AB37 8AQ	17	AB37 8JS	38	PH26 3LZ	18
AB36 6TG	14	AB36 8XN	1	AB37 8AR	15	AB37 8JT	12	PH26 3NL	2
AB36 6TH	3	AB36 8XP	3	AB37 8DL	13	PH10 1AB	45	PH26 3NN	18
AB36 6TJ	2	AB36 8XQ	4	AB37 8DN	4	PH10 1AD	7	PH26 3NP	2
AB36 6TL	1	AB36 8XR	1	AB37 8DP	16	PH10 1AE	10	PH26 3NW	6
AB36 6TN	9	AB36 8XS	6	AB37 8DQ	6	PH10 1AF	19	PH26 3PD	7
AB36 6TP	1	AB36 8XT	11	AB37 8DR	17	PH10 1AH	5	PH26 3PE	2
AB36 6TQ	6	AB36 8XX	7	AB37 8DS	19	PH21 1NG	28	PH26 3PJ	5
AB36 6TR	14	AB36 8YA	7	AB37 8EB	11	PH21 1NS	17	PH26 3PL	19
AB36 6TY	1	AB36 8YB	10	AB37 8EJ	15	PH21 1NT	36	PH26 3PN	27
AB36 6UB	16	AB36 8YD	3	AB37 8EN	3	PH21 1NX	22	PH26 3PT	18
AB36 6UD	1	AB36 8YJ	4	AB37 8EP	6	PH21 1NY	37	PH26 3PUA	0
AB36 6UH	13	AB36 8YL	21	AB37 8HN	9	PH21 1NZ	14	PH26 3PW	19
AB36 6UJ	13	AB36 8YN	2	AB37 8HP	12	PH22 1QB	34		

TOTAL PREMISES: 1310

Operating model

- The option chosen for tender is the “Commercial design, build and operate, with Community ownership” model.
- The successful company will install the hardware on behalf of the local community, then connect and operate the system.
- The Community will own the infrastructure and be able to influence any future development.
- It would be necessary to train local responders for emergency repairs.
- Pros: Full community control, potential to raise income.
- Cons: Uncertain financial future, possible lack of technical expertise



Technical Options

- Final technical solutions will not become clear until after the tendering process.
- Intention to provide minimum service of 30Mbps at comparable cost.
- Geography and terrain mean multiple technologies are likely to be required to service “white” postcodes. However, due to the topography, wireless technology is likely to form part of the solution.



Providers

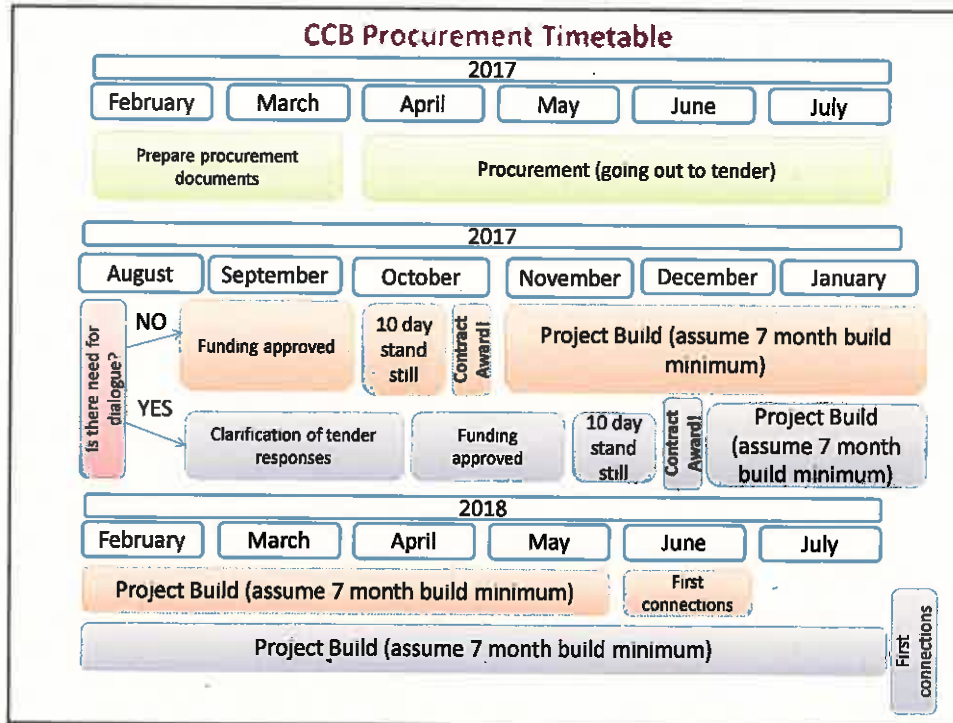
- Any company with the technical expertise is welcome to tender for contract
- Scottish Government 2021 100% commitment and 4G rollout in 2017
- Information about the new EE 4Gmobile coverage
- Options for Openreach to deliver independent of BT
- Existing government subsidised satellite coverage



Progress to date

- CCB is legally constituted. OSCR application is active.
- Ongoing support from CBS, CNPA and LEADER.
- State Aid Consultation has been published and is now closed. This identified the project area for possible providers.
- First Board meeting has been held, and preferred operating model has been decided.
- Issue of Invitation to Tender : likely to be late Spring 2017
- First connections : likely to be Summer/Autumn 2018





The Role of Communities

- This is a **COMMUNITY** project: it will stand – or fall – on the level of support that it receives from the communities it seeks to serve.
- We want communities to positively engage with the project and be part of its success.
- CCB’s commitment is to communicate and engage with you and involve you in the solution and its deployment.
- You can become a member of CCB. Please do. Open to all individuals, groups or businesses.
- This will be a journey. Your interest is vital to sustaining momentum.



Communication

- CCB will come and talk to you, seek your input and keep you updated.
- Once established:
 - Website – ccb.scot
 - Facebook - Cairngorms Community Broadband
 - Newsletter – First recently published
 - Email - cairngormsbroadband@gmail.com



QUESTIONS?



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CAIRNGORMS COMMUNITY BROADBAND

Update to Cairngorms Communities

- Cairngorms Community Broadband (CCB) exists to improve digital connectivity in the rural areas of the Cairngorms National Park and its surrounding areas. Its immediate focus is the improvement of the physical infrastructure the provision of reliable fast broadband and telecommunications but it maintains longer term objectives with regards to “soft” benefits such as improving digital skills, improving employment opportunities and assisting voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises to prosper

CCB will serve those areas, known as “white” postcodes which have not benefitted from the recent BT roll out of High Speed Fibre Broadband. A map of CCB’s area of interest is attached separately. CCB estimates that it has c 1400 premises within its area of interest which will include both private premises and businesses.

CCB is a formally constituted Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Companies House approval has been sought and been granted. Charitable status is being sought from OSCAR.

- The Constitution of CCB allows for a maximum of 13 directors of which 7 are nominated by communities and 6 by other significant stakeholder bodies. These are Cairngorms National Park Authority (1), Cairngorms Leader (2), Association of Cairngorm Communities (1), Cairngorms Business Partnership (1) and Scottish Land and Estates (1). Directors have been nominated for all these positions. There are currently 3 community directors in place and the intent is to fill the 4 remaining vacancies with directors from the areas within which CCB will operate.
- The Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) working with Community Broadband Scotland (CBS) set up a steering group early in 2016 with attendees drawn from a number (but not all affected) communities across CNPA’s area of responsibility. The steering group met several times during 2016 and concluded with the group approving CCB’s Memorandum of Association. The steering group then dissolved. The 3 founder directors and the Company Secretary have since been responsible for CCB’s ongoing activities.
- CCB has, and will continue to, partner with, CBS – it’s infrastructure funder and provider of technical and contracting support – CNPA and Cairngorms Leader who provide staff support, meeting premises and other ongoing general activities
- CCB’s area of responsibility includes Dalwhinnie and Kingussie in the south to Donside, Ballater and Crathie in the east and Dufftown in the north.

CCB is keen to see all the communities involved in the project represented on the board and is actively seeking directors from these areas.

- The CCB Board of Directors, as currently constituted, met for the first time on March 9th and amongst other items decided on the operating model that it wishes to pursue for the provision of high speed broadband in its’ area of responsibility. Following some months of debate and discussion, within CCB, with communities and with CBS, CCB has decided to

follow a contractor operated/community owned model. This, in simple terms, means that a contractor will be sought to own and operate the installed network but the community (CCB in this case) will own the infrastructure that provides the service. The Board of CCB believes that this arrangement provides by far the best opportunity for communities to benefit from high speed broadband – both in the short term but also in terms of improved employability and skills, business capability and improvements in community life in the Cairngorms National Park area.

CCB is seeking a slight variation to the “standard” contractor operated/community owned and has decided this based on several factors not least of which are the difficulties similar schemes have encountered and which CCB wishes to avoid. CCB’s revised model design is being submitted to Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) – the determining body for issues such as this – for approval.

The intention is to issue an Invitation to Tender (ITT) in April 2017 which will enable first connections, in the CCB area, to take place in mid-2018.

- CCB have and will continue to meet with communities to communicate our objectives and programme to them and to seek their views as to their needs. Initially CCB are doing this through Community Councils and other Community groups . CCB recently met with Ballater CC and has meetings arranged with Braemar, Nethy Bridge, Aviemore, Dalwhinnie, Carrbridge and Dulnain Bridge in the coming weeks.
- CCB is working up a wider communications plan that will enable it to reach all communities, businesses and individuals who are affected by CCB’s activity, keeping them informed of progress and how it affects them and allowing them to input their thoughts and needs on an ongoing basis. This, in turn, will allow CCB to begin a programme of member recruitment thus allowing community groups, individuals and businesses to have a say in how CCB operates and what it does. Ultimately, this is a community project and it will only succeed if communities support it.

CCB’s Facebook page can be found at

CCB can be contacted at Cairngormsbroadband@gmail.com. Please don’t hesitate to mail CCB if you have any questions.

You can find a short piece of video about the foundation of CCB at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlikk7qFuVc>