

# GRANTOWN ON SPEY and VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held on 17 October 2017 at the Garth Hotel, Grantown at 1900hrs.

**Present:** Barry Main (BM) Chair  
Bill Sadler (BS) Vice Chair  
Linda Coe (LC) Secretary  
Beatrice Oliphant (BO) Treasurer

Catriona Brown (CB)  
Fay Hampton (FH)  
Kenny Kinnaird (KK)

**In attendance** Ewan MacGregor Resident  
Jeannie Munro Resident  
Charlie Sinclair Resident

**Apologies:** Muriel Cockburn (MC) Councillor

### **1. Welcome**

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

### **2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 September 2017 were approved.

**Proposed: BS; Seconded: CB**

### **3. Matters Arising**

**3.1 Ian Charles Hospital** BM reported that a letter had been sent to David Alsten and that his PA had advised that David was on holiday back week beginning 23 October.

**3.2 Strathspey Hotel** BM reported that he had had no response from Highland Council. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Steve Barron Chief Executive HC seeking a meeting with appropriate HC officials to make progress on dealing with

this. The letter should be copied to Councillors as well. BS agreed to draft for review by BM and LC.

**Action: BS, BM and LC**

**3.3 Grantown Initiative** BS updated the Meeting on the recent GI meeting. FH would continue to monitor closures of Burnfield Toilets. BM reported that he had discussed a joint meeting with GI and that this was likely to be in January 2018.

**3.4 Conservation Area Report** BS reported that GI had received a proposal to provide the Report from Sonya Linskaill a Conservation Architect. She would be conducting research and site audit and evaluation during October in order that material can be provided for community engagement in November. The Draft Report is expected in December.

**3.5 Notice Board in Square** FH reported on the discussions she had had with CNPA regarding the Noticeboard and the proposals from CNPA to improve the Boards and their contents. The CC agreed that the CNPA proposals were a vast improvement and looked forward to them being implemented.

**Proposed: BS; Seconded: FH**

FH also reported that there was a possibility of a new Notice Board outside the YMCA which the CC could use thus replacing the Notice Board outside the Ben Mhor which the hotel seemed keen to take over.

**3.6 Police** BO agreed to contact the Police regarding attendance at CC Meetings with the option of provision of a Report once the CC had had the opportunity to discuss speeding and parking issues with them. BO also agreed to follow up with the Police regarding the car abandoned for several weeks on the Dava.

**Action: BO**

**3.7 Trees** BS updated the Meeting on the email exchange he had had with Grant Stuart at HC. Grant stated that he was concerned about Dutch Elm Disease spreading in Grantown and had copied both Seafield Estate for Church Avenue and Richard Porteous at HC for the Square in the hope that this would move matters on. BS understood that a tree survey would be undertaken in the Spring and it was agreed that the CC follow up with HC in January 2018.

**Action: BS**

**3.8 New Spey Bridge** BS reported that following an email exchange between BM and BEAR Scotland he provided photos which showed the damage to lights and explained which other lights appeared not to be working.

**4. Treasurer's Report** BO advised that the bank balance at 5 September 2017 was £1,102.80 and that the CC was awaiting the HC grant. The Grant had been delayed following the suspension of the CC. BS agreed to send the Finance Report which

was presented to the AGM in June to Liz Cowie. BS and BM agreed to find the AGM Minutes for onward transmission to Liz Cowie as well.

**Action: BM and BS**

## **5. Planning Report**

BS updated the Meeting on the proposed scheme at Beachen Court. The CC had registered its interest in the Scheme with CNPA as it had been called in by the Authority. BS would find the dates for upcoming CNPA planning meetings and BM, BS, KK and BO would review the Scheme in preparation for the relevant planning meeting. Provided the Meeting was not before the next CC meeting they would update the CC and discuss the points to be put forward, including a written submission if necessary.

**Action: BM, BS, KK and BO**

## **6. YMCA**

BO updated the Meeting on the YMCA Board Meeting she attended on 16 October 2017. The Board was planning to relive some of its financial burden by improving the upstairs room for hire. The Christmas lunch for people on their own would be on again after last year's success.

## **7. Old Spey Bridge**

BS had little more to add in MC's absence. BM agreed to contact MC about the upcoming review of Spey bridges to confirm the Old Spey Bridge is included as well as confirmation that the original funding agreed to be in place for repairs remained in place.

**Action: BM**

## **8. Correspondence**

**8.1 Clash Gour Windfarm** BS updated the CC on his email correspondence with Steven Park the CEO of Liberty One. He had advised BS that the Community Ownership event would be held on 24 November 2017 and BS had the invitation and could provide details. It was agreed that BS would invite Steven Park to the next CC Meeting.

**Action: BS**

**8.2 Meeting with Bill Lobban** BM advised that he had been invited to a meeting with Bill Lobban on Friday 27 October to discuss correct placement of yellow lines. With the increase in traffic in Seafield Avenue in the future following the opening of the new Home and the Beachen Court development, it was imperative that the parking issues in the Town were dealt with now. The parking restrictions outside the Co Op seemed to be creating more problems than they solved and with no obvious

attempts at enforcement, where illegal parking occurred, there were immediate concerns to be dealt with. With four buses

**8.3 Hogmanay** BM reported that he had received a letter from John Diffy advising that the Grantown Hogmanay celebrations were now under the remit of the GI.

## **9. AOCB**

**9.1 Co-opted Members** BM advised that Ewan MacGregor and Martin Ross were willing to be co-opted to fill the remaining two vacancies. The CC approved the co-option of Ewan MacGregor

**Proposed: BS; Seconded: BM**

and approved the co-option of Martin Ross

**Proposed: BM; Seconded: KK**

**9.2 Dog Warden** FH agreed to contact the dog warden regarding the additional Notices needed to stop dogs being exercised in the Play Park and the play area in Kylintra Park.

**Action: FH**

**9.3 Overgrown hedge** The CC discussed safety concerns about the hedge running from the Playpark to the Hospital which is encroaching on the pavement. BM agreed to write to HC regarding Community concerns.

**Action: BM**

**9.4 Festive Lights** Charlie Sinclair advised that the lights would be put up by 15 November and the switch on would be Friday 1 December.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next Meeting would be on **Tuesday 21 November 2017** at 1900 in the Courthouse, hopefully.

Agenda items should be notified to BM and LC by **Saturday 11 November** for inclusion in the Agenda.

The Meeting closed at 2100.